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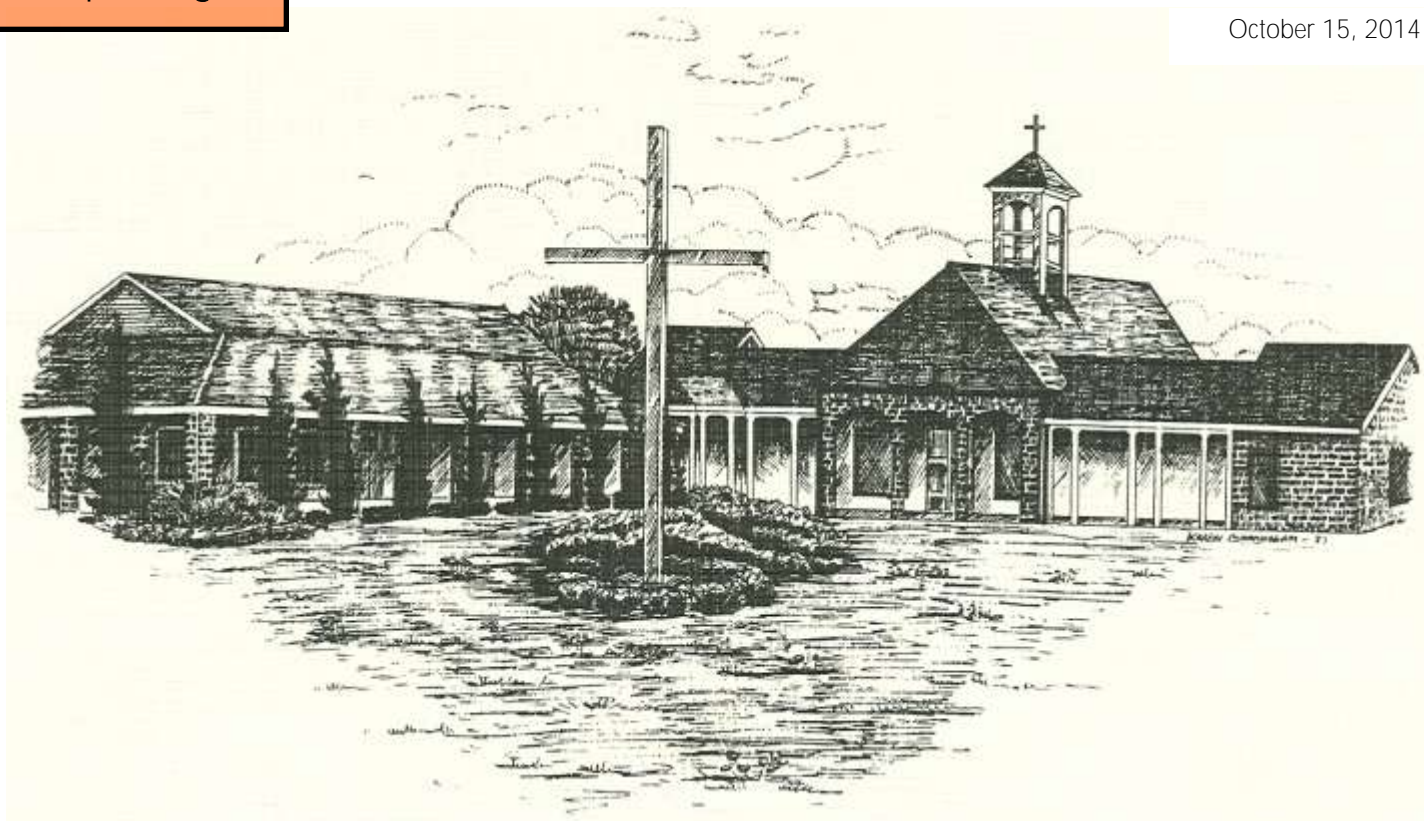
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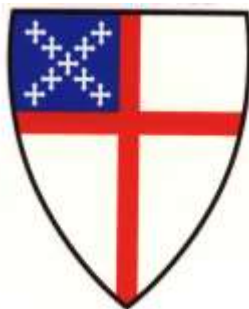
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A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

I think there is a very essential part of our human nature that craves order, stability and rigid lines. We all want to believe that we are living in a black and white world, but if we're really honest with ourselves we are absolutely mired in grey. Textbook scenarios don't come in to play often in real life – not everyone plays by the rules. So what do you do when what you have been taught to believe rubs up against something you have come to know?

