## The Spirit of St. James The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

September 30 The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church Loyalty Sunday 2050 Bert Kouns

Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118 318-686-1261





10am Service

Followed by parish-wide pot luck luncheon



Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church: The Most Rev'd Michael Curry

Bishop, Diocese of Western Louisiana:

The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Jacob Owensby

Rector:

Organist/Choir Director: Kaye Crichlow

Nursery:

Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator: Jnanne Zepeda

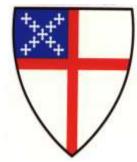
2018 Vestry:

David Scott (19)— Sr. Warden Curtis Shelton (21)— Jr. Warden

Warden
Members:
David Caporossi (20)
Krystal Eason (20)
Mike Endicott (19)
Debbie Fitzpatrick (21)
Mason Garner (19)
Ken Murphy (19)
Lauren Ocmand (20)
Matt Parker (21)

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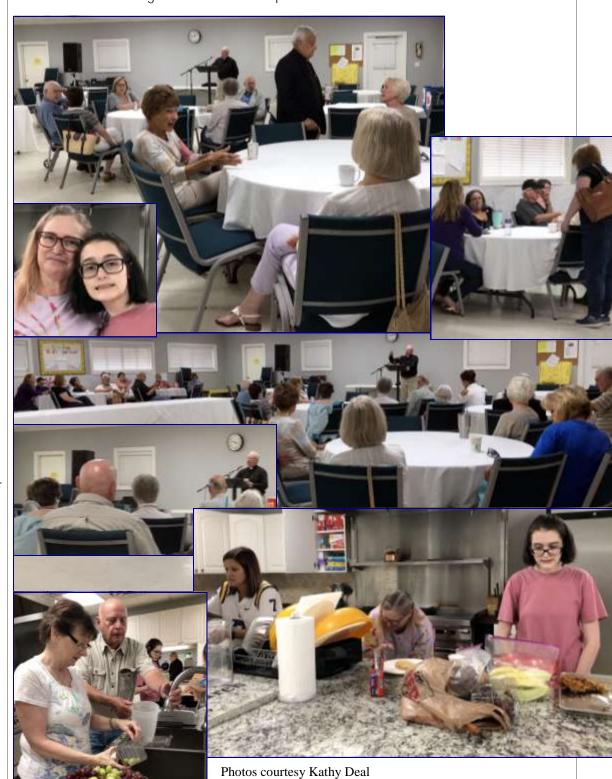
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#### CONGREGATIONALMEETING

Forty people attended the congregational meeting facilitated by Canon John Beddingfield on September 8. The three-hour session gave participants an opportunity to address concerns about the future of St. James and listen to the thoughts and views of others. After the discussion a luncheon of filled breads, fruit, and cookies was shared amid laughter and fellowship.





#### **Outreach News**

With the academic year beginning, football practice has resumed at the high schools, so Outreach is heating up 16 pizzas twice a week which Coach Carl Harris at Green Oaks picks up for the student athletes. We are seeking a volunteer to help Ron Maberry wrap the pizzas in foil and put them in the oven at 12:30 each Monday and Wednesday afternoon, then remove them and return the foil-wrapped pizzas to the boxes at 1pm. It is an easy task, requires no heavy lifting, and provides nutrition for low-income kids to help them succeed on the football field and in their classes. Contact Outreach Chair Kathy Watkins to volunteer or to ask any questions about the program.

Outreach wishes to thank Ron for volunteering to join this ministry and to thank Sissy Brown and Mike Endicott for continuing to make sure the pizzas are picked up each week from Pizza Hut. After dropping off enough pizzas, chicken wings, and breadsticks for the school and for use at Hope House, they take the remaining load to Common Ground where it is used to feed those in need.





Dave Appender...
"Did Jesus have to check with the leper's primary health care provider before he cured him?"

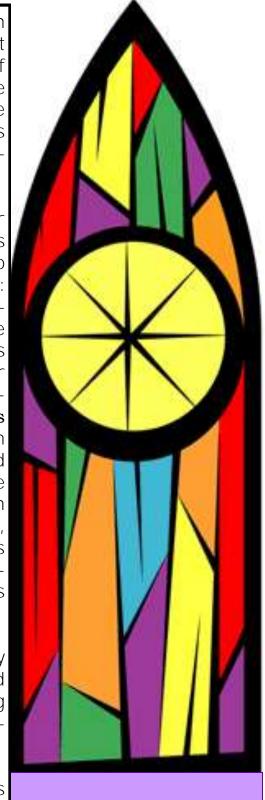
# THE GOOD STEWARDS

Thanks to all the people who attended the parish-wide meeting on September 8. Open and honest communication is necessary for healthy growth of the parish. Thanks to those who helped Jnanne and Olivia Zepeda set up and clean up after the luncheon. We especially appreciate the fabulous chocolate chip cookies that Kathy Watkins provided!

