

# The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118  
318-686-1261



August 15, 2018



September 2  
Rally Day  
10am Service  
Followed by parish-wide  
pot luck luncheon



September 8  
Congregational  
Meeting  
Parish Hall  
9am-noon  
(Possibly afternoon, also)



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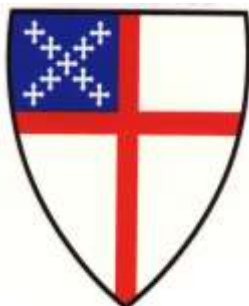
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Mike Endicott (19)  
Debbie Fitzpatrick (21)  
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Ken Murphy (19)  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



During the summer, our many activities and vacations and events continually draw congregation members away from each other—especially on weekends. Summer can also be a spiritually draining time; you start the summer with the good intentions of reading your bible and of worshiping regularly, but the reality is that **summer's hectic schedules can easily derail us from those good intentions.** So having Rally Day on September 2 is the perfect time that we can rally back to the workings of the church. Groups will have setups detailing the various activities that are going on at the church, and you can choose which areas to re-dedicate yourself to. We will have a 10 am service, with a potluck lunch afterwards.

**Please don't forget about the congregational meeting on Saturday, September 8, in the Parish Hall from 9 am—noon.** Canon John Bedingfield will be leading the meeting, and from it we will decide the best path forward to a higher spiritual calling for the church.

Finally, September 30 will be Loyalty Sunday. This is very important, because this time will determine the church budget for the upcoming year. Even without a Priest, there are many expenses that are ongoing, and an accurate tally of future income is essential to determine if we have to reduce or eliminate activities, events, or anything else due to lack of funds. This too will be a 10 am service with a potluck lunch afterwards. **More information on Loyalty Sunday will be in next month's Spirit of St. James.**

—David Scott

## Outreach News

Thank-you to those who spent a portion of their afternoon on July 29 packing school supplies into backpacks for Forest Hill Elementary School. The list of individuals who participated is much too long to name them all, since many people stayed after the St. James Day luncheon to help with this ministry. Special thanks to Mike and Linda Endicott for delivering the filled bags to the school before the academic year began and to that small team of individuals who came in during the week to make certain all the little details were perfect. Be sure to keep a lookout for clearance sales of the items we need every year. We have room in the Outreach bins to store school supplies for next summer, so we may as well get them when they are at their most affordable!



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal.



"Frankly, I think the drive thru window defeats the purpose of the fellowship dinners."

# THE GOOD STEWARDS

The folk at Forest Hill Elementary School really appreciated the gift of 30 filled backpacks for their students. And the special education teachers were quite happy with the extra supplies we provided for their classes. Thank-you to everyone who took the time and energy to procure school supplies, count and sort them, and stuff them into the backpacks. This ministry does a lot to help the children in Southern Hills succeed academically.

Thanks also to those who cooked food for the St. James Day celebration, sharing their culinary talents for the enjoyment of the parish. As always, the food was delicious! Thanks to those who set up the Parish Hall for the luncheon and those who cleaned up afterward.

Our Organist/Chorimistress, Kaye Crichlow, journeyed to the Carolinas recently to marry her true love, Edwin Owen. We appreciate that before she left she provided the parish office with the musical selections for the bulletins and arranged for supply organists, Lawanda Blakeney and David Sherman, to play at the Eucharistic services. Thanks, Lawanda and David, for **helping us out and leading the music during Kaye's absence.**

Thanks go to Mattie Mosley and Raylie Carroway for putting time into keeping the archives organized and the church records up-to-date.

These are some of the ways that St. James makes use of the time and talents of our parishioners as we strive to be good stewards toward each other and our community.



# Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century

Dear Friends,

I'm excited that our diocese is offering an outstanding Christian Formation workshop on September 15 entitled "Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Teacher, author, and national faith formation leader John Roberto will present examples and strategies for intergenerational, family, age group, and missional faith formation that your church can use to reach and engage people at church, at home, in the community, and in their daily lives.

All clergy and laity are encouraged to take part in this conference. I am also asking each clergy in charge to put together a team of three to five leaders in your congregation to attend. This workshop will be the first in a series of events focused on discipleship--that is, in the words of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, helping people to "grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world."

In the next week or so, a member of the Christian Formation Commission will be contacting you to provide additional information and answer questions about the conference.

With gratitude for your ministry in Western Louisiana, I look forward to seeing you on September 15..