Truth is, this happens to all of us many times over. Our priorities are constantly shifting. The world as we know it changes as we age, as we experience different things, and as we meet different people. Change is something we can't escape no matter how fast we run or how deeply we hide.

Cognitive dissonance is the idea in modern psychology that describes what happens when an individual holds two or more conflicting cognitions (ideas, thoughts, beliefs) simultaneously. Ultimately, psychologists say, the solution to dissolving this dissonance is to either a). determine that one cognition has more value than another b). change existing beliefs or c). add new ideas until one has formed another fluid belief system. In other words, you either decide one of the conflicting beliefs is “wrong” or “less right” than another or you change what you believe altogether and move on. Whatever the case, the discomfort of cognitive dissonance speaks to our deep-seeded human motivation to remove all internal contradiction. We are not people who are conditioned to live in the grey. We work hard to restore harmony in our logic and everything goes great, until.....

The logic of Love enters. The Holy Spirit enters. The “already but not quite-ness” of the Kingdom of God enters. And what we humans now have on our hands is transformative tension in epic proportions.

Not much of what Jesus ever did was grounded in theory, rules or hard & fast logic. In fact, most of what Jesus did and taught ran counter to everything around him – religion, law, and cultural norms. Nothing Jesus did had any basis in maintaining harmony, towing the line or keeping order. Jesus came to re-arrange, re-structure and to help us re-imagine life the way God intended it to be (which was not, in fact, the way we had taught ourselves to live it). Following Jesus on some days must have seemed like an incredible roller coaster ride and part of me thinks it still should.

Jesus was governed by a different logic – the logic of Love. Jesus took laws and theories that promoted hate, isolation, and bigotry, wrapped them in flesh and blood and fed them, healed them, cured them, protected them, and loved them. Jesus was invested in people, not in rules. From Jesus we learn that our intellectual logic, our need for order, and our black and white lines can only take us so far. At some point along the way, we are going to have to start listening to the logic of Love. And furthermore, we are going to have to start learning to live into the tension it causes in our day-to-day existence. Maybe being a faithful disciple really means coming to terms with our cognitive dissonance?

Blessings,

Morgan +



Outreach News

Volunteering is a gift that keeps on giving. Especially at the School of Greatness, a place that helps give at-risk youth a direction in life. The School of Greatness needed help, and one man stepped up.

"They have an annual play here, needed the set built, so of course I was willing to volunteer to help the children." A carpenter for 15 years, Bryan Garza put his skills to use. "I was told they had already used the set for three years," said Garza. "When it was pulled out, it was damaged from the heat and humidity. So we had to tear stuff apart and rebuild it. I want to do the right thing and help out when I can."

However he wasn't alone. "It's a lesson for me and for the children," said Garza. "Hopefully they pass along their knowledge as well some day."

"The kids are laughing, they're enjoying the moment," said Shaun Cooper, the School of Greatness Founder. "It blesses me as the Founder to see these kids being blessed." Cooper says he's forever grateful of Garza. "He's going to make an impact on the lives of these kids," said Cooper. "I would tell Bryan 'Thank You'. Thank you for your concern, thank you for your love, thank you for your compassion, thank you for your service. These are the type of people that we need in the community to make an impact on people."

Which is why this week's Gold Medal Giver is Bryan Garza. Bryan volunteered there three days a week for about an hour. Now, he's looking for a new way to give back.

St. James supported this organization through FREE for Bryan to buy the materials needed to build the stage with the kids. We donated \$200 towards this important cause.

—Karen Waguespack



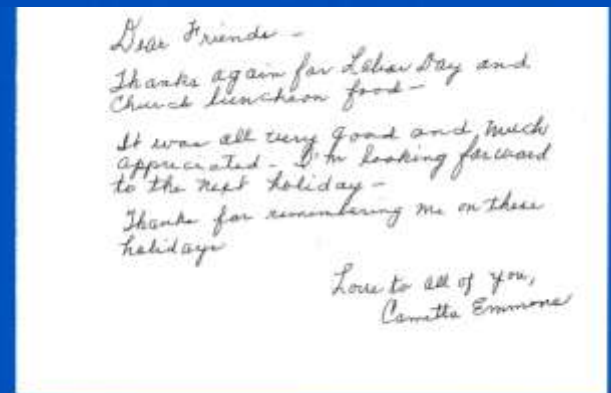
Dear St. James Episcopal Church Outreach,

We are so thankful for your support of our mission to provide assistance to those in need at our border. Regardless of one's political stand, these people arrive tired, dirty, hungry and here. Jesus was once asked, "And who is my neighbor?" and tells a parable which gives us direction and command to reach out to His children in this situation.

