

*September 14
Parish-wide
Meeting*

9:45am-10:45am

In the Nave

*Vestry will discuss
making the wor-
ship space
accessible*

September 28

Loyalty Sunday

10am Service

*Followed by
luncheon and
presentation*

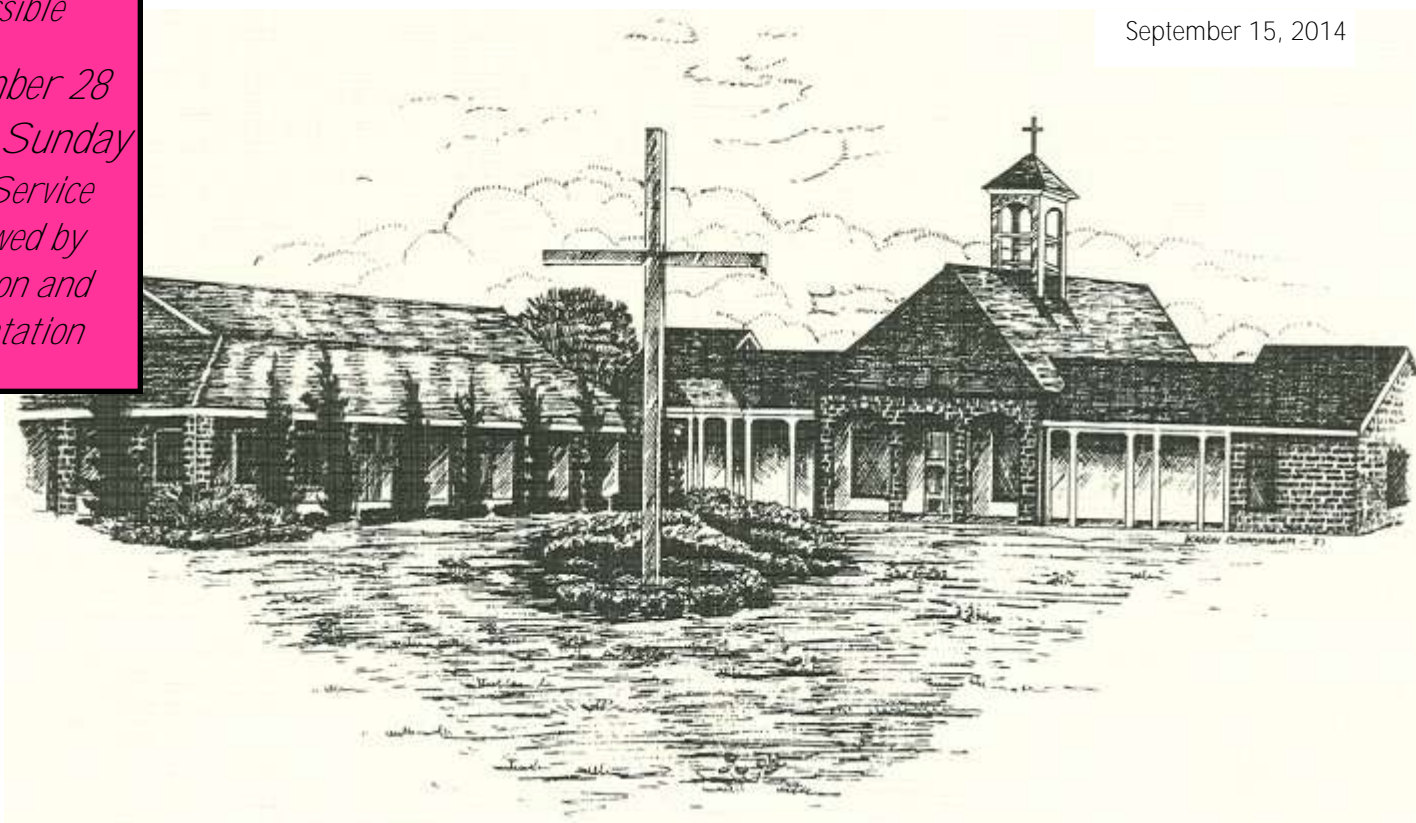
The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

Dear Family of St. James,

Well we are all back from vacation and knee-deep in our routines of work and school once again! I wanted to tell you about an exciting opportunity you have coming your way in the month of October. Get it on your radars and your calendars NOW so that time won't slip away from you!