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD  
Bishop of The Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana

**Presenter: John Roberto**  
**Date: September 15, 2018**  
**Time: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**  
**Location: St. James, Alexandria**  
**Cost: \$15**

Register on-line through the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana website.





Photos courtesy Kathy Deal.

# GROWING GOD'S GARDEN—VBS 2018

Oh, how our garden did grow! Another VBS is over and in the books. This year, we learned about Growing God's Garden in partnership with Central Christian Church. We had a total of 16 children attend and 22 adults plan, prepare, script, assist, feed, act, sing and volunteer for 3 nights of fun and fellowship as we learned more about John 15:1, 2, 4 and 5! Definitely exclamation point worthy!

On night one, we planted our humble garden and learned that Jesus is the true vine and God is the gardener. We planted seeds, made beautiful flowers, played some truly silly relay games and we sang a couple of tunes.

Night two brought bugs and creepy crawlies, planting more seeds to make God's love grow, and realizing that some actions can keep things from thriving. We also were delighted with the growth we could see in the seeds we planted on night one. And of course, we played some more games--sticky spider webs and hula hoop dashes and sang some more songs.

Our final night showed us the benefits of pruning to produce more fruit. We shed some tears over the bad thoughts and dead leaves that resulted; a hard lesson - but WOW the children took it to heart and gained some real understanding! Dragonflies and butterflies were colored and crafted and water games helped us relieve the heat. Most importantly, we learned to remain in the vine that is God because apart from Him we can do nothing.



Thank you so much to our neighbors at Central Christian, to all of the volunteers from St. James and Central Christian and to all of the parents, grandparents, friends and family who shared your children with us. I do believe we planted some seeds in all of these children that can't help but grow into something beautiful.

—Debbie K Fitzpatrick





## THE MISSION CONTINUES...

### St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry September Calendar

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September 4th Tuesday 3-5 pm, Lovewell Center (screening clinic)

September 5th Wednesday 8-10 am, Salvation Army (M. Petchak, NP)

September 6th Thursday 1-3 pm, Hope Connections (K. Porter, NP)

September 7th Friday 8-11 am, Mansfield-Higher Ground Community Center (screening clinic)

September 12th Wednesday 8:30-10:30 am, Hope House (Dr. Mercer)

September 13th Thursday 4:30-6:00 pm, Highland Blessing Dinner (screening clinic)

September 15th Saturday 8-11 am, Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry, Minden

September 16th Sunday 10-12 noon, Hope House, 762 Austin Place (Dr. Landry)

September 19th Wednesday 6-8 pm, Christ the King Catholic Church (M. Petchak, NP)

September 20th Thursday 11am -1 pm, Hollywood Heights Community Center (screening clinic)

September 27th Thursday 11-2 pm, Bernstein Community Center (screening clinic)

*\*If you would like to volunteer, please contact Betty, [office@stlukesmedicalministry.org](mailto:office@stlukesmedicalministry.org)*

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry ph-424-0156 \* [www.stlukesmedicalministry.org](http://www.stlukesmedicalministry.org)



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**Alert to Ministers:** We are keeping a full schedule of ministers even on mornings we have Prayer Service in case we find a priest to serve after the calendar comes out. On mornings of prayer service please choose among yourselves who will serve.

Thank You

Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.



# St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p><b>2</b> <i>Rally Day</i> 10:00 AM Morning Prayer Potluck Luncheon</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Betty McDonald</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> John Lydick Kathleen Porter</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b> Tommy &amp; Mattie Mosley</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Cody Eldridge</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10</p> <p><b>HA</b> <b>B</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> 8:30 AM Morning Prayer 9:15AM Coffee 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Morning Prayer <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Mona Freeman Anne Garner</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Ashley Purland</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10</p>
<p><b>16</b> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 10</p>
<p><b>23</b> <i>The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 12:30 Vestry Meeting</p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Gabriel Michael Phillips</p> <p>← <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Hannah Parker Kathleen Calhoun Marlin Dickerson</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 10</p>
<p><b>30</b> <i>Loyalty Sunday</i> <i>The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i> 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Potluck Luncheon</p>	<p>← <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Linda Endicott</p>	<p><b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b> Jason &amp; Denise Barham</p>	