Thank you for extending your gifts of aid to those in need. May God bless you for doing so.

In Christ's Love,


Fr. Jim Nelson, Rector
St. John's Episcopal Church



THE GOOD STEWARDS

We send a thank-you to those who recently supported the KAIROS Ministry—either by attending the weekend event at the prison or by baking and/or packaging cookies for the inmates. Special thanks to Jana Kendrick and Lois Maberry for feeding those who gathered to bake and package cookies. The salad and pizza were a big hit—and the tomatoes came from our Community Garden. Special thanks also to Brian Whatley, Curtis Shelton, and Paul Moore who delivered the cookies when they attended the KAIROS weekend event. This ministry has been strong and active in our parish for many years—because of the commitment our St. James family members have toward helping those incarcerated in our area. Thanks for using your skills, talents, and abilities to act as good stewards toward those in need.

As the winter holidays approach some of our parishioners have begun preparing soups and stews to include in the LDI Filling in the Gaps food deliveries. We anticipate Meals on Wheels will not be providing meals on Thursday/Friday of Thanksgiving week, **Wednesday/Thursday/Friday of Christmas week, or New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.** By freezing individual serving containers of soup now, it will be easy to pull them out for use when we need them. Thanks to Lorain Thrash, James & Lisa Lewis, Janie Parker, and Patti & Brian Whatley for using their talents in this way to serve others.

Thanks to Lisa & James Lewis for stepping up and taking on the preparation of the main dish for the Loyalty Sunday luncheon. The chicken and sausage they served must have been divinely inspired. Thanks also to all those who pitched in and helped set up the Parish Hall and clean up afterward. It is truly wonderful to see how our parishioners jump in and help each other.

And to all those who supported the Trunk or Truck Sale, we extend our thanks: Chris Bienvenu, Sara Lewis, and the EYC members who sold concessions and helped with set-up and clean-up, David Scott and Ron & Lois Maberry who assisted wherever needed, the many people who contributed items for the concessions and the lunch plates, James Lewis who prepared the meat for the lunch sales, and Lisa Lewis who arranged for the BBQ pit to be available. The dozen unsold burgers were delivered to Hope House the following Monday for sharing.

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.

Lorain Thrash and Bobbye Smith are regulars and Kathy Watkins helps when we have extra work; Debbie Barnwell, Sue Bell, Tricia Windham, and Debbie Knight put in much time in the past. Kathy Deal took over providing many of the photos for the newsletter when Lorain was no longer able. She also writes some of the news items. Others have provided photos and stories: Lois Maberry, Mattie Mosley, Holly Johnson, Debbie Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Ollendike, Olivia Zepeda, Brian Whatley, Paul Moore, and Jerry Howard all come to mind. Curtis Shelton and Jerry Howard provide computer expertise. Thanks to each of these individuals for making the work of the parish office easier!



Over the years the Parish Office has benefited from the help of some fabulous and loyal folk. Right now Lorain Thrash and Bobbye Smith are regulars and Kathy Watkins helps when we have extra work; Debbie Barnwell, Sue Bell, Tricia Windham, and Debbie Knight put in much time in the past. Kathy Deal took over providing many of the photos for the newsletter when Lorain was no longer able. She also writes some of the news items. Others have provided photos and stories: Lois Maberry, Mattie Mosley, Holly Johnson, Debbie Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Ollendike, Olivia Zepeda, Brian Whatley, Paul Moore, and Jerry Howard all come to mind. Curtis Shelton and Jerry Howard provide computer expertise. Thanks to each of these individuals for making the work of the parish office easier!



KAİROS Cookie Bake Event at St. James Yields 211 Dozen Cookies



Jimmy and I arrived at the Parish Hall, Sept. 15th to the aroma of baking cookies. Dan, Kathy, Faye, and Sissy, were already in the kitchen keeping a watchful eye on the first batch of cookies. Others arrived, providing food (pizza and salad), laughter, fellowship, and helping hands, as cookies were baked and packaged for the Kairos #37 weekend, to be held at David Wade Correctional Center Sept. 18-21, 2014. Paul, Curtis and Brian will have over 200 dozen cookies to take, thanks to all who participated in this event.