I want YOU to go to Diocesan Convention!

Yes, you heard me right – Diocesan Convention. That is the exciting opportunity that you have before you in October. Now I'm sure you are thinking several things right now. Isn't that just for delegates and alternates? Isn't convention a boring business meeting with a lot of voting? Isn't that where priests and laity go to air their political grievances out loud? The answer to all of these questions is a resounding NO!!

Convention is the annual meeting of all of the parishes, missions, and other Episcopal ministries in the Diocese of Western Louisiana and it is open to everyone! It is not primarily a business or political meeting (though there is some voting), but it's more like a family reunion! It is a weekend full of fellowship, food, a good party, amazing worship, and above all else it is your chance to learn about everything else that is going on in the rest of the diocese! Do you realize how huge our diocese is geographically?? Have you ever traveled down to Lake Charles or New Iberia to attend worship?? Did you even know our diocese stretched THAT far??

Truth is, there are a lot of amazing ministries taking shape in WLA right now and at this convention, you will get the chance to hear about some of them. Yours truly, will be giving a presentation on behalf of St. James about our "Filling in the Gaps" ministry and I cannot wait to tell the rest of the Church what we have been up to! Similarly, other parishes have been engaged in the work of ministry in new and exciting ways and we will hear them tell their stories as well.

Still not convinced?? Take a look at the list of fun people from St. James that are already planning on attending: Debbie Fitzpatrick, Sara Lewis, Holly Johnson, Chris Bienvenu, Mike Endicott, Linda Endicott, Lois Maberry, Jnanne Zepeda, Kathy Watkins, Debbie Barnwell, and Lorain Thrash—and Morgan MacIntire.

Convention will be held Friday, October 17th and Saturday, October 18th and registration forms are due by September 30th. The visitor's fee is a measly \$40 and if you want to attend the Friday banquet (which you totally do), tack on an extra \$35. There are registration forms and a list of available hotels on file in the office. If money is a hindrance to your participation talk to Morgan+ and we can work something out! I cannot wait to spend time with our partners in ministry and hear how the Holy Spirit is moving in our diocese. Won't you join me?

Blessings,

Morgan +



Outreach News

Parish-wide outreach event

Join us in the Parish Hall to bake cookies for KAIROS

Monday, September 15, 2014

5pm

Bring cookie dough ready to be baked
and prepare to have a great time of fellowship as we learn more about the
KAIROS ministry.

Even if you aren't a baker, you can help bag and label cookies.

Pizza will be provided for all.

Hope to see you there!

The Kairos weekend coming up this fall will be a significant to St. James, as there will be three team members serving - Paul Moore, Curtis Shelton and Brian Whatley. The Kairos #37 weekend will be held September 18-21, 2014 at David Wade Correctional Center near Homer, LA. If you plan to bake at home, cookies will be needed on either Sunday, September 14, or Wednesday, September 17, at the latest. Through this ministry, God's children on both sides of the walls are blessed.

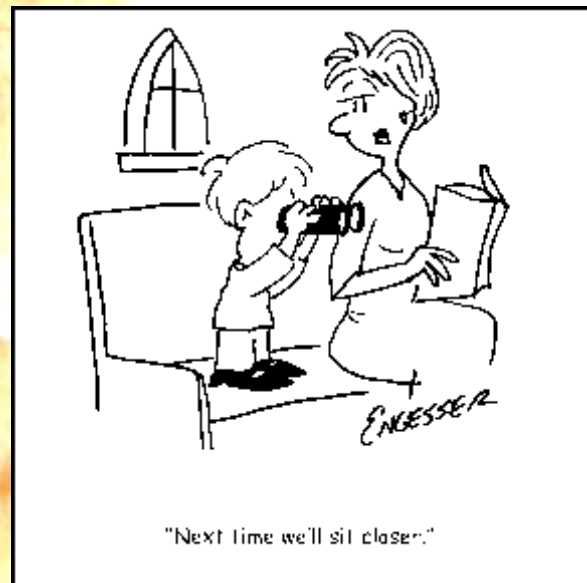
Thanks,

Paul, Curtis and Brian

Cookies are an important part of the Kairos weekend and our team will be taking over 2,000 dozen home-baked cookies into the prison. Baking cookies is a practical way we can show God's love to those incarcerated. Their impact is tremendous as residents realize that someone who doesn't even know them would take their own time to make something just for them.

