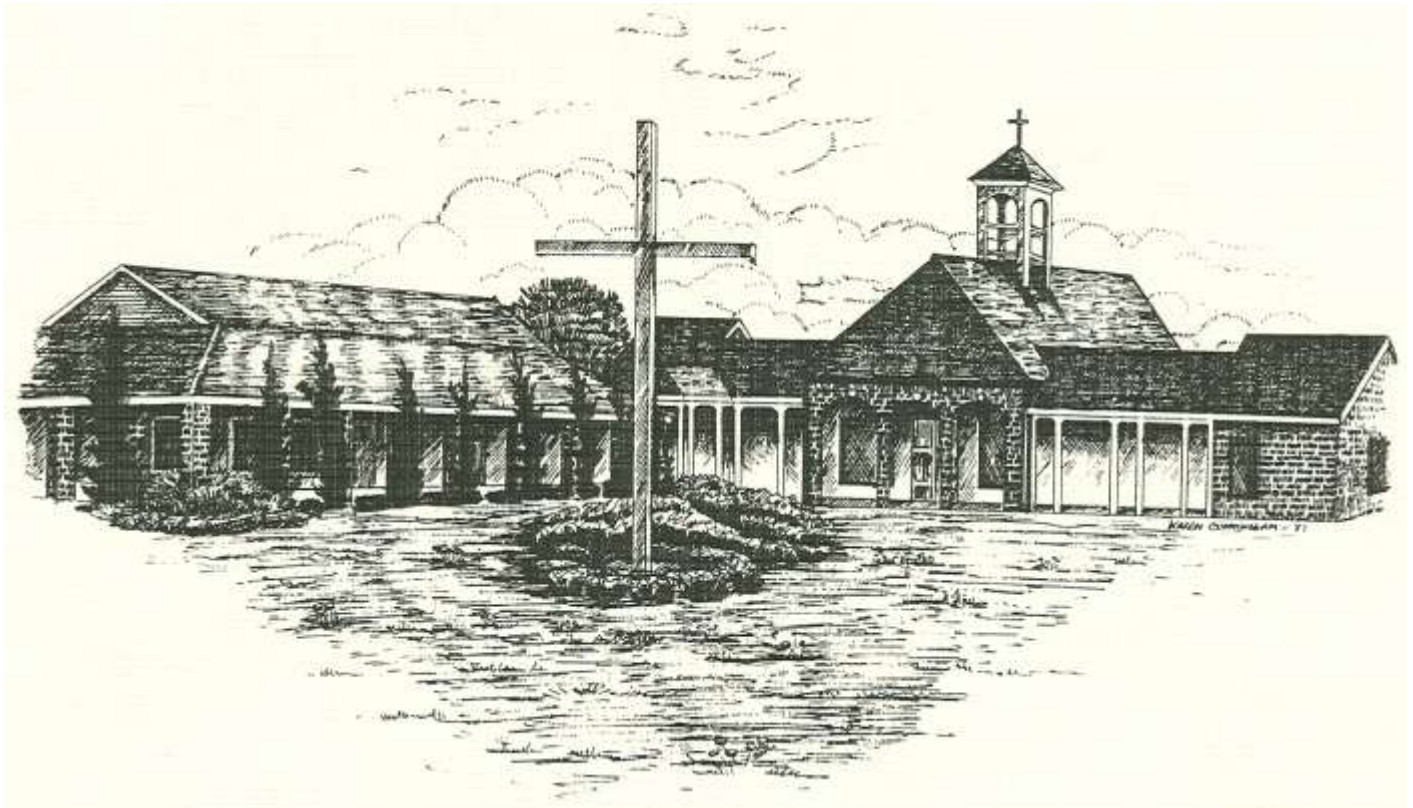


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Annual Report 2013

Presented at the Annual Meeting
January 26, 2014

2013 Senior Warden Report

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” Acts 20:24.

Growth of St. James during 2013 cannot adequately be measured by the number of people sitting in the pews. Members of St. James were not sedentary group this year, but were agents of action for Christ, sharing His love in countless ways. To comprehend the growth that took place during 2013 one must consider the comprehensive manner in which the church fulfilled its mission to bring Christ to the world through a ministry of service to others. Stated succinctly, throughout 2013 St. James was a powerful testament of God’s grace.

The church’s members ministered to the needs of its community and beyond in numerous ways. Examples include the continuing involvement of members in the St. Luke’s Medical Ministry and Kairos, the first-time gift of backpacks to Forest Hill Elementary children, the back-breaking work in the community garden, and the courageous efforts of the ladies who walked in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure Walk.

St. James supported many other worthy causes and activities: Destination Imagination, Cursillo, Box Tops for Education, Catholic Charities, The Firecracker 5K, Episcopal Relief and Development, The Fuller Center for Housing, Heart of Hope, Meals on Wheels, Mustard Seed Babies, Oklahoma hurricane victims, Relay for Life, and the Philadelphia Center, just to name a few. Individuals organized the community Halloween event—Trunk or Treat, went on a mission trip to Africa, ministered at Summerfield Estates, participated in Vacation Bible School, delivered Thanksgiving meals, bought and delivered Christmas gifts to the needy, and participated in the Purchased-Not for Sale ministry.

I have been honored and blessed to serve as Senior Warden this past year. Obviously, I have been so blessed to work with and become much better acquainted with Morgan and many of you. I am confident that we will all continue to be blessed in service to others in Christ’s love throughout 2014.

—Curtis Shelton



2013 Junior Warden Report

2013 has been a blessed year with lots accomplished for St. James. Based on the fact that the job of Junior Warden is considered the plant manager job for St. James, the choice of who to elect was a questionable one. Many of the needed jobs were accomplished by multiple people who contributed their talent and that is appreciated. We are blessed with people in this parish that not only know how to fix, redo and remodel things, they do it often without being asked; they respond because they see a problem that needs to be fixed. Some of the major improvements are that all of our bathrooms are now with taller commodes and the ladies bathroom in the parish hall is accessible for those with various mobility needs. The Garrett-Hall building has continued to have major renovation and improvements, including but not limited to new flooring, beautiful wall murals, improved storage, and it is scheduled to have phone service and insulation soon. Improvements in the grounds have been seen with Garden Fairies busy when the weather is pleasant and the weeds are less and the flowers are more.



Other projects are on a new list that is reviewed at each Vestry meeting and have assigned time-lines and priorities. This plan will allow partially completed projects to be passed on from year to year until they are completed. If you have an idea for something, talk with a vestry person about helping that project along its way.

As Junior Warden I have also worked in conjunction with the Outreach Committee to see that St. James becomes a people-project congregation. There are many tasks for St. James as the Church outside our walls.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Junior Warden; you have all worked at tasks to make this job an easy one. We are a blessed parish.

—Lois Maberry

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

2013 Annual Report

The St. Monnica Chapter of the Daughters of the King has been active at St. James Episcopal Church, Shreveport, since the 1990s.

It is a religious order of women dedicated to spiritual discipline (daily prayer and service to others). We have individuals who help with the "Meals on Wheels" program, take communion to shut-ins and/or meals to the sick, and pray constantly for the growth of God's church. We are not special, just trying to do as Jesus told us to do.



If you feel you could help us, please, join us. We have two new members to be installed in March. We would love to add your name to our group.

—Mona Freeman
president



St. James Choristers 2013

The choristers of St. James have had a year full of learning new anthems, supporting our worship services and enjoying our newest tenor, Chris Bienvenue. Paul Moore is especially thankful to have more support for the tenor section.