~Kathy Deal



Curtis brought two huge boxes of cookies that he had baked and packaged.

HOW DO I DECIDE HOW MUCH TO COMMIT TO MY PARISH?

Pledging to the Church is a personal decision. Many Christians use the tithe as their standard for financial support, but there is no requirement regarding giving of time, talent, or treasure. If you wish to determine what percentage you have given in the past, use the proportional giving chart below. You may also use it to decide what number you wish to write on your commitment card in support of St. James and all of our ministries over the coming year.

Whatever you decide, know that the money you give to St. James is used for many things, beyond the upkeep of the buildings and grounds, utility bills, insurance, salaries, and Christian education. The money you contribute to St. James is dispersed throughout the local community to support such programs as the Renzi Education and Art Center, Hope House, Providence House, St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry, I2D, Forest Hills Elementary School, CADA, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries, and more. It also helps those in need outside of our immediate area through Episcopal Relief and Development, the Bishop's Ministry Fund, Camp Hardtner, Food for the Poor, Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the Mustard Seed Babies Home in Uganda.

Giving to the Church involves more than just money. Christians make a personal commitment that involves our time and our energy. We put forth the effort needed to actually make a difference helping others, and do so in a way that fits in with our individual talents, skills, abilities, and schedule. At St. James we ask parishioners to sign up for something regarding time and talent. Whether volunteering to provide coffee for parish events, to pick up trash on the grounds, or to change light bulbs in the buildings, each parishioner is able to do something that reduces the need for the parish to pay money for goods or services, thereby making more funds available for outreach into the community. We recognize that everyone has the ability to help. We encourage everyone to get involved. We know that together we can accomplish so much more than we can individually.

We ask that you make a solid commitment to helping St. James sustain our high degree of involvement in the success of our community. If you have not yet done so, please complete the commitment card inserted in this issue and return it to the Parish Office to aid the Budget Committee in their efforts to be good stewards of our funds as they compose a realistic budget for the coming year.

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

WHAT GIFTS DO WE EACH HAVE?

Loyalty Sunday, held September 28, brought the entire parish together for a 10am service followed by programming and a potluck luncheon in the Parish Hall. Through the miracle of the Carter Federal pit and James & Lisa Lewis, tasty chicken and sausage were provided and everyone else brought the rest. As we enjoyed our meals we worked through a quick survey that helped us identify our spiritual gifts. It also gave us insight into those gifts we may be developing, and those that are just not likely to become ours. Recognizing that each of the many gifts are represented throughout the parish may enhance our ability to work as a team to accomplish our goals.

Several parishioners shared how they have been able to use their gifts to help others, and how their efforts to act as good stewards has benefited them as well as our community. Some have entered into their ministry in an Old Testament way, certain of their inadequacy and lack of ability, but through sharing with others have realized the importance of their participation in making life better for others.

Nita Magee admonished us not to waste our gifts or talents—and reminded us that through use they become stronger and better-developed.



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal



Three SPAR vans picked up seniors from four parks; Hettie Perry, Bill Cockrell, Bilberry, and Sunset Acres, and brought them to Hollywood Heights Park where the center was hosting a Health Fair. There were also several walk-ins.

St. Luke's Medical bus provided blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol screenings to approximately 24 people. Inside the building there were displays offering information on healthy eating, and some healthy snacks.

-Kathy Deal



THE MISSION CONTINUES...

October News from the St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry


October is one of our busiest months for mobile medical clinics. The weather is great and there are lots of events to participate in. We will be at the Canaan Village Apartments in Allendale on October 7th for National Night Out, the Andrew Currie Community Center in Allendale on October 14th and the Sunset Acres Community Center on October 28th. It is also Breast Cancer Awareness month and we will be in Vivian and Rodessa on Saturday October 18th, as well as, in Ringgold on October 21st, offering clinical breast exams. And on November 1st St. Luke's will have a team at the Susan G Komen race. We are looking for walkers and runners to join our team!