The Spirit of St. James is a newsletter about our parish, and it is enhanced when parishioners participate in putting it together. Thanks to those who help fold and prepare it for mailing: Bobbye Smith, Lorain Thrash, and Tricia Windham. Thanks also to those who contribute to the content: Kathy Deal for providing photographs each month, David Scott who writes an article for almost every issue, Kathy Watkins for her contributions regarding the Outreach Committee's ministries, Melanie Winkler and Tricia Windham for their recent articles, Debbie Fitzpatrick and Mattie Mosley for writing articles throughout the year, and to all those who occasionally send in photos or articles. The sharing of information, resources, time, and talents is what makes this newsletter stand out. This is indeed a group effort and the help of each individual involved is very much appreciated.

Special thanks go out to Mona Freeman, Betty Langhorst, and Teresa Thrash for their continued dedication to the ministry of visiting and taking communion to parishioners who are unable to attend services due to health concerns.

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.



Proportional Giving Chart						
Annual Income	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%	15%
\$10,000	\$100	\$300	\$500	\$700	\$1,000	\$1,500
\$15,000	\$150	\$450	\$750	\$1,050	\$1,500	\$2,250
\$20,000	\$200	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$30,000	\$300	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$4,500
\$40,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
\$75,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$3,750	\$5,250	\$7,500	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
\$150,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$10,500	\$15,000	\$22,500
\$200,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
\$250,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$25,000	\$37,500

#### HOW MUCH SHOULD WE GIVE TO THE CHURCH?

Does the Episcopal Church tell parishioners how much money to pledge to the church each year? The answer is pretty simple: no, not really. While the concept of tithing is accepted as a norm of the Christian Church, it is not considered a hard and fast rule. For many it is a goal—some have reached that goal, some have surpassed it, and some are striving to achieve it.

Does that 10% tithe refer to gross or net income? Does it include all the money given to all charities or only to money pledged to the Church? Does it only take into account the money placed in the offering plate or does it also include money spent on church ministries? In the Episcopal Church we let members decide for themselves. Some Episcopalians set a budget for charitable giving and the Church is a line item within that budget. Some make the pledge to the church and then budget for charitable giving on top of that. Each individual gets to make that decision. There are no concrete rules.

What the St. James does ask is that each parishioner consider making a monetary commitment to the Church in order for the budget committee to put together an accurate and realistic budget for the following year. We allow parishioners to submit receipts for money spent on behalf of church projects and missions, and we document that for the end-of-year contribution statement. St. James asks that when you complete a commitment card, making a pledge to support the missions of the Church that you don't include what you expect to submit as receipts, since those are not used to pay bills or support outreach efforts, and therefore shouldn't be considered when setting up the parish budget.

In addition to the time and talents you will dedicate to St. James in 2019, please, prayerfully consider what your monetary contribution will be and submit a completed commitment card to the parish. You may do so by placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the parish office. **Either way, know that it is confidential and no one except the Parish Administrator will open the envelope and see what you have pledged.** Should circumstances change and you need to adjust your pledge, you may do so at any time by notifying the Parish Office, so the budget can be adjusted accordingly.

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Tithing 10% of my ar	nual income to carry out God's	purpose through my faith community
	nthly ( ) Quarterly ( ) Annually	

#### SHOW YOUR LOYALTY

**Loyalty Sunday** is when we are again reminded Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26). This year it will be celebrated at St. James on September 30. There will be one Eucharistic service at 10am followed by food, fellowship, and conversation about how best to use the resources with which God has blessed us. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure make it possible for us to do the work of ministry in this place. The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it is also about contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission. It is about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity.

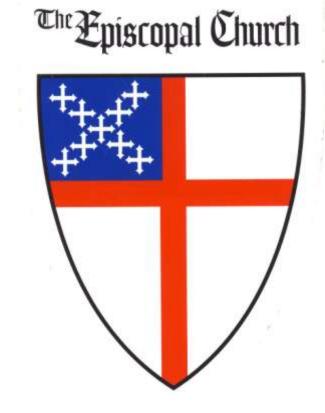
Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their right-eousness endures forever. Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:6-10)

Pledges are kept confidential and are only used to provide the Budget Committee with a starting point for setting up an accurate and useful budget for the coming year.

Commitment Cards and envelopes will be available during the luncheon and may be turned in to the Parish Office at any time. Cards will also be available in the Narthex for several weeks. They may be placed in the offering basket during any worship service or mailed or hand-delivered to the parish office. **Vestry members who count the offering will not open the sealed commitment card envelopes—this information is confidential and will be treated as such.** We ask that completed cards be submitted by October 28, 2018, in order that the Budget Committee have them in time to complete their task.

