

The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

2050 Bert Kouns
Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118
318-686-1261



September 15, 2016



September 25
Loyalty Sunday
10am
Rite 2 Eucharist
Potluck luncheon
and programming
immediately following

October 8
75th Anniversary
Celebration
Camp Hardtner
12-4pm

October 20-23
Cursillo #150
Camp Hardtner

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Rhonda Robertson

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Jnanne Zepeda

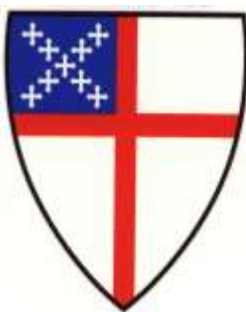
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Kathy Deal (17)
Rory Fitzpatrick (17)
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Ken Murphy (19)
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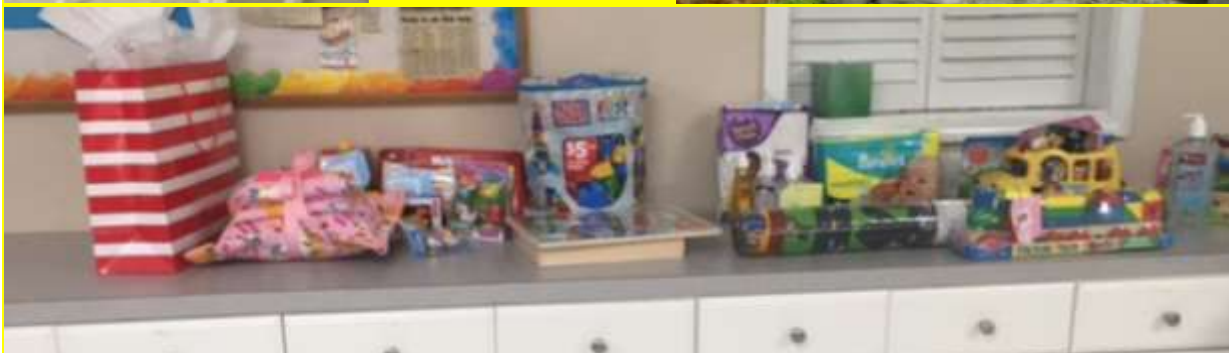
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ST. JAMES SHOWERS OUR CHILDREN WITH LOVE

The DOK nursery shower held on Sunday, September 4th was a huge success! Thank you so much to everyone for your generous donations of toys and supplies. The nursery now has a really fun car/road carpet, a lot of new toys and puzzles, Legos, a cute vanity with mirror and chair and lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Okay, maybe not the last part, but you sure showed a lot of love to our littlest parishioners. In addition to the toys and supplies, we had some very generous monetary donations - \$549 total. This money will be spent on additional supplies for the nursery, including a ceiling fan and some cars and trucks to go with that new road carpet!

Thank you for being the awesome parishioners you are! If there is a need or occasion, St. James will always rise to it and set the bar high. Rhonda and all of the members of DOK thank you.



MANY THANKS

to our wonderful St. James family for so generously showering our newly-remodeled nursery with new toys and supplies! Special thanks to the DOK for hosting the breakfast! Our youngest members and I are very blessed!

—Rhonda Robertson

—Debbie Fitzpatrick



Outreach News

The Outreach Program at St. James is going strong, and if you would like more details on exactly what we are collecting, take a gander at the newly-redone bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The board that hangs directly above the beautiful Outreach donation bins now has some colorful and eye-catching sheets that describe the items that need to be deposited in the marked bins. The information sheets also give the names of the parishioners who are the contact people for the various recipients of our donations, so any specific questions can be directed toward the person who is best able to give accurate answers.

As always, we continue to support our on-going ministries:

- Each bag you fill (and tie closed) for Goodwill earns \$2 toward vouchers for people in need.
- The Salvation Army food barrels are ready to accept any and all donations of non-perishable items.
- St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry receives quarterly funds from St. James through Outreach, but can always use more volunteer assistance.
- ING/Hope House also receives quarterly monetary assistance.