Please contact Brenda Nims at 424-0156 or stlukesmedicalministry@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

NOVEMBER 2014

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<p>n Holy Eucharist w/Uncion</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Lisa Lewis</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Mike & Marty Wainwright Brandon & Allison Earl</p>	<p>22</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mary Taylor James Calhoun Bryn Ollendike</p>
<p>n Holy Eucharist w/Uncion</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Earl Stumpff</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Thanksgiving Dinner 12:30PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY Molly Wilkinson</p>	<p>29</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY James Lewis Gary Bryant</p>

	<p><i>The 21st Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p><i>November 2</i></p>	<p><i>The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p><i>November 9</i></p>
<p>LECTIONARY</p>	<p><i>Joshua 3:7-17</i> <i>Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37</i> <i>I Thessalonians 2:9-13</i> <i>Matthew 23:1-12</i></p>	<p><i>Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25</i> <i>Psalm 78: 1-7</i> <i>I Thessalonians 4:13-18</i> <i>Matthew 25:1-13</i></p>
<p>VESTRY PERSON</p>	<p>DAVE CAPOROSSI</p>	<p>LORAIN THRASH</p>
<p>EUCCHARISTIC 8:30 MINISTER 11:00</p>	<p>Lynette van Heerden Ken Murphy</p>	<p>Janie Parker Ron Maberry</p>
<p>LAY READER 11:00</p>	<p>Bert Babington</p>	<p>Lois Maberry</p>
<p>LECTORS 8:30 11:00</p>	<p>Pat Parker Karen McDonald</p>	<p>Debbie Fitzpatrick Dan Bennett</p>
<p>ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00</p>	<p>Kelly Parker Mason Garner</p>	<p>Rory Fitzpatrick Austin Shelton</p>
<p>ALTAR GUILD</p>	<p>Kelly Parker Elizabeth Ollendike</p>	<p>Lonnie Howard Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn</p>
<p>USHERS 8:30 11:00</p>	<p>Lorain Thrash Mike Kendrick Sara Lewis</p>	<p>Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor</p>
<p>MASTER OF CEREMONIES VERGER</p>	<p>Mike Endicott</p>	<p>Mike Endicott</p>

November Birthdays

Mackenzie Parker	November 3
Nick Parker	November 4
Beth Grunes	November 5
Caleb Matlock	November 8
Rachel Jacobs	November 8
Adam Johnson	November 10
Kaye Crichlow	November 11
Jessica Montelepre	November 11
Susan Laws	November 12
Chris Bienvenu	November 14
Morgan Talton	November 15
Brandt Peyton	November 16
Teresa Thrash	November 16
Matt Bryant	November 17
Dorothy Bryant	November 18
Lisa Lewis	November 21
Mary Taylor	November 22
James Calhoun	November 22
Bryn Ollendike	November 22
Matthew Maberry	November 23
Susan Perkins	November 23
Karl Stumpff	November 26
Molly Wilkinson	November 28
James Lewis	November 29
Gary Bryant	November 29

November Anniversaries

Curtis & Denise Shelton	November 5
Timothy & Debbie Fitzpatrick	November 9
Michael & Marty Wainwright	November 21
Brandon & Allison Earl	November 21

GIVE THANKS AS A FAMILY...

WITH YOUR ST. JAMES FAMILY

What do you prepare for Thanksgiving? Turkey? Ham? Sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, cake, veggie tray, fresh rolls... Instead of doing it all this year, join the St. James community for a covered dish family-style feast. Sign up to bring your favorite and taste everyone else's favorites, too. Join us for Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 27, at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Due to generous donations by parishioners and local businesses, the turkeys are already provided. (Special thanks to Matt Parker for cooking them for us). Please bring a dish to share—dressing, bread, gravy, vegetable, salad, or dessert—you decide. Make your reservations by signing up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please call Tina Caporossi (318) 683-4002. Your presence will make Thanksgiving a true celebration of all the many things we at St. James have for which to be thankful.



IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

We are asking that St. James parishioners give the Gift of Warmth when we gather for our communal Thanksgiving Day celebration. Boxes will be set up in the Parish Hall throughout the months of October and November, so anyone

who wishes to donate warm coats, hats, scarves, mittens, boots, and blankets may do so. You don't have to take part in the dinner to help another person stay warm during the cold months. Let's continue to support this ministry as faithfully as we have the last few winters!

We are also helping our EYC put together a library for Providence House by collecting books. They have a library room with empty shelves and are in need of books appropriate for all reading levels, from beginner through adult. Please leave your donations in the collection box in the Parish Hall, or contact Chris Bienvenu at chrisbienvenu@gmail.com or 337-349-3761 to arrange a pickup.