*The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
After Pentecost*

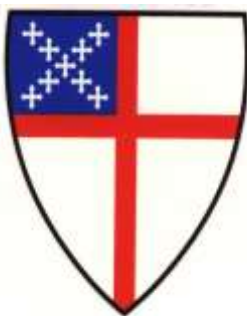
*Rally Day  
10AM Service*

*September 2*

*The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
After Pentecost*

*September 9*

<b>LECTIONARY</b>	<i>Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i>	<i>Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37</i>
<b>VESTRY PERSON</b>	<b>MATT PARKER</b>	<b>CURTIS SHELTON</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b> 8:30 11:00	Janie Parker	Lynnette van Heerden Ron Maberry
<b>LAY READER</b> 11:00	Brian Whatley	Ken Murphy
<b>LECTORS</b> 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker	Debbie Fitzpatrick David Scott
<b>ACOLYTES</b> 8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler	Kelly Parker Jan Jones
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Janie Parker Chelsea Maielli Linda Endicott	Janie Parker Chelsea Maielli Linda Endicott
<b>USHERS</b> 8:30 11:00	Pat Parker Betty McDonald	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Sissy Brown



**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Fr. Benjamin & Diddy Santana can be contacted at  
(203) 379-7746  
benjamin.santana@gmail.com

## Celebration of Women's Ministries

There will be a Celebration of Women's Ministries held at Camp Hardtner on September 21-22, 2018. This is a time for numerous of diverse ministries to come together and celebrate in the name our Lord and Savior. The ministries of the Diocesan Daughters of the King, the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, and Altar Guild women, along with our guest speaker, Mother Christie Fleming, Christ Episcopal, (Bastrop) will give us an awesome treat. Spiritual Direction will be offered by Mother Rowena White, St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport.

The weekend will begin on Friday evening, September 21, with registration 4 P.M. until 6 P.M. Then, there will be a Meet and Greet Social and dinner. Mother Christie Fleming will also present us with her first presentation.

Saturday will begin with breakfast followed by the ECW meeting. After a short break, the DOK meeting will begin. The last meeting will be the Altar Guild meeting. Please come and see what is going on in other parishes. Feel free to share what's going on in your parish and you will also be able to get great ideas from other parishes. All women are encouraged to attend any of the meetings of their choice. You do not have to be a member to attend the meetings.

A variety of workshops will be offered on Saturday. Early registration is suggested and registrants will receive a detailed schedule of the Celebration weekend. We hope to see each of you at our annual celebration weekend! We are going to have a glorious time!

The cost for the weekend is \$75 (covers a night of lodging, three meals, snacks and the speaker). If you prefer to drive down for Saturday only, the cost is \$25 (covers the session and two meals). Private lodging is \$95 (covers a night of lodging, three meals, snacks and the speaker), space permitting.

For more information, please contact Ms. Shetwan Roberison (318-707-2570 or [womensecw1@gmail.com](mailto:womensecw1@gmail.com)) or Mrs. Megan Rowie (337-570-9220 or [pianogrl@aol.com](mailto:pianogrl@aol.com)).

The cost of the weekend depends on the days you will attend (please circle a number): #1 #2 #3

1. All weekend (1 night's lodging, 3 meals, snacks & speaker).....\$75
2. Saturday only (session, & 2 meals).....\$25
3. Please note: Private lodging is \$95 (covers the entire weekend, provided that space is available).

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Diocesan ECW & mail to:  
Ms. Shetwan Roberison  
1217 Winfield Road  
Princeton, LA 71067

For more information, please contact Shetwan Roberison, 318-707-2570 or email: [womensecw1@gmail.com](mailto:womensecw1@gmail.com)

## Celebration of Women's Ministries

### THEME:

September 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Friday

- 4:00PM - 6:00PM Registration and Meet & Greet
- 6:00PM - 7:00PM Salad Supper
- 7:00PM - 7:30PM First presentation by Reverend Christie Fleming Christ Episcopal, (Bastrop)
- 7:40PM - 7:55PM Presentation by Mother Rowena White
- 8:40PM - until Late night games, girl chat, or bedtime

### Saturday

- 8:00AM - 9:00AM Registration and breakfast
- 9:30AM - 10:15AM ECW Annual Meeting
- 10:20AM - 11:05AM DOK Annual Meeting
- 11:10AM - 11:55AM Altar Guild Workshop
- 12:00PM - 12:35PM Lunch
- 12:45PM - 1:15PM Second presentation by Reverend Christie
- 1:30PM - 2:00PM Reflections
- 2:15PM - 2:45PM Closing remarks

Mother Rowena White will be available throughout the day Saturday for spiritual guidance.