Thanks for everything you do to help reach outside of St. James to make our community a better place for all people to live.

—Kathy Watkins

Photos courtesy Kathy Deal and

Debbie Fitzpatrick



THE GOOD STEWARDS

St. James parishioners rallied around Fr. George Genuso and his family when Jabe Maddox, IV, passed away as the result of a traffic accident. On August 26, Fr. Genuso officiated at his nephew's memorial service in our worship space, then the family shared time with their friends in our Parish Hall. Many members of St. James provided the necessary food and services for a quiet reception that allowed the grieving family to meet with their guests without having to worry about the duties of hosting the event. (Well, what would have been a quiet time, except that instead of the thirty people the family expected to be able to attend a mid-day, Friday funeral, two-hundred came)!

Thank-you to all who realized that as a church we are responsible for ministering to those in need, and that we often should reach outside of our parish to do so. And thank-you especially for turning out to help in such numbers that we were easily able to accommodate a reception for standing room only with a plate of goodies left over for coffee hour on Sunday. It was very much a modern-day loaves and fishes event!

St. James parishioners were saddened by the passing of beloved member Molly Wilkinson on Labor Day weekend. As had been arranged years earlier, the visitation and service were held at Auld's Funeral Home, and Fr. Bill Bryant agreed to officiate, as he and Roger are fraternity brothers. To make it easier for Roger, the reception was held in the Bistro at the Glen Nursing Home, and St. James provided the refreshments. Fresh fruit and veggies, cheese, crackers, cakes, and cookies were donated by church members. Special thanks to Kathy Watkins for hosting the reception so the family could meet with their guests and not worry about taking care of the table.

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.



Betty Loving provided an update on her family in Flint, MI. Stories on the situation were broadcast on MSNBC September 14 and CNN September 15, so this is staying in the public eye. Filters are installed in the kitchens and bathrooms of the affected homes, which allows for bathing. However, the filters do not clean the water enough to allow for drinking or cooking, so bottled water must still be purchased for daily use. Thank-you for your continued prayers for Betty's family.

FILLING IN THE GAPS

We need individual frozen meals to put in the new freezer in St. James' brand new kitchen. We hand the meals out to people on the Meals on Wheels program on holidays and on other days when the program miscounts and doesn't put in enough meals for everyone on the route. Jnanne also has folk come to the parish office door at times, asking for money for food. Without a priest we can't give money, because that would come from the Discretionary Fund, which the parish administrator does not control. Instead, she gives them home-cooked meals from our freezer.

So, Pat & Janie Parker and I make meals from our kitchens—cooking extra at dinner time so there is food left to make meals for strangers. We use the plastic rectangular, square, and round bowls from Wal-Mart that are inexpensive, yet good for freezing food. Almost everyone has left-overs, so why not put them to good use, feeding someone hungry? Fill the containers up and put them in your freezer, and when you come to church bring them with you—and if you are like me, that's the hardest part: remembering to bring them) and place them in our freezer. You will need to label the meal with contents and date made, so we can rotate, giving them away so nothing stays in the freezer long enough to get freezer-burn.

Below are photos with the price of the containers. We use the rectangular with a divider for three items, such as meatloaf, carrots, and potatoes. The square items are used for one-pot meals, like beans and rice with sausage, or beef tips, rice and gravy. The round bowls are used for soups and stews—or anything else that would go into one container.

Please, pick up a few containers and help us stock the freezer with healthy, tasty, home-made goodness!

—Lorain Thrash



Photos courtesy Lorain Thrash

FILLING IN THE GAPS ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Volunteers put together a fabulous meal for Labor Day—leg quarters, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, apples, and oranges. Meals were delivered to those on the Meals on Wheels route who would otherwise have gone without and to a few parishioners and other Southern Hills individuals who can use the extra nourishment and for whom we care greatly. Additional frozen meals were provided to the Meals on Wheels recipients to cover the remaining weekend meals until service resumed after the holiday. Thanks, everyone!