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

St. James has been blessed with families who have been loyal to the parish over several generations. We've also been blessed with those whose families are supportive of them and of our congregation, attending special functions with us, even as they enjoy regular attendance elsewhere. In celebration of all the members of St. James, here are some intergenerational photos taken recently at parish events.



Photos courtesy
Kathy Deal





Photo courtesy
Paul Moore

Amber Garner recently helped out at Cabaret Dinner Theatre during rehearsals while Mom was on stage. "She's a great understudy for us!" says Paul Moore.



Proceeds to benefit mission initiatives of the Diocese of Western Louisiana, such as the Episcopal Servant Leadership Corps.



ACCESSIBILITY PLANS CONTINUE TO PROGRESS

On September 27 the parish met in the Nave to discuss the best way to go about making the space more accessible for people with mobility issues. The Vestry presented their most current proposal, based on their research. Several parishioners offered suggestions regarding how to tweak the proposal to improve it. While not everyone shares the same opinion about the best way to go about adjusting our worship space to make it more welcoming, it was universally agreed that the cause is sound and necessary. We wish to offer space that welcomes everyone, makes all comfortable as we worship communally, and remains aesthetically pleasing. Let's continue to work together to make that happen!



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal

Quilt raffle tickets available

For a limited time through the parish office
or from a Vestry member

Drawing to be held October 17

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

ONLY \$5.00 EACH

FOR A CHANCE TO TAKE HOME THE LOVELY QUILT PICTURED ABOVE LEFT

Get your tickets soon, while supplies last!

MCALLEN, TX, OFFERS A MODEL WE CAN EMMULATE

Everybody is good at something, and the churches in McAllen, TX, are proving to be wonderful at displaying compassion, caring, warmth, and the ability to work together to share all these traits with those in need.

St. James has raised money to assist in the efforts of St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen as they join with their community in an ecumenical effort to provide assistance to the many women with children and unaccompanied children entering the country at their doorstep. The photos below show this has become a well-organized, massive effort on the part of many people, and they will continue to need support for quite a while. As Fr. Jim Nelson states in the thank-you note on page 3 of this issue, the politics surrounding the crisis will be sorted out in another venue—the churches in McAllen have recognized the needs of their neighbors and are working together to provide immediate assistance in the form of food, clothing, shelter, and medical aid.; and we can help.



Photos courtesy Trish Motheral, a parishioner at St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen, TX.





COME GET TICKLED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Christian Education program is up and running for the fall. Bring your children to St. James where they will have fun while learning about our faith!



Photos courtesy Hannah Parker, Holly Johnson, and Elizabeth Ollendike

SHARING OUR GIVING IN THE CHURCH

In the last few months I have heard comments that we sure are advertising a lot of opportunities for people to give money. I acknowledge that is true. I also hope we all realize that nobody at St. James expects all parishioners to financially support every ministry in which we are involved. Each of us should support those that speak to our hearts, that we find compelling, and for which we believe we can make a difference.

I've had people outside our parish who read our newsletter ask how we can accomplish so much, and I tell them that whenever a parishioner sees a need and brings it to the parish, others offer to help. We work together as a community, not individually. We recognize we are a family and we do what we can to help each other and support the causes that others champion.

Each of our ministries began with the interest of one person or a few people and blossomed into a greater opportunity for outreach. Our members are creative in how they go about supporting each cause, whether it is in fund-raising for a specific purpose or finding a way to meet a need.

We often enjoy working together to accomplish our tasks. For example, cookie-baking parties are a fun way to provide the many dozens of cookies needed for a KAIROS weekend event. We frequently use our ministry opportunities as a way to teach our youth; we incorporate intergenerational involvement whenever possible. Children help package foods for delivery, or they decorate the Parish Hall with icons to help us visualize what we are purchasing for projects such as Food for the Poor.

We recognize that we don't all have the financial means to fund every project, but when we each support those we can, together we can do a lot to help our neighbors, both in Southern Hills and farther away.

—Jnanne Zepeda

THIS DOVE'S FOR YOU

St. James asks you to pray for our children. On September 7, Rally Day, we set out paper doves in the Parish Hall. Each dove has the name of one of the children (through high school age) from our parish family. We ask that adults take a dove, place it on your refrigerator, and make the commitment to pray for that child daily over the next year.

To make sure we do not inadvertently leave out a child we placed some blank doves out, as well. Feel free to add the name of any child you wish to a card.

It was pleasing to note that we have many more doves than when we first began this practice, indicating a growth in our number of young members!