If you need to add another sheet in order to give names and birthdates of others living in your household, feel free to do so. We would like our directory to be as accurate as possible.

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

### PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED

Welcomes you!

After several years of faithful snapping, Kathy Deal has expressed an interest in stepping back and allowing others to take over the task of shooting action pictures of St. James at work and at play.

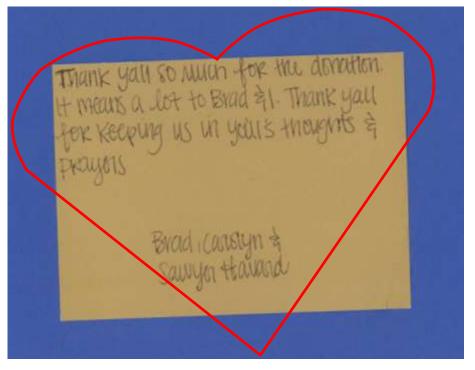
Anyone interested in helping her by transitioning into the dedicated St. James Photographer, please contact Kathy via e-mail at hotdeal33@bellsouth.net. If you are not certain your skills are up to par, Kathy will work with you on improving. If you are not sure what to shoot at each event, Kathy will help you with that, also.

And always remember, any parishioner who attends any event is welcome to submit photos to the parish office for use in the newsletter. Just send them as an attachment to stjames\_sport@att.net.

## St. James Episcopal Church

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	8:30 11:00	Lynnette van Heerden Ron Maberry	Janie Parker Mason Garner	Janie Park Julie Easo
LAY READER	11:00	Ken Murphy	Julie Eason	Ken Murp
LECTORS	8:30 11:00	Lynnette van Heerden Sissy Brown	Pat Parker Kathleen Calhoun	Pat Parker Mason Ga
ACOLYTES	8:30 11:00	David Scott David Scott	Melanie Winkler David Scott	Kelly Parl David Sco
ALTAR GUILD		Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson	Debbie Fi Holly Joh
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Supply Priest for Wednesday Service		The Rev'd Robert Dandridge will Officiate on October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31		









#### THE MISSION CONTINUES...

St. Luke's started as the vision of The Reverend Ken Cooper. He was inspired by St. Anna's Medical Ministry in New Orleans that provided urgently needed healthcare to the poor in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He saw the need for preventive health screenings and basic health care in the rural and urban communities of Northwest Louisiana. He purchased the van in 2007 and had it converted into a medical van.

St. Luke's began to offer services at the end of 2008. Due to Fr. Cooper's untimely death in 2008, he was not able to see the full completion of his dream, but through St. Luke's active and committed board of directors his vision continues.

Volunteering with St Luke's Episcopal Medical Ministry is a great way to share your talents and give back to your community. We are staffed primarily by volunteers.

#### THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO VOLUNTEER!

- Medical professionals physicians, nurses, social workers, and other health professionals to provide basic health care and preventive health screenings during our missions. We also need people to offer their expertise in their field when developing new programs.
- Non-medical personnel to help with registering clients during our missions.
- Drivers to drive the RV to the missions.

Other skilled professionals, such as those with computer expertise, or grant writing experience.



#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Whether we agree on other things, one thing that all Christians believe is that Jesus directed us to make a positive difference in our communities. We each choose the path that works for us. Just looking at the St. James Outreach ministries shows that within our small parish there are many possible paths being traveled in our efforts to improve the world for those around us.

One path that all adults can take includes becoming actively aware of and involved in the policies put in place by our elected officials. The Episcopal Church will not tell you how to cast your ballot, but we are encouraged to do the research, learn about our candidates, and make informed decisions regarding who we want to put into office to make policy decisions for our nation.

Whether we like what is happening in our government and want it to continue or don't like what is happening and want to see change, it is our responsibility to choose people whom we believe will lead our country in a manner that will best care for our citizens. If you are not registered to vote, you can do so before October 5 in order to be eligible to cast your ballot on November 6.

One of our long-time parishioners, Tricia Windham, asked that I print a review of Journalist Charley Reese's famous article, 545 People. That review appears in the box below. Here is a little background: From 1971 to 2001, Mr. Reese worked as a columnist and staff writer for the Orlando Sentinel in Orlando, Florida. Because Mr. Reese wrote from a very middle-of-the-road political viewpoint his syndicated column was popular among both liberals and conservatives. As a respected columnist his voice has been heard and heeded by members of the Republican and Democrat parties. In February of 1984 he wrote a column titled, 545 People are Responsible for the Mess, but They Unite in a Common Con. Stories keep cropping up, most recently in social media, that claim this was his last column or that make major changes to the text in order to promote an agenda. If you look this up, please make certain you are reading what Mr. Reese actually wrote (type this in your browser for the original article: http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/1984-02-03/news/os-ed-charley-reese-545-people-1984-073111\_1\_tax-code-president-vetoes-con-game).