Photos courtesy Kathy Deal



THE MISSION CONTINUES...

Heartbreaking

That is the word that keeps coming to me when I see the pictures and hear the stories from the flooding in south LA. It is overwhelming to see the devastation. And the next response – “What can I do?” We all feel the need to help, but sometimes that is overwhelming as well. How do we begin? How can we make a difference? It is incredible to watch various groups and individuals mobilize, to bring together resources and respond, offering what they

can, wherever they can.

When I consider the work of St. Luke’s it is easy to experience that sense of being overwhelmed—certainly not to the degree of the flooding and what is happening there, but in recognizing the level of need in our community. Seven months into the year, we have held a record number of clinics and the volume of clients is up 28%, over 1,200, and 153 of those visits were for homeless individuals. Are we making any headway in the challenge of serving those who need assistance in our community? The bigger question, “Are we making a difference?”

I remind myself that, like those facing a destroyed home or business, all I can do is deal with what is in front of me. Pay attention to those who seek our help, offer up what we can, be it medicine, assistance with referrals, or a kind word. We are each called to tend our little piece of this earth, to care for those who visit us there. So I will keep praying that the transmission on the RV isn’t going out, that when we show up at the shelters those who need us will have the courage to ask for help, and that those of you who know that this ministry does indeed make a difference in the quality of lives will continue to support it.

I will continue to pray for my brothers and sisters who have suffered great loss, and whenever possible I will offer my assistance in any way I can. And I will tend to my place, counting blessings and giving thanks. I invite you to do the same.

Blessings,
Betty Johnson,
Executive Director
St. Luke’s Episcopal Mobile
Medical Ministry



living proof live
SIMULCAST

St. James Episcopal
Church
Parish Hall
Saturday
September 17, 2016

Registration—8:30am
Event—9:30am

Cost: \$10.00
(breakfast and lunch
included)

For information contact
Kelly Parker at
(318) 393-3146



Veterinary Services provided by:
Dr. Steven Everson
& Dr. Brad Everson

641 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop
Shreveport, LA 71118
(318) 686-5945
sohillsvet@gmail.com

SAINT MARY OF THE PINES CATHOLIC CHURCH
1050 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop
Shreveport, LA 71118

LOW COST PET VACCINATION CLINIC
Sunday, October 2, 2016
2:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.
SAINT MARY OF THE PINES
PARKING LOT

Bring your pets to be blessed on the
Feast of Saint Francis!

Dog Vaccines:
DHLP and PV- \$15
Bordetella/Coughgard- \$10
Rabies- \$15
Heartworm tests- \$25

Cat Vaccines:
FVRCP- \$15
Leukemia- \$15
Rabies- \$15


Dog/Cat nail trim- \$10

Cash and checks only, please

Flea prevention
available!

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	W
	CURSILLO # 150 October 20 - 23		
2 Rev'd William Bryant 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Marie England	3	4	5 10 am w HAPPY Mela
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	<i>The 20th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<i>The 21st Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<i>The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost</i>
	<i>Rev'd William Bryant</i>	<i>Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i>	<i>Rev'd Guido Verbeck</i>
	OCTOBER 2	OCTOBER 9	OCTOBER 16
LECTIONARY	<i>Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10</i>	<i>2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19</i>	<i>Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8</i>
VESTRY PERSON	PAT PARKER	BRIAN WHATLEY	KATHY DEAL
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER 8:30 11:00	Janie Parker Ken Murphy	Lynette van Heerden Dan Bennett	Janie Parker Ken Murphy
LAY READER 11:00	Brian Whatley	Ron Maberry	Ken Murphy
LECTORS 8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Karen McDonald	Karen McDonald Kathy Calhoun	Pat Parker Debbie Fitzpatrick
ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton	Kelly Parker Mason Garner	Melanie Winkler Austin Shelton
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson
USHERS 8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton	Sara Lewis Sissy Brown	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott



Pastor Pricener stumbles upon an ethical dilemma.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Roger Wilkinson
The Glenn, #88
3045 Risinger Drive
Shreveport, LA 71119-2716

Clay Shane
1156 Runningbrook Drive
Shreveport, LA 71118
318-686-2229

THE MISSION CONTINUES...with the Minden Clinic



Traveling east to Minden



Kathy and Jamall Carey
Photo taken by Jamall's 5 year old brother



Mike, another driver with St. Luke's was already at storage and ready to go, so Jimmy and I followed him to Minden. Karen and Betty McDonald met us there, and worked with Gina, our faithful Minden registrar.



Jimmy showed Mike how to check the fluid levels.



The regularly scheduled First Saturday clinic in Minden was held September 3, 2016. George escorted clients to the medical bus, and returned grocery carts, sometimes five at a time. Bonnie checked blood sugar and blood pressure for about a dozen clients. LaToya was available to do clinical breast exams, and administered the exam to six women.

~Kathy Deal

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.

St. James Episcopal Church members have provided cookies for the KAIROS weekends for several years. KAIROS thanks each person who has helped make previous missions a success.

If you have any questions, contact Brian Whatley at 925-5452 or bwhatley@hotmail.com



KAIROS #41 Cookie Bake

Approximately 170 dozen cookies were baked for KAIROS #41. James and Lisa Lewis, and their extended family, baked 52 dozen of that total. Kelly handed off 8 or more dozen to James as he was leaving Monday evening. St. James was committed to baking 150 dozen, so our goal was surpassed again this year. Our new kitchen appliances worked great...not one burnt cookie, and all needed cookies were baked during Sunday's shift. They had a very efficient assembly line going. Since I couldn't stay Sunday, I came for the Monday shift, only to find out that the baking and packaging was complete. Curtis and James, who came by to collect any cookies that might have been dropped off, were kind enough to do a re-enactment so that I could take pictures. James even packaged the dozen cookies for me to take home. Thanks guys.

~Kathy Deal



The Bishop's Committee on Addiction and Recovery presents

the 2016 Joy in the Journey:

September 30—October 2, 2016

Soul Food for the Soul — The 11th Step:

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood him, praying only for the knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out."

**A three-day retreat presented by Joe Pack Arnold
at Camp Hardtner Conference Center, Pollock, Louisiana.**

Join us for a special recovery weekend with Joe Pack Arnold.

Joe Pack is a dynamic retreat leader, certified addiction counselor, and ordained Presbyterian minister. He served as spiritual director for The Meadows in Wickenburg, Arizona and Pine Grove in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Semi-retired, Joe Pack now leads spiritual and recovery workshops and remains active as a family, trauma, intervention, and death and dying therapist.

We are honored to have Joe Pack as our guide to exploring our spiritual journey through the 11th Step.

Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Please list special needs _____

\$125 / person (includes room, meals, and all materials for the weekend)

No. Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Check/Money Order payable to Camp Hardtner

Mail form as soon as possible as space is limited

Whitney Brown
813 N Foote Ave
Kaplan, LA 70508

For more information, contact Whitney at
267.455.3055 or wbcw@yahoo.com

Voluntary Information - should you wish to share the information with us:

12-Step affiliation(s) (i.e., AA, Alanon, GA, NA, CA,) _____

Interests in future retreats (topics) _____

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
& Personal Solutions, Inc.
Present**



Parenting Skills101

Understanding our Children

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Parlor**

Sunday, September 18, 2016

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Childcare Available Refreshments

It's Tough!

Parenting is one of the most **rewarding, yet challenging** roles in our lives. Many of us have not been given a **good set of skills** in which to help raise our children in our modern society.

Our program is designed to teach parents, grandparents, foster parents, and other care givers the **pitfalls of parenting** in which we all fall. It helps parents create **proper boundaries** for their children, and finally helps them establish an **appropriate set of guidelines** both parents and children can follow.