Please follow the guidelines below—we can only take undamaged (unbroken) cookies inside and we must also follow Department of Corrections rules regarding food. These guidelines are time-tested to ensure success.

1. Cookies must not require refrigeration.
2. No liquor or liquor flavoring may be used.
3. Any kind of topping is O.K. except: frosting that might spoil and powdered or granulated sugar.
4. Cookies should be about 2 ½ - 3" in diameter and be sturdy enough to be handled without breaking.
5. Cookies must not contain any kind of fruit.
6. Cookies must be completely cooled before packing. If they are not, they tend to stick together or spoil in storage.
7. Pack each dozen cookies in a separate zip-top bag. Four stacks of three cookies fit well in a quart-sized bag. Gently squeeze out as much air as possible before sealing the bag.
8. Please identify the cookie type on the outside of the bag (chocolate chip, peanut butter, etc.), but don't mark anything that identifies individuals.
9. Please turn in cookies to Paul Moore, Curtis Shelton or Brian Whatley. Cookies may also be left in the Parish Hall on a designated table by Wednesday evening, September 17, 2014.



THE GOOD STEWARDS

One of the many things we can always count on in Louisiana is the growth of algae, mold, and mildew. At St. James we can also count on parishioners to see it happening and put a stop to it. Thanks to James Lewis for power washing the concrete under the portico of the east parking lot—a job that was likely very time-consuming. It looks light-years better, now! We thank him also for ridding the sidewalk between the Parish Hall and the office door of the many wasp nests that had appeared recently—especially the monster nest just outside the office door.

In preparation for barbecuing chickens for Rally Day, Lisa Lewis attacked the Parish Hall fridge with bleach and elbow grease, tossing out anything expired and making room in the sparkling appliance for the twenty chickens that were served on September 7 at the parish-wide pot-luck luncheon.

Those of us who enjoyed munching on the chicken at the Rally Day luncheon are also grateful to Chris Bienvenu, Mike Endicott, James Lewis, Bryn Ollendike, and Brian Whatley for their combined efforts as the grill chefs. Twenty whole chickens quartered and barbecued was a big job, and one they performed very well! Mike offers special thanks to James for his detailed grilling instructions.

In addition to the toil put forth by members of the garden committee (Dave Caporossi, Jana Kendrick, and Pat Parker) as they keep our vegetables cared for and harvested, we have parishioners who regularly bring their tools and work on our grounds. Thanks to Tommy Mosley for keeping the hedges and the jasmine trimmed and to BJ Pritchard for her frequent work keeping our flower beds and shrubbery free of weeds.

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.



JOIN THE ECW
NOVEMBER 2, 2014
3-5PM

FOR YUMMY TREATS FROM THE NEW COOKBOOK!

TASTING TEA

TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL
DETAILS AVAILABLE AFTER THE

SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING OF THE ECW

IT'S TIME FOR RAINBOWS AND ROOSTERS



It is time to submit your application to participate in the next Cursillo Weekend on October 23-26 at Camp Hardtner. We have space for as many as six St. James parishioners to attend. Contact Morgan MacIntire or Lisa Lewis if you are interested in attending this free event.

Applications can be obtained from the church office or in the parish hall, on the bulletin board. Space is limited, so interested attendees should get their application completed, signed, and submitted soon to ensure a spot for the weekend. Required signatures include the registrant, the parish priest, and the sponsor. A sponsor must be someone who has attended Cursillo in the past—not a difficult person to find in this congregation, where many of our adults are Cursillistas!

MORGAN CATCHES THE RAINBOW'S LIGHT

After an extended run as the Diocesan Spiritual Director for Cursillo, Paul Martin has decided to retire from the position and take on a different ministry. Bishop Jake cast around for an appropriate priest to take the reins, and has chosen Morgan MacIntire to be his successor. Morgan accepted the offer and is eagerly anticipating being involved in the planning of future Cursillo events. She's excited about the opportunity and asks your support as she learns to guide those involved in this important diocesan ministry.