We are grateful to Conrad Soderstrom from St. John's, Minden, who opened the doors of St. John's to us, and helped us to get our Lenten and Eastern music polished for St. James.

It has been a busy and fruitful year for the choir and we finished out our year by joining together at Jim and Kathy Calhoun's for our annual Christmas choir party. Edwin Johnson was able to join us and added much to the festivities and it is hopeful we will be adding another tenor in the new year.

As always, the choir is so grateful to our Praise team for their loyalty and talent and hopefully in the coming months the church will get to hear Dale Shelton's talents, as he adds to our worship experiences.

The Choir is using the vesting area as a rehearsal space, and this has helped greatly with our practices.

As always the Choir is very grateful to the Praise Team for their work and contributions to our worship experience throughout the year.

—Kaye Crichlow
Organist/Choir Mistress



Memorial Committee 2012

This committee was formed years ago when the present church building was being constructed. Most of the furnishings, including pews and the altar rail, were purchased by this committee and its funds.

In the early 2000's this committee elected to move its funds into a separate account, taking the donations out of the general operating fund of the church. When donations and monetary gifts are received into the general operating fund, the accountant issues a check to the memorial fund.

Besides the church furnishings this committee has purchased parts of the current organ and the organ plaque, the windows in the columbarium and the designation plaque, the bench in the columbarium, prayer books, the benches used by the acolytes and Eucharistic ministers, a new Gospel book, pew candles, altar vases, candle holders and a Paschal candle. Recently, new altar linens were added to this list.

The memorial committee would like to remind everyone donations are accepted at any time and can be for birthdays, anniversaries, in honor of, as well as, in memory of special people and times in your life.

—St James Memorial Committee



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. JAMES ANNUAL REPORT 2013

As usual, this past year of 2013 has seen a full schedule of projects for the ECW of St. James, and we are delighted to welcome Tina Vinson as our new president for 2013-2014. The other officers will remain in place: Mattie Mosley, secretary; and Kathy Watkins and Jana Kendrick as treasurers.

2013 began with our annual Mardi Gras Ball held in the Parish Hall on January 12 from 7-11. The ECW set up and decorated for the event on January 9. After expenses, the ECW made \$400.00 for the event. Mattie Mosley and Kathy Watkins coordinated the event.

On February 27 during Lent, the ECW again hosted and provided food for the annual Southern Hills Ecumenical Service and Luncheon which was well attended by over 100 participants. Our famous homemade vegetable soup, sandwiches and cookies were enjoyed by all.

On May 10 and 11, 2013, a group of our women participated in a retreat held at Five Points Lodge in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Our first official business meeting of the year was held on September 1, 2013 on Sunday morning in the Parish Hall. Seventeen women were present, which was a good number, so it was decided to continue meeting at this time on the first Sunday of the month. The only problem is that choir members cannot attend, but we hope they will still give input. Tina Vinson was elected President by acclamation. Several suggestions were made for fund raising activities for the future. Tina volunteered to take over the leadership of the Mardi Gras ball to be held January 25, 2014.

The ECW continued meeting in October, November and December of 2013 with good attendance. Some of the topics of discussion and expenditure included the purchase of two new large skillets for the kitchen and the purchase of blinds for the Garrett-Hall Building. Mattie Mosley suggested the ECW pay for fruit baskets to be delivered to the elderly/ ill St. James parishioners for Christmas. Other projects in which ECW members were involved included the "Truck or Trunk" flea market held on Oct. 5 and the "Trunk or Treat" on Halloween. Tina Vinson has made a display for the Parish Hall which reflects ECW projects.

The ECW also hosted the St. James Advent/Christmas party held in the Parish Hall on December 15. The women provided delicious refreshments of soup, sandwiches and cookies. Tina coordinated the "Crazy Christmas Sweater" contest which was a hit! St. Nicholas came to the party and there were crafts for the children, a Christmas sing-along, and the Cajun Night before Christmas read by our favorite Cajun. Attendance was great. Mattie and Tommy Mosley, with the assistance of Lynette van Heerden, delivered 11 fruit baskets after the party to elderly/ ill parishioners which were very much appreciated by the recipients.

Our ECW treasury balance stands at: \$1242.17.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Jacks Mosley



Praise and Worship Team Annual Report 2013

We play to worship our Lord and Savior, no other recognition is necessary. Thank- you to all that play and sing with us on the third Sunday each month and at special services. It remains our pleasure and honor to play for the worship of our Lord,

—Lisa Lewis

2013 Youth Sunday School Report



St. James youth Sunday school program has had a great year! This year, we added two new teachers, Holly Johnson and Chris Bienvenu. Holly has dedicated her Sundays to the lower Elementary and pre-K children of St. James, while Chris has devoted his time to the middle school and high school youth! We routinely had 5-7 children in attendance ranging from 2 years of age to high school. At times, we had as many as 11 to 12 children attend and eager to learn about Jesus Christ.

The Spark curriculum was used throughout 2013 focusing on the Gospel readings that coincided with

that Sunday's lesson, specifically that chapter of Luke. The children have enjoyed learning about the gospel and listening to the sermons, making the connection to their Sunday School lessons.

The 2013 year was ended with a pageant of the birth of Jesus Christ. The children spent several weeks preparing and learning about our Savior's birth, followed by several practices. A special thanks to Holly Johnson for making the pageant a success! The children enjoyed learning the true meaning of CHRISTmas.

Youth Sunday school would not be possible without the dedication of the children and the parents/grandparents. We feel honored that you allow us to teach your children about Christ and that they continue to ask to participate each Sunday. These children are creative, energetic, imaginative and full of life. Without them, and their curiosity, Sunday school 2013 would not have been possible. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Ollendike



Sunday School Schedule Spring 2014

February 2 – Church Breakfast No Sunday School
February 9 – Sunday School @ 9:30
February 16 - Sunday School @ 9:30
February 23 - Sunday School @ 9:30

March 2 – Church Breakfast No Sunday School
March 9 - Sunday School @ 9:30
March 16 - Sunday School @ 9:30
March 23 – Cruise -No Sunday School
March 30 – Sunday School @ 9:30

April 6 – Church Breakfast – No Sunday School
April 13 – Sunday School/Palm Sunday @ 9:30
April 20 – Easter No Sunday School
April 27 - Sunday School @ 9:30

May 4 – Church Breakfast / Youth Sunday



ADULT FORUM 2013 Annual Report

Adult Forum this past year has generated a lot of good fellowship and discussion. This past semester we've spent hearing from several different non-profit organizations in our community: Renzi Center, CADA, Purchased, and Shreveport Green. After each talk, we committed as a parish to help support them by having drives to collect needed items. We also spent time learning about some of our favorite Christmas hymns from Kaye, talking about how we can use social media as a tool for evangelism, and then rounded out the year spending time delving into the Advent Conspiracy which helped us re-orient our focus heading into the Christmas season. This next semester we will keep the good mojo going, so don't forget to hang around after the 8:30 service or come early for 11 and spend some extra time growing in faith with your brothers and sisters at St. James!

Morgan+





EYC Annual Report 2013

2013 was a busy year for the EYC. Throughout the spring, the EYC worked diligently on their room in Garrett Hall. It is now complete and very colorful



with a sea green, teal and orange palette. This fall they began using their newly decorated room for youth Sunday school with their new teacher, Chris Bienvenu.

On Maundy Thursday, the youth held their annual Lent Lock-in. They made beautiful centerpieces to decorate the tables for our Easter brunch, stuffed a ton of eggs for the Easter egg hunt, walked the Stations of the Cross, took turns sitting vigil, watched movies and even held a Compline service in the children's chapel; A very full night, but a great tradition.