As for me, I would not only like to encourage everyone to make informed decisions and cast your votes accordingly, but would like to remind everyone that it is unreasonable to expect all people to agree on all issues. Therefore, it makes no sense to cut off friendships over disagreements. The best way to make and keep friends remains the same as always—listen to what others have to say in a respectful manner, explain your opinion courteously, and communicate regularly. Whether talking government politics or church politics, it is important that we recognize we are more alike than different, and while our similarities draw us together, our diversity gives us strength, and we need to embrace each other, flaws and all, in order to grow as a parish. Following is a poem that parish-

ioner Denise Shelton brought to my attention. It encourages us to be mindful of how much we are alike as we appreciate our differences. I am printing it with written permission from the author, Andrew Freeborg.

I stand to honor the promise the flag represents. You kneel because that promise has been broken.

I stand to affirm my belief that all are created equal, and to fight alongside you for that promise.

You kneel because too few stand with you.

I stand because we can be better.

You kneel to remind us to be better.

I stand to honor all that have fought and died so that we may be free.

You kneel because not all of us are.

I stand because I can.

You kneel for those who can't.

I stand to defend your right to kneel.

You kneel to defend my right to stand.

I stand because I love this country.

You kneel because you love it too.

JOURNALIST CHARLEY REESE published an article titled, "545 People," that is worth the time it takes to look it up. He points out that the politicians in charge are the ones who have created our problems because we have allowed them to do it. That number (545) comes from the 100 senators, 435 congressmen, one president, and nine Supreme Court Justices who pass the budgets, write the tax codes, set fiscal policy, etc. He points out that 300 million of us have let 545 people continue domestic policies of incompetence and irresponsibility.

Above is a VERY short version of the article. It concludes with:

'There are no insoluble government problems. Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take it.

Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exist disembodied mystical force like "the economy," "inflation" or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people and they alone are responsible. They and they alone have the power, they and they alone should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses—provided they have the gumption to manage their own employees.'

—Jnanne Zepeda

## THE KEY TO SUCCESS

Tricia Windham wishes to share the following—her favorite key to success:

Elbert Hubbard said, "To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing. Don't be afraid to be the leader you were meant to be. Don't dwell on criticism. Remember, those who do nothing, criticize those who do. Those who say nothing, criticize those who speak. Those who become nothing, criticize those who become something. So, step out there and do something,...say something...be something!"



All proceeds benefit Renzi's free after-school program!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH 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. Call Renzi today to purchase tickets for both the Bunco Bash and the raffle, and don't forget to share <u>our Facebook event</u> and invite your friends into the fun of BUNCO!!

# A BIBLICAL BASIS FOR RECYCLING

Recycling, after a long and hard struggle by many, has become an accepted and expected behavior throughout the country. In fact, at the 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, a resolution was passed regarding the use of bottled water. In an attempt to minimize the plastic going into the landfills, to reduce the amount of petroleum that is used to make that plastic, and in recognition of the fact that US tap water is much more healthful than water in many parts of the world, the Episcopal Church has asked that each parish cut back on the use of individual plastic water bottles.

Some may believe that this particular topic was not appropriate for the venue, but I would have to disagree. In Genesis 1:28 God instructed mankind "...have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." In doing so, God gave all humans the directive to be good stewards of the planet, caring for the wildlife and the environment in which they live. And in our day and age that includes recycling.

We have limited recycling set up within our parish. The city provides recycling bins and curbside service for many recyclable items. The responsibility of recycling falls upon each member of our St. James family to make use of the receptacles placed in the Parish Hall, the Narthex, and office area.

So, next time you are in a position to dispose of an item while on the parish grounds, stop and consider whether it should go into a recycling bin or the trash can. When you make a purchase for St. James or for your home, consider the impact on the environment and choose the option that makes the most sense regarding being a good steward of our planet.

If we don't make a positive difference, who will?

- Jnanne Zepeda

(And keep in mind, as the recycling receptacles in the narthex are sorted so we can reuse flyers, your fellow parishioners don't need to handle used tissues and chewed gum—please leave that in the trash).

#### 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, 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@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



#### SUMMER FAMILY GAME NIGHTS END FOR 2018

Kathy Watkins shared her birthday bouquet with those who attended the last Family Game Night of the summer on August 24. The Edible Arrangement was a welcome addition to the dinner and dominoes, and a beautiful summer treat for all participants. We look forward to enjoying many more family activities during future summers with our St. James

family.



**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.