Registration forms are available through the ECW or the parish office for anyone who wishes to attend the Celebration of Women's Ministries event.

Love,  
Alissa Marie  
Bauer  
Miss Marvée  
Hallmark 2018



GRATEFUL

St. James,  
I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to compete in Miss Louisiana, and I wouldn't have been able to do so without your support. Thank you to all who helped put together the breakfasts and donated. I'm so thankful to have the Church family that I do. Thank you again for all your support and prayers. Many Thanks,  
Alissa Marie

July 10, 2018

Dear Friends,

Yesterday the House of Bishops received from the House of Deputies a Resolution proposing revision of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Today, the House of Bishops unanimously passed a substitute. For those anxious about the fate of the current Prayer Book, this is the central paragraph from our substitute:

*That this Convention memorialize the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as a Prayer Book of the church preserving the psalter, liturgies, The Lambeth Quadrilateral, Historic Documents, and Trinitarian Formularies ensuring continued use.*

**I'll repeat: ensuring the continued use of the BCP 1979.**

The Resolution endorses developing new liturgies as supplements to the BCP. The BCP as such **remains as it is. We've been authorizing supplemental liturgies for decades. I have used, for instance, the liturgy for removing someone from life support at bedside in a hospital. Such liturgies are found in Enriching Our Worship, but not in the BCP. In those books you'll also find additional Eucharistic Prayers and Canticles for the Daily Office.**

Bishops remain the chief liturgical officers of each Diocese. We can allow for the development and use of supplemental liturgies by our own clergy and lay leadership with our supervision and permission. Some day the BCP may be revised, but such a process takes from start to finish a minimum of twelve years. We did not begin that process with this vote. The Deputies will respond, but it is meaningful that our vote was unanimous.

**Some expressed concern that the paragraph referred to the BCP as "a" Prayer Book of the church. The Resolution must read that the BCP 1979 is "a" Prayer Book of the church so that we may continue to use translations of it in other languages like Spanish or Sudanese to accommodate those specific congregations. We can also make use of Prayer Books from other parts of the Anglican Communion. The Bishop of Iowa hails from the UK and allows use of the Scottish Book of Common Prayer. Nevertheless, the 1979 book is THE Prayer Book by Constitution.**

I understand that Prayer Book revision is cause for anxiety among some of our members. The House of Bishops authorized liturgical work, but we did not authorize Prayer Book revision. We recognize the importance of balancing continuity and responsiveness to changing pastoral circumstances. I believe that our work today achieved that balance.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD  
 Bishop of The Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana





# ST. JAMES DAY CELEBRATED JULY 29



# Blessed to Be a Blessing

## Pledge Commitment for Year 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Month/day of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Month/day of wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please add my phone to the OneCall list       Please add me to the e-mail list


Accept this pledge as an expression of gratitude for all the blessings of this life and for the blessing God calls me to be. I pray for the grace to honor the practice of proportional giving by:

- Pledging to God's purpose through my faith community for the first time
- Increasing my financial pledge
- Increasing my pledge by 1%, 3%, or 5% of my annual income
- Tithing 10% of my annual income to carry out God's purpose through my faith community

Given ( ) Weekly ( ) Monthly ( ) Quarterly ( ) Annually

Total Pledge for this Year to the Episcopal Church of \_\_\_\_\_

Additional funds pledged for Building Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_

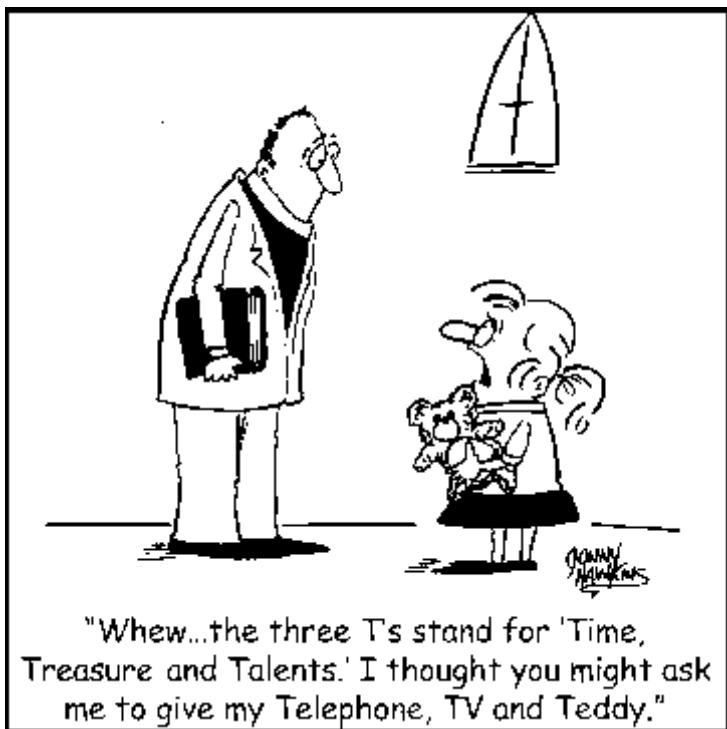
THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 