May, June and July brought fundraising: breakfast and lunch cooked and cars washed. The youth took their well-earned dough and planned a trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas. The youth spent two days and two nights at Five Points Lodge on Hamilton Lake. There was plenty of fun on the lake, lots of good food and great fellowship. Our group of 9 youth, 1 toddler, and 12 adults had a fabulous time.

This fall the youth embarked on a larger fundraising project to support the Sleepout 4 Independence event. The St. James EYC along with four other churches from the Shreveport Convocation, raised funds and participated in the event at Independence Stadium on November 16th. Our group was the smallest from the convocation, but they made St. James proud.



All in all it was a very busy and productive year for our small, but mighty group. I am always amazed at the things they are able to accomplish.

Sincerely,
Debbie Fitzpatrick



St. James Statistical Summary 2013

Number of Communicant Families 110
Active Baptized Communicants 137

Holy Eucharist Services
 Sundays 98
 Wednesdays 54
 Home, hospital, nursing centers 70

Other Services
 Marriages 1
 Burials, Memoriams 3
 Special Services (Home Blessings,
 Animal blessings, Parish
 Hall functions, Prayer Shawls,
 Crosses, Prayer Books, others) 6

Baptisms
 Adult 0
 Children 5

Confirmations, Receptions, Reaffirmations
 Adult 2
 Children 1

Attendance

	2013	(2012)	(2011)	(2010)	(2009)	(2008)	(2007)
Sunday Eucharist (average)	70	80	78	89	80	84	90
Wednesday Eucharist (average)	8	5	10	16	8	7	9
Epiphany (January)	87	68	66	65	77	88	84
Ash Wednesday	58	59	56	62	67	76	67
1st Sunday in Lent	95	83	80	82	77	99	108
Holy Week Services	193	198	353	228	132	100	125
Easter	144	148	147	198	165	174	180
Ascension (on Thursdays)	—	—	—	—	—	20	4
Pentecost Sunday	84	77	66	95	100	79	99
Trinity Sunday	66	53	54	68	80	85	83
All Saints'	42	78	145	117	75	84	82
1st Sunday in Advent	98	98	100	97	62	75	98
Christmas	155	163	145	143	97	148	162



NURSERY NOTES 2013

Many thanks to:
 ---Hannah Parker and Rory Fitzpatrick (and his mom) for taking the "Safeguarding God's Children" course and subbing when I cannot be at church;
 ---Amber Garner and Kendall Parker for helping when I am at church;
 ---those who help increase nursery members (Morgan & Angus, and looking forward to Jarrod & Catherine's new Loren Gayle in the nursery!)
 ---the parents who entrust their precious little ones to me on Sunday mornings.

Respectfully submitted,
 —Rhonda Robertson



2013 Altar Guild Report

The Altar is considered the most sacred part of the Church. Before it, we are baptized, confirmed, married, and buried. Around it, we gather to worship and offer God love, praise, and thanks. It is central to the celebration of our faith, the celebration of Holy Communion. The preparation and care of the Lord's table is a privilege and an honor, an offering of time and service of love. The work is done quietly and inconspicuously and brings a special closeness to God. Members of the Altar Guild recognize that their ministry is special, and offer their service with love and devotion to the Lord.

St. James currently has four Altar Guild teams. Each team serves for a two week period and is responsible for altar preparations for all services during that time. Responsibilities are shared so that all team members

do not have to be at every service. Each team develops their own system of sharing responsibilities.

Altar "cleaning" is scheduled on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Silver and brass items are polished and supplies are inventoried. Occasionally this is changed due to special holiday preparations.

Admission into S. James' Altar Guild is open to all members of the church and training can be provided at any time—love of the Lord and reverence for His table are the only requirements.

—Kelly Parker

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D
Debbie Fitzpatrick	Linda Endicott	Elizabeth Ollendike	Lonnie Howard
Holly Johnson	Janie Parker	Kelly Parker	Kathy Watkins
			Faye Wynn

Most gracious Father who has called me Your child to serve in the preparation of Your altar, so that it may be a suitable place for the offering of Your body and blood; Sanctify my life and consecrate my hands so that I may worthily handle those Sacred Gifts which are being offered to You. As I handle holy things, grant that my whole life may be illuminated and blessed by You, in whose honor I prepare them, and grant that the people who shall be blessed by their use, may find their lives drawn closer to Him whose Body and Blood is our hope and our strength, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The National Altar Guild Association Prayer





2013 ALTAR PARTY REPORT

St. James has a small group of dedicated folks who serve at the altar each week. We would like to increase in number and need your help. Anyone who is interested in learning to acolyte, please notify Mike Endicott. You may also contact the parish office or Morgan MacIntire. Training will be scheduled on an as-needed basis to accommodate the schedules of those who wish to serve.

Training for Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers is completed through the diocese and service requires a license. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming licensed. Morgan will be happy to work with you to complete the process. Lectors do not require licenses, so if you wish to lead the readings on Sunday mornings, please step up and volunteer. We would love to have you join our ranks.

—Mike Endicott

GREETER'S MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Greeter's Ministry at St. James was begun in the fall of 2006 and has been in full swing since that time as a part of our Spiritual Generosity Program. Our greeters speak to new people as they enter the church and again when the service is concluded. We ask them to sign our guest book, direct them to different areas of our church and ask them to stay for coffee in the Parish Hall. We always add: "Please come back to see us!"

Greeter gift bags are given to new people and/or visitors. They include a St. James coffee mug, a "Welcome to St. James" brochure which tells them about our church, including a map and service times, a current newsletter, and candy. Our rector, Morgan MacIntire, follows up with a personal letter to the visitor.

The following individuals have served as greeters this past year:

Early service: Debbie Barnwell, Susan Bryant, Mona Freeman, Marjorie Martin, Pat Parker, Lynette Van Heerden.

Late Service: Mike Kendrick, Debbie Knight, Mattie Mosley, Yoshie Shane, Kathy Watkins. Denise Shelton has joined the Greeter's Ministry this fall and we are delighted to have her!

Debbie Barnwell and Mattie Mosley prepare the "Greeter Bags" and Lorain Thrash makes the beautiful covers for us. Mattie Mosley also maintains the "Visitor" cards and pencils in the pews. The greeters wear red and gold badges with the Episcopal shield and the greeter name on them so newcomers can easily identify them.