De
Colores

TRUNK OR TRUCK SALE OCTOBER 4

St. James will hold a flea market-style rummage sale in the large parking lot October 4, from 7am to 1pm. Vendors may rent two parking spaces for \$25. Each vendor may enter the property and park as early as 6am, then set up a sales area in the space adjacent to the vehicle. Banquet tables may be rented for \$5 each—until we run out.

Rain Date: October 11

Parishioners are encouraged to:

- collect your rummage sale items, rent space, and set up your booth
- Volunteer to help with the sale—we need 6-8 people to provide hands-on assistance the day of the sale
- Shop the sale and find some great deals
- Donate items for the EYC concession stand

Call the parish office at 686-1261 for details or to volunteer.



The Ice Bucket Challenge at St. James Episcopal Church

September 15, 2014



Rev. Morgan MacIntire and Debbie Fitzpatrick accepted, and survived, "The Ice Bucket Challenge" August 24, 2014. The ALS Challenge benefits those with ALS (more commonly known as Lou Gehrig Disease). Debbie passed the challenge on to the St. James EYC and their sponsors. Debbie also challenged Brody Fitzpatrick, Chelsea Maielli, Layton Porter, and Alyssa Garner. Morgan nominated the Vestry of St. James Episcopal Church, Rev. John Bedingfield and Rev. Mitzi George of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Lafayette, LA., and their Vestry.

Alex and Emilie Gibson did a fantastic job pouring the ice water over Morgan. I don't know who had the most fun, Alex, Emilie, and Lois; Morgan and Debbie; or the spectators.

~ Kathy Deal



According to their website, the ALS Association has received \$109.1 million in Ice Bucket Challenge donations as of Sept. 5, 2014.

Donations for ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which is a progressive neurodegenerative disease) can be made by visiting their website at www.alsa.org.

St. Mark's Welcomes Father John and Tait Kellogg



A new era begins at St. Mark's with the welcome on August 9 of our Priest-in-Charge Father John Alexander Kellogg and his wife Tait. Father Kellogg will also serve as Canon Missioner for the Diocese. He is a native of Shreveport Louisiana and Tait is a native of Pensacola Florida.

Father Kellogg is a graduate of Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. Graduating with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology with Honors and with a Business Minor and Human Services Concentration. He obtained a Masters of Divinity with Honors from The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York City, New York. Most recently, Father Kellogg served as Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in West Point Mississippi.

He will be with us every Sunday and has set office hours each Wednesday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. He will be available at other times as his work schedule permits. Father Kellogg can be reached via email at jk Kellogg@edola.org or at 504-644-7616 (cell)

This article was mailed to St. James by John's proud parents, Marty & Michael Wainwright.

THE MISSION CONTINUES...in Minden, LA

September 15, 2014



St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry is at the Sav-A-Lot grocery store parking lot from 9 until 12 noon the first Saturday of each month. In August we served about 35 clients. The Minden clinic is always well attended by both clients and volunteers. In the August issue of *The Spirit of St. James*, St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry invited you "to come out and learn more about what we do". Our grandson, John Lydick, who was spending a week with us, chose to accept the invitation to observe, and rode

St. Luke's Medical Bus with us to Minden. He signed the volunteer sheet to acknowledge his parish, St. Elias Orthodox Church, Austin, TX. Rafael Mire, John Mire's son, came to work. One requirement for the Star Scout to advance to the rank of Life Scout, in the Boy Scouts of America, is completing six hours of community service. Volunteering at the August clinic gave Rafael three of those hours.

—Kathy Deal



St. Luke's Medical Bus saw over 30 people at the clinic on Sept. 6, 2014. The medical volunteers did blood pressure checks, sugar screening, and breast exams.



John Mire keeps a client's child entertained



THE MISSION CONTINUES...