# SHOW YOUR LOYALTY

**Loyalty Sunday** is when we again turn our attention toward Stewardship. This year it will be celebrated at St. James on September 30. There will be one service at 10am followed by food, fellowship, and conversation about how best to use the resources with which God has blessed us. Commitment cards will be distributed and members will be asked to prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to support the ministry of our church. Your pledges make it possible not only to

meet the needs of our congregation through our regular services and Christian education, but also to reach out to our community by supporting programs such as St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry, Meals on Wheels, I2D, Providence House, Hope House, and Renzi Education and Art Center. There will also be sign up sheets available to pledge your time and talents for various tasks and programs needed at our parish.

**"We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you— your energy, your prayers, and your money— in this work to which God has called us." ~~ Henri J. M. Nouwen**





August 15, 2018

# WILKINSON ART SHOW AT THE GLEN—JULY 27, 2018



The Art Show and Reception at The Glen, featuring the art work of both Molly and Roger Wilkinson, was most enjoyable. I met Roger's daughter, Amy, and his niece, Lynne. Amy was very instrumental in putting this show together. She told me that between the two of them, Molly and Roger painted in the neighborhood of 200 paintings. They have a very similar style, probably due to taking painting lessons together. ~Kathy Deal



**RENZI** education & art **CENTER**

ONLY  
\$ **45** \*  
PER SEAT

13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**BUNCO**  
& **BASH**  
SILENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6 PM - 10 PM**

**ELDORADO RESORT CASINO SHREVEPORT**  
**451 CLYDE FANT PKWY. SHREVEPORT, LA 71101**

The Renzi Education and Art Center's 13th Annual Bunco Bash Fundraiser is quickly approaching, and this year will be as exciting as ever! The event will be held at the Eldorado Resort Casino in Shreveport on Saturday, September 29th from 6 PM to 10 PM. Tickets are just \$45 each when you order before the event (\$50 at the door) or \$240 for a table of six!

The ticket cost includes an elegant buffet prepared by the chefs of Eldorado Resort Casino, entertainment from our musical guest—A Fine Romance, and the opportunity to win great door prizes! A cash bar will be available, and you'll be able to bid on goodies from our silent auction. All proceeds will go directly to Renzi's FREE After School Program for at-risk youth.

When you call Renzi (at 318-222-1414) to order tickets, ask about the Raffle prize valued at \$300. Drawing takes place at Renzi's Bunco Bash Fundraiser, and you don't have to be present to win. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Access the link through the image below to purchase tickets for both the Bunco Bash and the raffle, and don't forget to share our Facebook event and invite your friends into the fun of BUNCO!!

**GAME OF CHANCE - NO SKILL REQUIRED!**  
**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT RENZI'S FREE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM!**

# JUST GET OVER IT?

We have all had someone tell us to “just get over it.” These words are often said with a tone of impatience, signifying that the speakers may not truly comprehend the intensity of the fear or grief that they are dismissing. Whether discussing a personal loss or disappointment, a professional setback, or the loss of a friendship, family member, job, or pet, as humans we feel emotions that we share with others. And as human beings who happen to also be Christians, we should be able to pick up on that and respond with compassion and respect, even if we don't fully understand the depth of the feeling or the viewpoint of the speaker.

We live in a society that is increasingly becoming polarized. There seems to be a prevalence of feeling that life is “them” and “us.” From political views to religious beliefs to cultural norms, what was commonly accepted by our society only a few years ago as being an all-inclusive part of who we are as a nation has suddenly become a reason for loathing and spewing hatred. Topics that were discussed are now being aggressively argued. An expression of disagreement is now grounds for ending friendship. Fear and distrust of those who are not exactly like us is becoming an accepted way of life—and it is moving from the political spectrum into the personal interactions around us.