Thanks to all of the parishioners named above who do such a great job of welcoming visitors and new people to our church. For all of us it is a rewarding experience and seems to be much appreciated by our visitors.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Mosley



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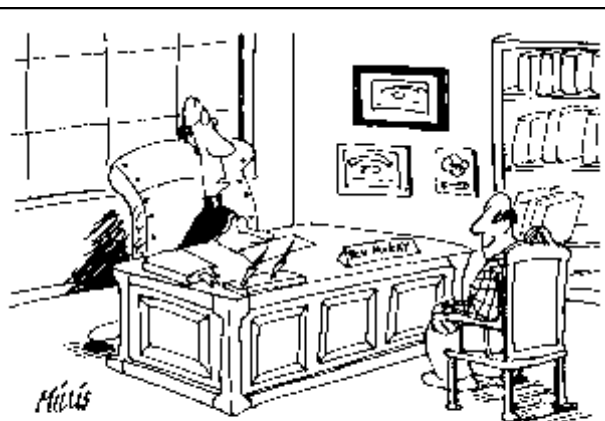
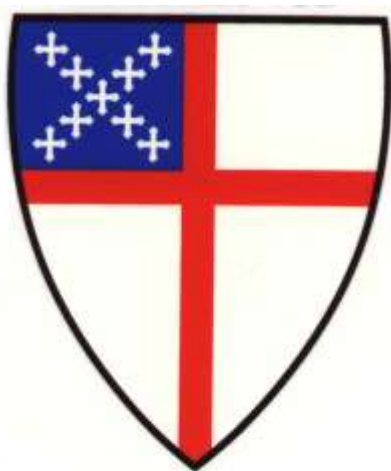
St. James Episcopal Church Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2013

	Dec 31, 13	Dec 31, 12
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash & Checking		
Capital One - General Fund	16,540.47	7,906.69
Total Cash & Checking	16,540.47	7,906.69
Certificates of Deposit		
CD - Hibernia Savings	4,840.61	24,819.71
Capital One MMDA	0.33	6,596.71
Edward Jones	145.86	145.86
Total Certificates of Deposit	4,986.80	31,562.28
Reserve Funds		
Building Fund Reserve	13,241.32	14,431.32
EYC Fund	929.26	1,217.86
Garrett Hall	1,985.63	2,819.02
Mission Fund	21.76	2,177.72
Special Projects Reserve	26.46	26.46
Total Reserve Funds	16,204.43	20,672.38
Total Checking/Savings	37,731.70	60,141.35
Total Current Assets	37,731.70	60,141.35
Fixed Assets		
Audio Video Equipment	1,015.93	882.87
Capitalized Building Repairs	9,607.02	5,812.02
Columbarium	5,870.00	0.00
Electronic Sign	13,456.63	13,456.63
HVAC Systems	23,393.00	23,393.00
Security System	3,221.00	3,146.00
Total Fixed Assets	56,563.58	46,690.52
Endowment Funds:		
Don Rupert Memorial Trust Fund	149,977.60	128,989.47
The Jacks-Mosley Endowment	165,601.76	142,765.80
Wellington Fund	88,930.11	74,283.50
Total Other Assets	404,509.47	346,038.77
TOTAL ASSETS	498,804.75	452,870.64
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Total Payroll Liabilities	299.71	1,317.82
Total Other Current Liabilities	299.71	1,317.82
Total Current Liabilities	299.71	1,317.82
Total Liabilities	299.71	1,317.82
Equity		
Retained Earnings	449,977.97	421,686.82
Net Income	48,527.07	29,866.00
Total Equity	498,505.04	451,552.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	498,804.75	452,870.64



"The love of money is the root of all evil?"
Is that the whole Treasurer's Report?"

FINANCIAL REPORT 2013



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St. James Episcopal Church Receipts & Disbursements January through December 2013

	Jan - Dec 13	Jan - Dec 12	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Pledge Receipts	122,639.00	124,297.18	-1,658.18
Receipts - Nonpledging	44,786.00	34,761.50	10,024.50
Plate Receipts	5,575.26	3,637.20	1,938.06
Total Income	173,000.26	162,695.88	10,304.38
Expense			
Accounting	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions	25,827.97	28,102.21	-2,274.24
Dues and Subscriptions	773.95	767.40	6.55
Equipment Rental	521.50	525.37	-3.87
Insurance	15,590.00	13,631.00	1,959.00
Licenses and Permits	25.00	25.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	3,021.06	2,128.23	892.83
Nursery	225.00	35.77	189.23
Postage and Delivery	1,407.72	862.15	545.57
Repairs and Maintenance	8,424.37	8,913.61	-489.24
Security	298.33	0.00	298.33
Telephone	2,999.97	2,623.89	376.08
Travel & Ent	293.80	0.00	293.80
Utilities	11,063.75	10,497.59	566.16
Rector Expense	67,385.82	57,081.29	10,314.53
Payroll Expense - Adm.	35,890.70	35,301.15	579.55
Contract Labor	250.00	375.00	-125.00
Program Expense	1,869.12	1,845.57	23.55
Supplies	12,463.58	9,455.35	3,008.23
Expenses - Other	60.77	0.00	60.77
Web Page	750.00	0.00	750.00
Total Expense	191,542.41	174,570.58	16,971.83
Net Ordinary Income	-18,542.15	-11,874.70	-6,667.45
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Building Rentals	155.00	60.00	95.00
Don Rupert Memorial Fund	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Unrealized Gain/Loss - Jacks	22,835.96	10,325.17	12,510.79
Unrealized Gain/Loss - Rupert	16,286.40	9,447.30	6,839.10
Unrealized Gain/Loss - Wellingt	11,932.37	4,245.01	7,687.36
Building Fund	4,680.00	4,716.00	-36.00
Discretionary Fund	382.00	370.00	12.00
Dividends - Rupert Trust Fund	4,701.73	3,532.01	1,169.72
Dividends - Wellington Fund	2,714.24	2,792.61	-78.37
Equipment Fund Receipts	0.00	2,182.34	-2,182.34
Miscellaneous Income	3,690.08	5,882.04	-2,191.96
Designated Funds	-330.66	-2,052.11	1,721.45
Interest Income	22.10	40.33	-18.23
Total Other Income	67,069.22	41,740.70	25,328.52
Net Other Income	67,069.22	41,740.70	25,328.52
Net Income	48,527.07	29,866.00	18,661.07

2014 BUDGET

2014 Budget Worksheet as of 01/16/2014

St. James Episcopal Church Budget

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St. James Episcopal Church Budget

	Budget 2014	
6400 - Gas and Electric - Church	8,000.00	4.54%
6401 - Gas & Electric - Garrett Hall	2,000.00	1.13%
6410 - Water	900.00	0.51%
Total 6390 - Utilities	10,900.00	6.18%
6500 - Rector Expense		
6561 - Rector's Salary Expense	30,000.00	17.02%
6564 - Rector's Housing Allowance	20,400.00	11.57%
6185 - Rector's Health Insurance	3,576.00	2.03%
6566 - Rector's Self Emp. Tax	3,490.20	1.98%
6505 - Rector's Pension	9,700.24	5.50%
Rector's Life Insurance	360.00	0.20%
6510 - Rector's Continuing Ed	1,000.00	0.57%
6380 - Rector's Travel & Auto	520.00	0.29%
6515 - Rector's Cell Phone	720.00	0.41%
Rector's Compensation	69,766.44	39.57%
6271 - Visiting Professionals - Rector	700.00	0.40%
6560 - Payroll Expense - Adm.		
Health Insurance	7,012.56	3.98%
6562 - Salaries & Wages - Adm.	26,450.52	15.00%
6563 - Payroll Taxes - Adm.	2,023.46	1.15%
Admin Retirement Plan	1,026.66	0.58%
xxxx - Mileage Reimbursement	260.00	0.15%
Total 6560 - Payroll Expense - Adm.	36,773.20	20.86%
Contract Labor	250.00	0.14%
6670 - Program Expense		
6672 - Christian Education	1,200.00	0.68%
6672 - Convention Travel Expense	845.00	0.48%
6673 - Registrations/Fees	0.00	0.00%
Total 6670 - Program Expense	2,045.00	1.16%
6770 - Supplies		
6780 - Kitchen/Building Supply	1,800.00	1.02%
6785 - Office Supplies	8,800.00	4.99%
Web Page	700.00	0.40%
Total 6770 - Supplies	11,300.00	6.41%
6990 - Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00%
Total Expenses	190,732.64	
Net Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	-14,432.64	