September News from St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry

We are working hard to grow our Bienville Parish monthly clinic. This is our second year of receiving a Susan G Komen grant used to increase breast health awareness and to help low-income uninsured women obtain breast cancer screenings. This includes a clinical breast exam on the van and connection with other community organizations to receive a free mammogram. Our focus is on the Ringgold community and surrounding smaller towns because of the high number of women diagnosed with late stage breast cancer in Bienville. Our goal is to get the word out and get women in for regular mammograms to catch cancer as early as possible.

In July we saw 11 women in Jamestown and last month in Lucky we saw 10 women.

If this sounds like something that you would like to help with, please contact Brenda Nims at 424-0156 or stlukesmedicalministry@yahoo.com. No experience is needed.

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry mission is an outreach ministry of the eight Episcopal churches in Northwest Louisiana. Following the command of Christ we strive to improve the health of our community by providing preventive health screenings, basic health services, patient education and referrals to the underserved via our 34 foot medical RV. We serve the area of the Shreveport Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana including the civil parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Red River, Sabine, and Webster.

<i>19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i>	<i>20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i>
<i>OCTOBER 19</i>	<i>OCTOBER 26</i>
<i>Exodus 33: 12- 23</i> <i>Psalms 99</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 1:1- 10</i> <i>Matthew 22: 15- 22</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 34: 1- 12</i> <i>Psalms 90: 1- 6, 13- 17</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 2: 1- 8</i> <i>Matthew 22: 34- 46</i>
LOIS MABERRY	JANA KENDRICK
Janie Parker Brian Whatley	Janie Parker Ron Maberry
Bert Babington	Lois Maberry
Pat Parker Kathleen Calhoun	Pat Parker Janet Moore
Melanie Winkler Rory Fitzpatrick	Hannah Parker Mason Garner
Janie Parker Linda Endicott	Kelly Parker Elizabeth Ollendike
Pat Parker Sissy Brown Mike Kendrick	Pat Parker Sara Lewis Ron Maberry
Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott

OCTOBER 2014

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Holy Eucharist w/Uncion</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY William Bryant Alex Gibson Anne Burke</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY Lauren Ocmand</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Marie England</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Holy Eucharist w/Uncion</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Amy Endicott</p>	<p>9</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kennedy Lynn Parker Wendy Hartley</p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Debbie Barnwell</p>
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<p>Holy Eucharist w/Uncion</p>	<p>23</p> <div> <p>Cursillo – October 23 through October 26</p> </div> <p>Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Matt Parker Blake Bostic</p>	<p>25</p> 
<p>Holy Eucharist w/Uncion</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 	



**17th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 5

**18th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 12

LECTIONARY

Exodus 20: 1- 4,7- 9, 12- 20
Psalms 19
Philippians 3: 4b- 14
Matthew 21: 33- 46

Exodus 32: 1- 14
Psalms 106: 1- 6, 19- 23
Philippians 4: 1- 9
Matthew 22: 1- 14

VESTRY PERSON

THERESA MORMINO

BRIAN WHATLEY

EUCHARISTIC 8:30
MINISTER 11:00

Lynnette van Heerden
Ron Maberry

Lynnette van Heerden
Ken Murphy

LAY READER 11:00

Lois Maberry

Brian Whatley

LECTORS 8:30
11:00

Betty Langhorst
Dan Bennett

Debbie Fitzpatrick
Sissy Brown

ACOLYTES 8:30
11:00

Kelly Parker
Austin Shelton

Rory Fitzpatrick
Mason Garner

ALTAR GUILD

Debbie Fitzpatrick
Holly Johnson

Janie Parker
Linda Endicott

USHERS 8:30
11:00

Lorain Thrash
Mike Kendrick
Sara Lewis

Lorain Thrash
Denise Shelton
Mary Talor

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
VERGER

Mike Endicott

Mike Endicott

October Anniversaries

Jared & Lauren Ocmand	Oct 1
Stuart & Karen Waguespack	Oct 14
Mike & Linda Endicott	Oct 15
Trey & Candi Gibson	Oct 21