**What You'll
Learn**

Session I: Common Mistakes

In our first class, parents will discover why commonly practiced behaviors – parenting by emotion, changing the rules, and putting kids on equal footing as the adults – set up the parents to fail. We will then give instructions to put lifelong rules in place

Session II: Rules Implementation

In our second class, parents will work with the rules they developed to create a working system. Parents will learn how to give appropriate enforceable consequences that teach responsibility for actions. Additionally, topics such as dealing with violence, peer pressure, drug use, and technology will be addressed.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
275 Southfield Road
Shreveport, LA 71105**

**Free Workshop
Limited Seating
Deadline to register: September 14, 2016**

**Contact:
Telephone: 318.865.8469
Fax: 318.868.8922**

SHOW YOUR LOYALTY

Loyalty Sunday is when we begin again to turn our attention toward Stewardship. This year it will be celebrated at St. James on September 25. 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

...AND GOD SENT A RAINBOW

"Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." Genesis 9:14-16 NIV

God made a promise to all of mankind through his covenant with Moses. It is more than the exact words of the bible verses. It is a promise to care for his creation, to love us, to be our rock and foundation and source of strength. He also asks that we provide that same respect, love, and care to our fellow human beings. None of us are more worthy of God's love than another, as he created us all. He placed the rainbow in the sky for all of humanity.

As Christians, we are tasked with extending God's love to others. The recent flooding in Louisiana is an extreme example fairly close to home of the devastation that can leave people in great need. News stories are reporting many hands reaching out to help flood victims overcome the terror of losing their homes and the daunting job of rebuilding their lives. Tens of thousands of people were adversely affected, and our diocese has come together with a plan that was quickly implemented for assisting in rebuilding efforts. Deacon Lois Maberry is spearheading this plan and has asked that our parish provide gift cards that we are sending to the local parishes for distribution to those in need. Those parishes identified as distribution centers are working together and sharing resources to provide overall coverage and assistance.

In addition to meeting their physical needs, victims of any trauma also require mental, emotional, and/or spiritual assistance. Once again, that is where we come in. Human contact—something as simple as a hug, a kind word, a hand on the shoulder, a listening ear—can do wonders to lift the spirit of a person experiencing trauma. The local clergy in the devastated areas realized that a place for communal worship was needed, and they found a way to hold ecumenical services. The people needed the experience of worshiping together, and it didn't matter exactly what the trappings of the worship environment were. They needed to express thanks for their lives and for those of their loved ones who survived the disaster. They needed to pray for the souls of the few who were lost. They needed to ask for strength to move on toward healing and they needed to provide support to each other.

We can do the same, whether in a formal worship service or in our daily lives. We don't need a huge natural disaster to occur to find people in need. We just need to open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands. St. James is good at this—and I pray we continue to welcome everyone who wishes to worship with us. I pray that we continue to invite family, friends, and strangers to join us in worship...because we are the Episcopal Church, and the Episcopal Church welcomes you, no matter what.

—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

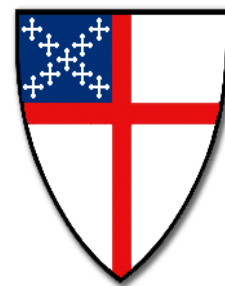


GARDENING AT ST. JAMES

BJ Pritchard has been doing a lovely job caring for the blooming plants around the St. James grounds. The pots of flowers at the front doors, as well as many of the flowering trees in the yard and the cutting flowers in the beds receive regular attention. She's been keeping the memorial garden

weed-free and working tirelessly around the shrubbery. Anyone who would like to join her in this labor-intensive endeavor, give her a call and make arrangements. If nothing else she could use someone to tote fresh water to her so she doesn't expire in the Louisiana heat! BJ's green thumbs are much appreciated around here.

Photos courtesy Kathy Deal



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.