- 4071 - Pledge Receipts to date
- 4073 - Non-Pledge Receipts
- 4072 - Plate Receipts
- 4051 - Discretionary Fund

Total Receipts

Expenses

Accounting

- 6120 - Bank Service Charges
- 6140 - Contributions

6141 - Diocesan Asking

- 6245 - Discretionary Fund Exp
- 6671 - Mission Outreach
- Seminary Contribution
- Community Garden

Total 6140 - Contributions

6160 - Dues and Subscriptions

6170 - Equipment Rental

6180 - Insurance

- 6181 - Liability Insurance
- 6183 - Property & Liability Insurance
- 6184 - Workman's Comp

Total 6180 - Insurance

6240 - Miscellaneous

- 6241 - Advertising
- 6242 - Altar Guild Exp
- 6244 - Choir Supply
- 6246 - EYC - Director & Supplies
- Nursery
- 6250 - Flower Fund
- 6251 - Receptions

Total 6240 - Miscellaneous

License & Permits

6260 - Postage and Delivery

6265 - Printing and Reproduction

6300 - Repairs and Maintenance

- 6301 - Sexton Expense
- 6305 - Maintain Grounds
- 6310 - Building Repairs
- 6330 - Equipment Repairs

Total 6300 - Repairs and Maintenance

Security

6340 - Telephone

Travel

6390 - Utilities

2012 Legacy Committee

The Legacy Committee has the responsibility to oversee donated funds to St. James for future church use.



The three funds are:

	December 2011	December 2012	December 2013
ING Annuity	\$132,408.56	\$144,216.97	\$165,601.76
Vanguard Portfolio	\$115,810.16	\$134,783.35	\$179,731.64
Wellington Fund	\$ 52,245.88	\$ 68,489.62	\$ 59,176.07

The committee invites parishioners to think of donating to St. James when working on their personal portfolios.

Pat Parker

Eucharistic Visitors

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Trained by the rector or by me and licensed by the bishop, we lay ministers must periodically renew our licenses. The pre-consecrated Holy Eucharist is distributed by private communion to those either acutely or chronically ill at home, in hospitals, or in nursing homes.



During the past year of 2013, Private Home Communion were given as needed and requested.

Also, last year picture ID name tags were provided by our Church for our use and they are greatly appreciated.

Those active in this ministry are a dedicated few who continually inspire me:

Debbie Barnwell
Mona Freeman
Betty Langhorst

Nita Magee
Bill Thrash
Roger (& Molly) Wilkinson

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Thrash

*If you would like to serve God, your church, and fellow Christians in this way, please contact the parish office or me.

The 20's & 30's Group

Annual Report for 2013

The St. James' 20/30's group started the year off this year with a fun couples game night held at the home of the MacIntire's in February! A lot of fun was had and I think the ladies surely won, right? Don't they always!!!

The group then kicked off the summer with nothing else than a good ole' backyard cookout! It was a great time to get together and enjoy the great weather with wonderful friends. Shortly after this event, a certain special couple of the group added a sweet little boy to their family! We couldn't have been more excited and thankful for the sweet MacIntire addition to St. James.

At the end of the summer, we had an impromptu celebratory get together at the home of the Ocmand's. We got to celebrate the end of a 4 month chemo regimen for Kelly Parker and the beginning of an exciting road to recovery as she BEAT breast cancer! We could not have been more proud of our courageous friend and really enjoyed celebrating her accomplishment and achievement!

Our next meeting was a repeat, and now annual tradition, fun night out at the Red River Revel in October.

Christmas was celebrated with another growing tradition with tacky sweaters and white elephant gift exchange. We could think of a better way to celebrate our Lord's birth with wonderful friends.

As the new year is upon us, we look forward to more fun times together, more babies being born among us, and especially, more memories made. We would like to have more join us. If you are interested, please contact Holly Johnson (hjohnson0821@yahoo.com or [318.347.1307](tel:318.347.1307)).

—Holly Johnson



Audio/Visual Committee Report for 2013

Over 2013, we have been making a few improvements using technology at St James. Our goal **has been 1) to enhance the congregation's experiences at St. James by better utilizing your senses** (other than taste and smell) to enjoy services, get-togethers, presentations and more and **2) find better ways to get the word out to others of what a wonderful church we have for them to join in the experience.**

The electronic sign is still providing the neighborhood with an insight as to what is happening at St. James. An attempt is always being made to let them know what we are doing and extending an invitation for them to join us.

In the sanctuary, we are still recording Sermons every Sunday available on the Web Site, www.stjames-shreveport.org for your listening. Not only are these sermons for your enjoyment, but our hopes are that non-parishioners are getting to experience the wonderful job Morgan does in spreading the Word. The website also offers information about our parish—service times, an electronic copy of the newsletter, and information about upcoming events.

We are still offering a peek at our service over the internet. It is intended to give you a sense of comfort when you are at home sick or have been unable to make it to church. Until there is more of an interest for complete video monitoring, it currently offers a 5 minute window of our service that can be renewed. Contact one of us for more details.

In our parish hall, we are utilizing an overhead projector to allow everyone in the room to enjoy **viewing of presentations, DVD's, VCR, Comcast TV, and internet access for your personal computer or smart phone.** We also have a PA system installed to allow everyone to hear over a crowd. An instruction sheet has been prepared to allow you to use devices at your convenience, **located in the equipment ("Wizard") room.**

In Garrett Hall, we have been successful in establishing high speed internet services. There is **a wireless router name "Garrett Hall" and the password is again our telephone number 3186861261.** **We may have trouble obtaining a telephone utilizing Ethernet but "Hey, everyone has a cell phone".** We are now looking into Security cameras.

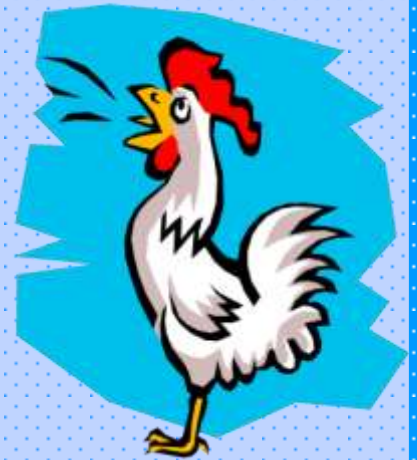


Finally, we hope you take advantage of our available technology **and don't hesitate to contact us for any help or to simply convey** to us any needs or interesting ideas that we should consider. If you have any interest in learning more about technology or joining this committee, get in contact with us.

Your Audio/Visual Committee
Jerry Howard, Curtis Shelton, Jana Kendrick & Holly Johnson

Cursillo: A look into the History and Meaning of the Weekend Retreat

Cursillo, (pronounced: coor-SEE-oh) a Spanish word meaning "a short course", is a movement within the Church intended to help Christians know God's love and grace and to help Christians discover and live out their personal vocations in the world. Cursillo helps to renew and deepen Christian commitment. Some say Cursillo provides an important learning experience which causes many to feel like newly-made Christians with a purpose and **with support. Everyone's experience is a little different.**



When you ask a Cursillista about Cursillo and they won't tell you about the weekend, it is because it is hard to explain; it must be experienced. Cursillo is not a weekend of definites but a weekend of endless possibilities in our Christian walk. Each person that attends Cursillo takes away something different from the experience. Cursillo is not a secret society; however, some of the events of the weekend are best kept under wraps until they are actually experienced.