October Birthdays

William Bryant	Oct 1
Alex Gibson	Oct 1
Anne Burke	Oct 1
Marie England	Oct 3
Melanie Winkler	Oct 5
Kati Butler	Oct 7
Jeremy Endicott	Oct 8
Kennedy Lynn Parker	Oct 9
Wendy Hartley	Oct 9
Debbie Barnwell	Oct 11
Jack Brown	Oct 13
Terra Welch	Oct 14
Beau Phillips	Oct 15
Pat Parker	Oct 15
Jimmy Deal	Oct 16
Ron Maberry	Oct 17
Blake Robertson	Oct 18
Ruston Moore	Oct 19
Ginny Jackson	Oct 22
Blake Bostic	Oct 24
Matt Parker	Oct 24
Mary Joe Thomas	Oct 25
Andrew Maberry	Oct 26
Tammy Parker	Oct 26
Tammy Parker	Oct 26



CONGRATULATIONS!

Add this date to your calendars: on August 30 Tina Vinson and Dave Caporossi married! After 20 years together, they decided their relationship was ready for the next level. St. James celebrates with them on their wedding and we wish them many happy years together!

JUST DO IT

It's such a popular slogan. I hear it all the time. Don't sit on the sidelines thinking about it, "just do it." Don't pace back and forth on the edge of the water only getting your feet wet. Jump on in and learn to swim. Maybe this would be a good slogan for us as Christians.

God speaks to us often, but not always in the way we expect. Maybe you open your Bible to just the right verse, one that you needed to read just at that moment. Maybe your eye catches a book title or a magazine article. Maybe someone you know talks about something they have experienced. And sometimes there is that little thought in the back of your mind that just won't go away. But regardless of how you get the message, you still know where it came from.

Beginning Loyalty Sunday, September 28th, commitment cards will be available for you to pledge your time, talent and treasure. So if you have been thinking about commitment; analyzing it; pondering over it; stop. God loves a cheerful giver, not a fearful giver. Just do it.

—Suzy Adcock

Stewardship Chair

Rafael Mire Advances to Rank of Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America



The Court of Honor held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Shreveport, Sept. 1, 2014, included the Life Scout Ceremony for Rafael Mire.





RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 7



Photos courtesy
Kathy Deal



FILLING IN THE GAPS: LABOR DAY

Photos courtesy Kathy Deal



St. James prepared seventeen meals for parishioners and neighbors so they could have a nutritious and tasty lunch on Labor Day. Similar meals were also delivered using the abundance from the Rally Day luncheon. Thanks to the many people who cooked, packaged, and delivered on both occasions!

RENZI CENTER

education & art



The cost to participate is only \$45 per person (\$50 at the door), which includes an elegant buffet prepared by the chefs at Eldorado Resort Casino, and the chance to win great **door prizes!**

Also, cash bar & lots of silent auction goodies.

Remember: All proceeds benefit Renzi's free After School Program

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QUILT DRAWING TO BENEFIT EPISCOPAL MISSION INITIATIVES



Dear Deans, Rectors, Vicars, Priests-in-Charge and Congregants,

The Planning Committee of the 35th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana is proud to announce that Ms. Dottie Johnson from St Alban's in Monroe has lovingly donated this gorgeous quilt depicting our convention theme *Gone Fishing – Engaging God's Mission*.

A drawing to win the quilt will be held on **Friday October 17, 2014** and tickets are **\$5 each**. Proceeds will benefit **mission initiatives** of the Diocese, such as the **Episcopal Servant Leadership Corps**.

We have provided each church with 100 tickets to help with this special assignment. If each congregation will sell 100 tickets, the quilt drawing alone will raise over \$20,000! We CAN reach that goal considering that larger congregations will sell more than 100 and smaller congregations will sell what they can. Together, let's truly engage in God's mission to demonstrate tremendous use of Dottie's talent and her generous donation. Imagine all the **good to be done** in mission work - **\$5 at a time**.

Quilt raffle tickets available

through the parish office

or from a Vestry member

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

ONLY \$5.00 EACH

FOR A CHANCE TO TAKE HOME THE LOVELY QUILT PICTURED ABOVE

Get your tickets soon, while supplies last!