If you have not already done so, please look for the doves in the Parish Hall and take one home with you to add to your daily prayers.



Photo courtesy
Paul Moore

After delivering meals on wheels for Caddo Council on Aging twice a week for over two years, Paul Moore finally retired from the route. The Downtown Shreveport Lions Club continues to deliver meals on wheels each week as part of their community projects. Last year Paul delivered over 700 meals for his Lions Club.

On October 31

St. James will host

TRUNK OR TREAT

for the children of the neighborhood.

From 6:30pm-8pm we pull our cars into the parking lot with trunks full of Halloween decorations and treats for the children. Bring your costumed children for a safe and fun trick or treat event!

We will also have free carnival games just for fun. Bring the family and enjoy the evening with us!

If you plan to decorate your trunk and treat the kids, please sign up in advance so we can prepare the space.

The 20's & 30's Group is organizing this event.

Contact the parish office at 686-1261
to get your trunk on the list!

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY...

A favorite hymn from my childhood, Take Time to be Holy, instructs us to, “speak oft with the Lord. Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. In joy or in sorrow, help those who are weak, and looking to Jesus, his blessing do seek.” At least that’s what I remember of the song. Decades after I first learned that song, the words still speak to me, even if I don’t recall them in the exact order in which they were published. (See the full lyrics below)

To me the words ask Christians to strive to be holy, not holier-than-thou. They encourage us to pray regularly, in personal and silent communion with Christ as a way to increase our faith, to help others, sharing the good times and the bad, and while doing all these things to attempt to do so in a manner that pleases God.

Wow—that’s an awful lot for just one verse of an old hymn (as convoluted as that verse may be)! But it is not an unreasonable suggestion. The words do not ask us to be perfect, but to strive toward holiness. They instruct us to meditate and pray, to ask help in assisting others.

I find the words to this song to be very welcoming, inviting Christians to get to know our neighbors by offering them friendship and asking our Lord for advice and assistance along the way. Even when I look back at the lyrics as an adult instead of just engaging my garbled childhood memories, I believe this song (written and published in 1882 by an Anglican layman, William Longstaff, and set to music by George Stebbins in 1890), while not in The Hymnal 1982, is very Episcopal in nature.

This song encourages us to remember that God welcomes us all, and as part of The Episcopal Church, we welcome you.

—Jnanne Zepeda

Take Time to be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide
in him always, and feed on his word.

**Make friends of God’s children, help those who are
weak; forgetting in nothing, his blessing to seek.**

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend
much time in secret with Jesus alone.

By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy
friends in thy conduct, his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide, and run
not before Him, whatever betide.

In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and looking to
Jesus, still trust in his word.

New St James Webpage

We have a new church Webpage! Switching back to our old Web Host allowed us to not only redesign our pages with more attractive layouts, making it easier to manage, it also allowed us to save several hundred dollars a year. Our primary objectives are to gain the interest of newcomers and provide a quick source for our parishioners to gain church information. A majority of all information is also available through your mobile phones.

I would like your feedback and suggestions. Under the “Contact” menu option, we have a “Blog” section to allow you to provide your input. Or if you prefer, email me your comments.

—Jerry Howard

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: November 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 COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP

As they prepare for next spring, the Garden Committee will need newspapers, bags of leaves, and bags of pine straw—and are requesting your help. Donations of these items will be much appreciated. Place the bagged and tied leaves and pine straw (separated) along the fence between the garden and the playground. Place the newspapers in the designated box in the Parish Hall. If you would like to participate in preparing the new beds, contact Jana Kendrick or Pat Parker for information regarding the time and date and whether you need to bring any supplies (like gloves, rakes, hoes, etc).



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THE ECW ASKS YOU TO JOIN THEM

NOVEMBER 2, 2014

2-5pm

FOR YUMMY TREATS FROM THE NEW COOKBOOK!

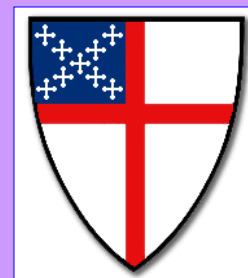
A TASTE OF ST. JAMES

TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL

Spend a relaxing afternoon sampling many of the recipes from the latest St. James cookbook. Tables will be set up with many of the parish cooks showcasing some of their specialties.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward enhancing the appearance of the Parish Hall.

\$15 per copy
Great as gifts!



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.