Lay people conduct the weekend with two or three members of the clergy functioning as spiritual advisors. The weekend consists of a series of 15 talks, all linked together like links in a chain. Some talks are given by clergy and some are presented by lay team members. There is time for one-on-one spiritual direction with the clergy. There are arts and crafts! There is Food! Food! Food! And Music! Music! Music! A lot is packed into three days.

All confirmed adults or adults pursuing confirmation in the Episcopal Church may attend a Cursillo weekend. There is no cost to attend. Accommodations are made for anyone who is unable to do a lot of walking and provisions are made for special diets. Cursillo weekends are scheduled in the fall and spring. The next scheduled weekend is April 10–13, 2014 and the fall weekend will be October 23–26, 2014. Arrival at Camp Hardtner is between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. on Thursday evening, returning home Sunday evening.

Prayerfully consider attending a Cursillo weekend. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, Cursillo has something to offer.

Applications are available in the church office, in the parish hall on the bulletin board, or on the Cursillo web site at www.wlacursillo.com.

—Lisa Lewis

Campus Ministry at Centenary College Canterbury House 2013

Canterbury House, the Episcopal presence on Centenary College's campus, has had a good year of food and fellowship. The convocation's churches took turns providing home cooked meals to students every Tuesday night, providing a welcomed break from the monotony of Ramen noodles and Taco Bell. Not only did the students eat well, but the Reverend Morgan MacIntire continued to enrich the experience with some form of Compline or Eucharist and even fueled discussion using resources such as a series by pastor and author Rob Bell and the movie *Saved* starring Mandy Moore. The Canterbury House will continue providing a loving and spiritual safe haven for all who enter its doors and looks forward to 2014!

—Candi Gibson

Community Garden Committee Report 2013

I am happy to report that our St. James garden continues to flourish and grow in size, scope and vision due to the large number of individuals providing help at all levels. I want to thank especially our parishioners who have supplied our leaves, pine straw, and labor to make this endeavor not only possible but successful. St. James is now one of the gardens that people in Caddo Parish are visiting to get ideas for starting their own gardens.

Early in the year we added two beds to our existing ones to now make for a total of four beds. Once again, Matt Parker provided the help we needed to dig them. Pat Parker supplied and spearheaded the planting of most of the beds along with help from committee members Kathy Deal, Dave Caporossi. He started a winter garden with some of the beds this year, planting broccoli, greens and onions. Our church and the Southern Hills community enjoyed the "fruits" of our labor. The garden produced a large amount of beautiful tomatoes, yellow squash, bell peppers, jalapenos, okra and basil. We tried watermelon and cantaloupe again but they have not done as well. I think it's a unanimous decision that our tomatoes were the "belle of the ball" this year. People came in droves to get them. They disappeared as soon as they were ripe.

We were happy to hear that several of our neighbors, including Hope House, Heart of Hope, Summerfield Estates, and other retirement centers, enjoyed the fresh produce along with our parishioners and other hungry individuals. Lois Maberry and Lorain Thrash delivered produce to several locations in the Southern Hills area.



Later in the year Dave Caporossi spearheaded a committee of individuals including Tina Vinson, Jnanne Zepeda, and Pat Parker to secure a \$1200 grant with the Northwest Louisiana Master Gardener Association. It will provide money to expand the garden, provide a longer-lasting border, and in-ground plumbing to help with the ease and mechanics of watering the garden consistently.

We have a vision to continue to expand our garden, provide for better access to it, and create an adjacent seating area to provide a respite for those working in the garden—or just a place for anyone to come and sit in peace to enjoy God's doing.

Respectfully submitted,

—*Jana Kendrick*



St. Luke's Episcopal Medical Ministry Report to St. James Episcopal Church for 2013

St. Luke's mobile van has been blessed by St. James in many ways. Many parishioners serve as volunteers including Jimmy and Kathy Deal, Lonnie Howard, B J Pritchard, Dr. Wain Thompson, Janie Parker, Holly Johnson, Ron and Lois Maberry, Rory Fitzpatrick and I hope I did not forget someone. Melanie Winkler has been hired to help in the office one day a week and has blessed the ministry with cleaner work services and more organized client files. The Outreach Committee also funds the Van

and without contributions like that we would not be able to do all we do. The Van has expanded to be serving individuals in the Downtown area of Shreveport to the Homeless 3 times each month, Cedar Grove, Highland, Allendale, Vivian, Oil City, Minden, Mansfield, Benton and other areas when asked. We are currently doing 8-12 missions each month and saw almost 1000 individuals in 2013.

St. Luke's is a great place to volunteer and is always looking for those who would like to reach out to others. You do not need to be in the medical field and there are missions on almost every day of the week. Ask any of those listed above how you can help.

—*Lois Maberry*



OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013

During 2013, the St. James Vestry continued to contribute 3% of each month's ingathering for the Outreach Program. This averaged about \$400.00 per month. The Outreach Committee wants to express our deepest gratitude to the Vestry for continuing to be as giving and supportive to Outreach, as the money and support is desperately needed.

The 2013 Outreach Contributions/Recipients were as follows:

April 2013

Destination Imagination's class mentored by Linda Endicott was given \$250 to help cover expenses for their trip.

Rory Fitzpatrick was given \$100 to help cover his expenses for Destination Imagination as well.

I2D (intent to Distribute) and Project ING (Investing in Growth) was approved for \$300 per quarter in working with the housed homeless program. \$300 was sent in April to cover 1st quarter.

St. Luke's Mobile Ministry was approved for \$300 per quarter and a check was presented for \$300 to cover 1st quarter.

Gift card was purchased in the amount of \$100 to help out someone in need.

June 2013

Check for \$300 sent to I2D (Intent to Distribute) and ING (Investing in Growth) for 2nd quarter appropriation.

Check for \$300 was sent to St. Luke's Mobile Ministry for 2nd quarter appropriation.

July 2013

\$300 was sent to St. Luke's Mobile Ministry for 3rd quarter appropriation.

\$300 was sent to I2D/ING for 3rd quarter appropriation.

August/September 2013

School supplies and clothes were purchased for a girl at Keithville Middle school requested by Catholic Charities - \$143.48.

Clothes and school supplies were purchased for a boy - \$147.24.

Back Pack Program for Keithville Middle School and another local school - \$845.61. A donation of \$100 went towards this distribution from a parishioner making the total spent on this program \$945.61.

Electric bill paid for a person in need - \$199.93. Parishioners also supplied this person with household items and food.



October 2013

4th quarter tithe was sent to St. Luke's Mobile Ministry in the amount of \$300.

4th quarter tithe was sent to I2D/ING in the amount of \$300.

Shoes and a jacket were purchased for a little boy in need - \$35.77.

Helping Hands Tree Purchased - \$51.34. \$12.89 left over for stamps.

November 2013

\$150 was given by a parishioner to help the Outreach Committee supply over 50 families with a nice Thanksgiving Dinner. Outreach purchased containers for the food as well.

Helping Hands Tree was put up to support the needs of our local community. There were over 10 items for Renzi Center as well as 5 families in need for Christmas that were taken from the tree. The tree will be ongoing for needs of the community throughout the year.

Outreach gave a Christmas party for Project ING – funds were spent in the amount of \$330.91 for food and gifts.

Outreach supported the I2D Christmas bags again this year by purchasing the majority of the items for the 75 bags for the homeless - \$ 862.35 was spent. Items were socks, scarves, underwear, hats, fleece blankets, candy, bags, socks and undershirts for men and women.

December 2013

\$500 was sent to the Philippines Episcopal Relief in light of the tragedy that occurred there – another parishioner matched the Outreach donation.

Outreach supported/funded the recent Beth Moore Bible Study - \$195.43.