FOREST HILL ELEMENTARY

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August 18, 2014

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Dear Members,

On behalf of our students, faculty and staff at Forest Hill Elementary I would like to thank St. James for all the school supplies. It means so much when we receive such items that help to fulfill our needs. Again thank you for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Angela L. Douglas

Angela L. Douglas
Principal

K. Beatty *Chelsi* *Theresa*
dean Hardman *Cliff Miller* *Tracy*
Janae Sarge *Sharon*
Ryan *Christa Pappas*

★ **THANK YOU!** ★

HOPE for the Homeless would like to express our gratitude for your participation in this year's Women's Day! We were able to serve 38 women with new clothing, hair cuts, make overs, and medical screenings. We rely on our community partners and you never cease to deliver. Our women felt special because of you. Thank you so much for your help!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We rejoice with Gregory & Jennifer Kirkland on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Faye. As her onesie records, she was born at 9:41pm on August 26, 2014. Elizabeth was 7 lb, 8 oz and 21 inches at birth. What a beautiful girl!



Photos courtesy Jennifer Kirkland

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT...

In my years in law enforcement I can't count the number of times I read the legal rights to individuals who were being detained. Not the Miranda rights—but the absolute minimum the facility was obligated to provide during their incarceration: the right to nourishment—food and water, the right to a safe place to sleep, the right to bathe twice a week, the right to a place to use the bathroom, and the right to converse with their attorney—as the attorney wished. Anything above and beyond that was considered a privilege and could be revoked based on behavior. Those rights, though, were irrevocable.

In our everyday lives we really don't spend a lot of time each day considering our rights. We all know, or at least have a vague idea, what is contained in the Bill of Rights. We are all familiar with the term, "God-given rights." But for the most part, we traverse through our lives without really considering the question very often. We just know they exist and we can count on them.

What about our obligations as Christians? Do we just need to fulfill the basic rights for those to whom we minister, or does our Christian faith lead us to provide more, not because it is required, but because it is the right thing to do? When we help to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and house the homeless do we not try to go beyond the bare basic needs? The food we place in the Salvation Army barrels, the food we deliver to those who are unable to leave their homes easily, the clothing we donate to Goodwill—are these things just the bare bones, or do we make an effort to take it a step or more further? I believe this congregation displays an excellent job of caring for others in this manner. The Filling in the Gaps project and the Community Garden are examples of going beyond the basics and putting forth effort to help our neighbors. I encourage everyone to get involved and make these and similar projects long-term commitments for the Church and her members.

I also believe we need to use the same attitude in ministering to those who choose to worship here, whether as **members or as visitors, whether regularly or sporadically.** We've taken some of the basic steps. We greet visitors and provide welcome gift bags with relevant information. We have made the bathrooms handicap-accessible and we have poured concrete to bring the sidewalk up to the same level as the door, making a smooth, low-grade transition from the parking lot that is easy for a person using a wheelchair, walker, or crutches to negotiate.

What we are getting ready to do is just as important: making our worship space equally accessible to those with mobility issues. While the Americans with Disabilities Act requires public buildings to be accessible, it does not require churches to do the same. However, we at St. James are determined to go beyond the bare minimum to minister to others. I applaud our Vestry for making this decision and would like to encourage all parishioners to attend the parish-wide meeting in the nave on September 14. Look at the proposal the Vestry has come up with, and provide honest and useful ideas of how to improve on their plan.

Help us ensure that everyone who comes through our doors knows, "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You."

—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@comcast.net, or dropped at the parish office.

Newsletter deadline: October 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@comcast.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, 8:30am

followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall

Sunday School, 9:45am

Holy Eucharist, 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am

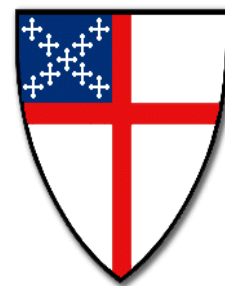


THE CYCLE OF LOVE CONTINUES

As the last of the summer crops defy the season's end and continue to produce, the fall crops erupt from the ground, promising produce for several more weeks—or even months if the weather allows. We've had a bumper crop this year and it looks like there will be little pause between the work of one season and the next. As a result, we expect to continue to share fresh vegetables with our Southern Hills neighbors. St. James recognizes the toil involved in keeping this endeavor going—and we extend our thanks to all the members of the garden committee for the hard work they have done and the good they have accomplished.



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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.