Let us work hard to prevent such fear mongering from entering our family. On an individual basis we may not have the ability to change the world around us—but together we can make a very significant difference. We can recognize what is happening—and that is the first step to stopping this hatred. We can speak out against it when we see it happen. We should stand up for those who are being oppressed—especially if they are not exactly like us. Whether we truly understand the depth of loss, betrayal, fear, or grief another person is suffering, we can empathize. We can look to see what has caused it and try to remove the basis for the feeling. We can make a change by working together for the greater good.

We can also recognize that feelings are legitimate, whether we understand them or not. We can offer compassion, dignity, courtesy, and respect to all people, even if we don't “get” what is bothering them. We can work toward understanding. And the best way to understand is to take the time to listen to what the other person has to say. Make others feel that they are welcome to come to you with a problem, even if they don't anticipate that you hold the solution. By taking the time to converse, to ask questions and listen...truly listen...to the answers, we show others that they are important to us. We make them feel welcome in our presence, just as the Episcopal Church has made each of us welcome.

Let's reach out and work toward enveloping strangers, acquaintances, and loved-ones in the welcome that Jesus offers us all. Let us remind ourselves that the Episcopal Church welcomes us all, even with our opposing viewpoints, and take that attitude to the meeting with Canon Bedingfield in the Parish Hall September 8 at 9am.

—Jnanne Zepeda

## ANNOUNCEMENTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you would like an announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin, please submit it by 10:00 am on the previous Wednesday. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. Announcements that are in printed form may be mailed, sent through e-mail to [stjames\\_sport@att.net](mailto:stjames_sport@att.net), or dropped at the parish office.

Newsletter deadline: September 1st

## SPREAD THE WORD

Would you like to brag on your family's achievements, share family milestones with friends, or invite the parish to an upcoming event? You can do so easily by submitting articles to the parish office for publication in the Spirit. There is always room for news of a baptism, wedding, or school achievement. Photographs and stories can be sent via e-mail to [stjames\\_sport@att.net](mailto:stjames_sport@att.net) or dropped off at the parish office. And if you are shy about doing the writing, just telephone the information to 686-1261 and the writing will take care of itself.

*Our Mission Statement: A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD TO WORSHIP,  
LOVE, AND SERVE.*

*Our Schedule of Services:*

*Sunday—Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 8:30am*

*followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall*

*Sunday School, 9:45am*

*Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with music 11:00am*

*Wednesday—Holy Eucharist Rite 2, 10am*

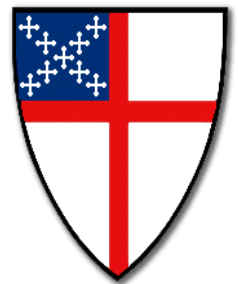


## **PARISH-WIDE MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 9AM-NOON**

Canon John Bedingfield will conduct a congregational meeting for the entire parish in the Parish Hall on Saturday, September 8, from 9am to noon. If people want to continue the discussion, we will return after a lunch break. He is still working on the agenda, and it will be announced to everyone as soon as it is determined.

Anyone who wishes to write a letter to Canon Bedingfield may send it to him at the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana, PO Box 4330, Pineville, LA 71361 or via e-mail to [canonjohn@epiwl.org](mailto:canonjohn@epiwl.org). He wishes to communicate with every member of the parish who wants to share. Please notify the parish office if you plan to attend the September 8 meeting so we can prepare for the right number of people.

It is important that as many people attend this meeting as possible. We wish to discuss where St. James as a parish is going and how we plan to get there. The best way to plan for our future is to have as much input as possible from people with a variety of ideas. The discussion of divergent viewpoints is important for us to move forward as a unified parish, working toward worshiping God, loving each other, and serving our community in keeping with our Mission Statement. Please come and be a part of this important step in the ministry of our parish.



**Vision Statement of St. James Episcopal Church:** We see St. James as a spirit-led congregation that is a beacon of God's love shining in the community, welcoming all by reaching out through worship, service, mission, and programming to bring peace and healing to all of God's children. We strive to serve our members by nourishing our faith, giving support in times of need, and becoming a congregation from which community-based outreach programs have their genesis.