Outreach and church members supported the filling of the Christmas bags in the Parish Hall on December 19th as well as supporting the distributing of the bags on December 22nd. There was a great turnout and we hope to continue every year.

A great time was had by all at the Project ING Christmas party held on the 20th.



The Goodwill project continued throughout the year taking in donations of clothes, etc. We receive a \$10 voucher for every 5 bags collected - over 100 bags were collected which equated to around \$200! These certificates were given to the Hope House, I2D, and Project ING throughout the year to distribute to those in need so they could purchase things at Goodwill.

Maintaining the food barrel for the Salvation Army has still been something that the parishioners of St. James have been faithful to support each month as well.



The Relay for Life mentored by Kathy Watkins brought in over \$2,300.00 for St. James & St. Matthias. St. James participation was way down this year, unfortunately.

Outreach and St. James parishioners supported the Prison Ministry Cookie Bake several times during the year which was also a huge success.



Meals on Wheels is still going strong and we thank those who help support this mission.

A total of \$6,174.95 was spent throughout 2013 on various outreach projects (listed above). As of the end of December, 2013, there is \$3,466.36 in the Outreach Committee fund. November and December contribution was not available at the time of this report.



I have been honored to serve as Chairman on this committee for 2013 along with other members: Dan Bennett, Kathy Watkins, Ron & Lois Maberry (Co-Chair), Debbie Knight, Faye Wynn and Bobbye & Ken Smith. We hope you had a Merry Christmas and a have a prosperous and Happy New Year in 2014!

—Karen Waguespack



KAIROS and KAIROS OUTSIDE

Annual Report 2013

Kairos is an interdenominational ministry devoted to bringing God's grace and love to incarcerated men, women and youth, and to establish ongoing Christian Communities within correctional facilities. An affiliated ministry, Kairos Outside, has the purpose of demonstrating God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have relatives or friends who are or who have been incarcerated. Locally, Kairos volunteers serve the David Wade

Correctional Center near Homer, LA. Additionally, West Louisiana Kairos Outside carries out retreat weekends at Camp Hardtner. Volunteers and support for both ministries regularly come from our St. James Parish family. The Kairos and Kairos outside weekends are lay-led and patterned after three-day weekends such as Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus, but are designed to address the spiritual needs and concerns of the incarcerated or their loved ones affected by their incarceration and to provide meaningful support. Obviously, the men incarcerated at David Wade suffer isolation, rejection by family, and are often seen as outcasts from society. Many are not aware that women truly serve time right along with their loved ones. They are humiliated and de-valued through interaction with the federal and state penal system and even by the judgment of their community and peers. They suffer, not because they have done something wrong, but because they love and support someone who has. It is truly heart-breaking to hear some of the stories of Kairos and Kairos Outside participants.

It takes the work of many hands and feet to carry out a Kairos or Kairos Outside weekend to make this special time what God would have it to be. Kairos weekends are brought to David Wade two times per year, in March and September. The Kairos weekend is typically staffed by 40 men who actually go inside the prison and a support team of 8-12 men and women who cook and provide prayer support. Similarly, a Kairos Outside team consists of 24 women and 6 to 8 men, with the men serving as the prayer cook team and truly show the spirit of service to the female guests. Both the Kairos and Kairos Outside weekends are presented without cost to any participant, so financial support is always an opportunity. However, the greatest opportunity for support is to actually serve on a weekend and doing so will truly enrich your life in more ways that you can imagine.

The next West Louisiana Kairos Outside weekend, Kairos Outside #28, is scheduled for May 2 - 4 at Camp Hardtner. There will be four team formation meetings held in Alexandria, and volunteers from the Shreveport area typically car pool to the team meetings. The dates for the meetings are February 15th, March 8th, March 28th-29th, and April 12th. For more information about Kairos Outside, please contact Karen McDonald at kcmcdonald920@yahoo.com or 318-207-2505.

The next Kairos weekend at David Wade Correctional Center, Kairos #36, will take place March 13 - 16, with team formation meetings held in Shreveport on January 25th; February 1st, 8th, and 22nd; and March 1st. For more information about Kairos, please contact Brian Whatley at bhwhatley@hotmail.com or 318-925-5452.

—Brian Whatley



FUNDRAISING FOR SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION

Although this particular fundraising activity was not officially a St. James ministry, the participants of Team RKB were all associated with our parish:



BJ Pritchard, Lisa Lewis, Morgan MacIntire,
Holly Johnson, Rita Haldeman, Tammy Parker,
Jennifer Kirkland

As a result, St. James was very supportive of their efforts, and our Vestry encouraged them to use our facilities to host several fundraising events that allowed the ladies to participate in the 3-Day Walk in Dallas. They wish to thank everyone who assisted them, whether by spreading the word, making a purchase of their baked goods or meals, enjoying the game night they hosted, or joining them in Dallas as support crew for the walkers.

Following is an excerpt from Morgan's message in the November 2013 *Spirit of St. James*:

"We, the walkers, ended up raising over 3.3 million dollars for breast cancer research! In fact, the money we raised as a team (\$17,000) has already come back to our community! The St. Luke's medical van just received a grant from Susan G. Komen in the amount of \$19,000 to offer free clinical breast exams, patient education and to cover the costs of mammograms for referred patients.

In essence, the money we raised is already helping Shreveport/Bossier, Minden and Mansfield raise awareness for breast cancer and aid in early detection."



BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY 2013

Our wonderful Bible study has had a great year and has continued to grow with every study we have hosted. We started off the year with a study on the book of James. It was a humbling study that was enjoyed by all.

Following this was a study of the book of Deuteronomy, The law of love. I think we all learned more than we have known about this book in the past.

Our largest study yet was the most recent study of the fruits of the spirit. We all enjoyed reading and signing the fruits and learning about how we can live them louder in our lives.

As we turn to 2014, we start with a study of Jesus' life as told in the book of Luke. I look forward to adding more people to the study and offering this opportunity to all who wish to join.

Respectfully,
Holly Johnson



St. James Stewardship Committee Annual Report 2013

St. James is committed to good stewardship. On Loyalty Sunday, September 29th, Morgan's sermon focused on...

At the potluck luncheon following the service we shared lots of good food and good table conversations about what we do well as a church community. Other topics included what we could improve and what new things we could try. Many wonderful ideas were discussed. A sign-up sheet was available to commit your time and talent to maintaining and improving our buildings and grounds as well as many other opportunities for service. After lunch we heard three wonderful speakers who gave examples of the effect our stewardship has on others.

Way Thompson spoke about the St. Luke's Medical van and the impact it has on the homeless community. Brian Whatley shared his experiences about the lives that have been touched through the KAIROS Prison Ministry. Linda Endicott told us about how much the backpacks and school supplies meant to the staff and students of Forest Hills Elementary School.

Our program closed with a moving video presentation showing the many ways St. James is committed to good stewardship.



Parishioners were asked to turn in their pledge cards on Commitment Sunday, November 10th. As of this writing 37 financial pledges have been made totaling \$122,600, which is an increase over 2013. Having this information will assist the Budget Committee in planning for serving our community in 2014.

Members of the 2013 Stewardship Committee are Suzy Adcock, Linda Endicott, Larry Lashley, Tommy Mosley, and Wain Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzy Adcock
chair

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The following individuals have indicated an interest in serving as delegates at the Diocesan Convention, hosted by the Monroe Convocation, in October 2014. All parishes in the Diocese of Western Louisiana have four lay delegates and four alternates who serve if the delegates are not available. At St. James we vote on the candidates, and assign the four with the largest number of votes as our delegates. If there are more than eight candidates, the next four become the alternates. This year we have exactly eight candidates, so we ask that you vote for the four parishioners you wish to serve as our delegates.

Chris Bienvenu
Mike Endicott
Debbie Fitzpatrick
Holly Johnson
Sara Lewis
Lois Maberry
Denise Shelton
Lynette van Heerden

And please remember, everyone is invited to attend the Diocesan Convention. All in attendance are encouraged to participate fully, with only one exception. Delegates are the only people with voting privileges. Everyone sits together and everyone participates in the discussions. Please consider attending this exciting event along side your elected representatives.



Brian Whatley

I was confirmed at Holy Cross Shreveport as a teenager in 1978, and unfortunately within a few years drifted away from the church for a number of years. My wife, Patti, and I came back into the church at St. Georges Parish, Bossier City, in late 2001. While at St. Georges, Patti was confirmed and I was reaffirmed in 2002. We first attended St. James in December 2003 and transferred our membership in early 2004. We have seen many changes in the last ten years at St. James, and believe most of those changes to be very positive.



Kathy Deal I was born and raised Catholic. I graduated from the University of Portland, which is a Catholic University, majoring in psychology. After my divorce, I joined the Episcopal church, where I feel right at home. I have been a member of St. James for over 20 years. For the first fifteen years or so, I was more of a spectator than participant. I loved St. James and attended Sunday Mass regularly and the Wednesday service, but I didn't linger after service, and didn't interact much with my fellow parishioners. Wednesday's service, with its smaller attendance, made it easier for me to talk with the "Healing Mass Ladies"... Nita Magee, Betty Langhorst, Mona Freeman, and Melanie Winkler. These wonderful ladies, and Helen Kizer, helped me come out of my shell.

When St. James needed a church photographer, I decided to volunteer my services. I love taking pictures, so this was one of those "matches made in Heaven".

I have come to enjoy my involvement with St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry. I am glad that Jimmy and I can work together in a ministry that does so much good in Shreveport and the surrounding communities. I have been somewhat involved in St. James Community Garden, and was pleased and honored to serve on Lois Maberry's Discernment Committee. I would also be honored to serve on the Vestry at St. James Episcopal Church.

Chris Bienvenu

My first Sunday at St James was the third Sunday in January, 2013. I came because of what I read online about St James. The first Sunday in February, someone pulled me up to the choir loft. My biggest concerns after my first month were over-extending myself and wondering how I would be accepted.



I anticipated falling in love with St James, but tried to be realistic. I came hoping for a community, but I found a family. In less than a year I have joined the choir, taught Sunday school, and have learned much working with our youth under Debbie Fitzpatrick's wonderful tutelage. All this and I want to do more to help! I have some big ideas and I look forward to being able to work with the Vestry to enhance the love of God in our parish!

Jimmy Deal I have been an active member of St. James for about five years. Since Lois recruited me as a driver for the St. Luke's Medical Bus I have become more active. I usually drive three to four times a month. I enjoy this ministry very much, both the driving and the chatting with the clients the bus serves and my fellow volunteers. I try to be helpful after the bus is parked and set up. Sometimes a client just needs an assist getting into the bus, or if registration needs an extra hand, I will fill in at the registration table.

Paul Moore asked me to help him cook at a couple of the Men's Breakfasts, and I would be happy to do this again. Kathy, Lois, and Morgan, have now urged me to submit my name as a Vestry person for St. James, and I believe I am ready and able to serve. Jimmy has expressed interest in serving the last year of Wain's term.



Presiding Bishop,
The Episcopal Church:
 The Rt. Rev'd Katharine
 Jefferts Schori

**Bishop, Diocese of Western
 Louisiana:**
 The Rt. Rev'd Jacob
 Owensby

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 The Rev'd Morgan MacIntire

Organist and Choirmistress:
 Kaye Crichlow

Nursery Director:
 Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator:
 Jnanne Zepeda

2013 Vestry:
 Curtis Shelton (14)— Sr.
 Warden
 Lois Maberry (16)— Jr.
 Warden

Members:
 Dave Caporossi (16)
 Alyssa Garner (14)
 Jerry Howard (14)
 Jana Kendrick (16)
 Theresa Mormino (15)
 Wain Thompson (15)
 Lorain Thrash (15)
 Lynette van Heerden (14)
Ex Officio:
 Thomas Mosley—Treasurer
 Janie Parker—Clerk

Announcements

Lent is coming and it is time to prepare. In addition to the devotional books always available in the narthex, *Our Daily Bread* and *Day by Day*, we will have *Lenten Meditations 2014*, distributed by Episcopal Relief & Development. Be sure to pick up your copies.

Every Wednesday evening beginning March 12 and progressing through April 16 (with the exception of March 26, due to the Parish Crusie), we will have Lenten studies from 6pm to 8pm. Lonnie Howard will direct the annual series of Lenten plays which begin at 6pm. Afterward we will move to the Parish Hall for a light dinner and a study session, led by Morgan MacIntire. Nursery care will be provided.

Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for those who wish to participate. Please indicate whether you need nursery services and how many people will be eating dinner. A separate sign-up sheet is available for volunteers to provide a light meal, such as sandwiches and fruit or soup and salad.

If you would like to participate in the plays, contact Lonnie Howard via phone (347-5716) or e-mail (ldhoward@eastex.net).

The Lenten study series will be held 6-8pm on the following Wednesdays: March 12 and 19, April 2, 9, and 16. Each evening will consist of a short play in the church, followed by a light supper and study, based on the book, *A Place at the Table*, by Chris Seay. Reading the book is not required for participation, but if you would like to read a copy, it is available through Cokesbury, Amazon, and local bookstores for under \$15.

*Shrove Tuesday
 Pancake Supper*

6:00pm

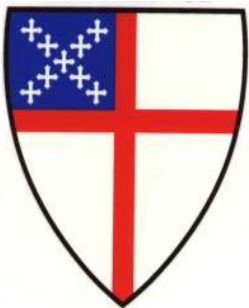
March 4

*Ash Wednesday
 Service*

10:00am

6:00pm

March 5



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Church Website:
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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday	April 13	8:30am & 11:00am
Maundy Thursday	April 17	6:00pm
The Watch	April 17-18	8:00pm to 8:00am
Good Friday	April 18	6:00pm
Easter Vigil	April 19	6:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 20	10:00am

***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

Bible Study, 10:30am



**Annual Meeting Agenda
St. James Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 26th 2014
11:30 a.m.**

Opening Prayer/Blessing of the Grub

(Sign in, grab a plate and a seat!!!:)

The Annual Report -- It Doesn't write Itself (Morgan+)

Many members have taken the time to write about the things their organizations have done over the past year. Please take some time now or when you have gone home to peruse your Annual Report and learn about all that we accomplished in 2013. We will briefly hit the highlights.

Blast from the Past (Curtis)

Taking a look at where we've been in 2013.

Money Matters (Tommy)

A look at the proposed budget for 2014.

Futurama (Morgan+)

Talking about where we'll go in 2014.

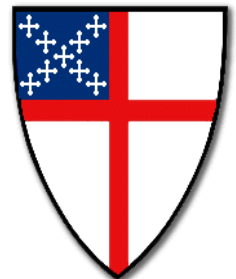
Acclamations & Nominations (Morgan+)

Time to elect vestry members and decide who will represent us at Diocesan Convention in 2014.

Shout Outs (Morgan+)

Recognizing a few of our faithful leaders.

Closing Prayer



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.