



The Wayfarer

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church
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Sunday Schedule:
9:30 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Church Service

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7:00 pm Choir Practice

Mission Statement

***As a Christian
Community,
St. James' Mission is
Ministering in God's
Love to the Spiritual and
Physical Needs of all
People
in the Name of Christ.***

I have been advised it is my job as Senior Warden to write the opening of the Wayfarer. I am not a scholar of writing so I did some research on a word that has meant a lot to me; togetherness. I came across the following writing by Punit Mittal entitled *The quintessence of Togetherness* that I wanted to share with you since we are now moving together in our search process and our relationship as a parish. – Mike Williams

One of my dear friends asked me to pen down my thoughts on togetherness. I really don't understand the concept of this word. It is an abstract notion which can only be symbolized through gestures such as holding hands together, eating dinner together, have a drink together and so forth. So I was really struggling to find true value of this word, especially in this age and time when the world has started shrinking from larger open communities into smaller isolated families.

Why do people crave about togetherness if it is such a simple gesture? Why have our great leaders of past quoted togetherness thousands of time?

Having meditated over the thought for few hours, I went back to my social network browsing, and just while I was accepting some new connections I realized the concept of togetherness. Mankind has made tremendous progress over centuries, but the emotions and feelings that human being is born with, still stays the same. We may not be living together with our extended families but we still try myriad ways to know our family tree, we still find ways to get in touch with our high-school friends and we still try to find new people who may be our soul mates. The success of social networking sites is a clear validation that people want to stay connected to one another and it is this desire, though in digital form, that brings them together. We may have changed the form of gestures of hand holding to digital hugs, but the basic premise of togetherness remains the same. It is still an antidote to loneliness.

The foundation for togetherness is based on commitment, which for some, means end of freedom. In pre-industrial era, families were tied together with common social obligations but in the modern world, families have moved apart due to reasons such as better prospects in other cities/countries, need to get away from traditional routines, need for privacy, become independent etc. Sometimes people think that living together means end of freedom to choose what constitutes their personal happiness and rights, that they might be forced to devote their life for the collective happiness of the house hold. This is obviously not true and relationship based on such foundation is weak at best.

The way relationships work may have changed but the essence of it remains the same. People still fall in love, people still crave for intimate partners and people still wish to be gifted by parenthood. The number of divorces may have increased but so has the number of marriages, including the second and third marriages, because at the end of the day, people still believe in "happily ever after" stories and people still wish to be with someone, though the gesture of love may be through SMS, Emails or WhatsApp. People still carry family names, accentuating the association of an individual to a larger group called "family".

Ideas are born out of an individual's mind but ideas are brought to life by a group of people. The very origin of mankind is conceived by bringing two souls together. No natural wonder on this planet was built by an individual, no battle won by an individual. Every man is supposed to walk down the path on his own, but having someone walk the path with him can provide strength, happiness and determination. Togetherness provides the courage to carry on your personal legend, as penned in the beautiful song "Stand by Me" by Ben King.



YOUTH SUNDAY



May 12, 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Our youth will be spotlighted Sunday, May 12, as we honor those making school transitions this year. Our three graduating seniors, Lauren Bostic, Carl Cottingham and Adele Lee, will serve as preachers and lectors for the day and other young people will take the roles of ushers, oblationers, etc.

Our high school graduates and our Day School graduates will be acknowledged during the service as we send them all off with our love, support and prayers.

Lauren Bostic, Daughter of Mike & Betsy Bostic will be graduating from St. Joseph High School in May. She will be attending the Memphis College of Art this fall. She is interested in illustration and graphic design. Lauren was selected as the Star Student for St. Joseph High School 2013. That is the senior with the highest ACT Score and GPA. She is graduating with a 4.03 GPA and is ranked 4th in her class. She received the Lindy Callahan Scholarship from the Mississippi High School Activities Association for the best female Scholar-Athlete of District 3. She was named a Mississippi Scholar and a Delta Council Honor Graduate. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society and has been a reading mentor at Carrie Stern Enhancement School.

Carl Cottingham, Jr., son of Carl & Amanda Cottingham, one of our own acolytes, is a senior honors student at Washington School, with plans to graduate on May 17th. He has been involved in the Washington School Scholar's Bowl Team since 2010 and is on *The General Idea* Journalism Team. Carl is also a member of the Beta Club, the Sabre Yearbook Staff, the Foreign Language Club and several other school organizations. He was recently named "Most Likely to Succeed" by his high school peers and is currently the entertainment writer for the Delta Democrat Times. He will be attending New York University in the fall, where he will be enrolled in the Tisch School of the Arts to study Film Production and Writing.

Adele R. Lee, daughter of Dr. David H. and Brister Lee, will be an Honor Graduate of Washington School in May of 2013. She will be attending the University of Mississippi in Oxford this fall. Adele will be studying pre-pharmacy with a goal of being accepted to the Ole Miss School of Pharmacy. This summer she will continue her employment as a pharmacy tech with Fred's Pharmacy. Adele would like to continue her involvement in student government and community service while at Ole Miss. Her awards and activities during high school include: 3.9 GPA (95.88%), Ranked 4th in her class.

She has received these awards for 2013: Greenville Junior Auxiliary Community Service Award, Mary Elizabeth Oakes Memorial Scholarship, Rotary Scholarship for Washington School, Bledsoe Scholarship and Academic Excellence Scholarship to Ole Miss.

Activities include: WS Cheerleader Varsity Captain, Vice President of the WS Student Council, Vice President of the MAIS State Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Students member, Foreign Language Club member, SADD publicist, historian of Sub Deb, President of Key Club, Younglife member, Poetry Out Loud-WS competition runner-up.

Was voted by fellow classmates: Junior Class Favorite, Homecoming Court Senior and Freshman Maid, Who's Who Friendliest, Who's Who Most Polite.

Academic Activities include: President of Beta Club, member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary, Principal's List, Headmasters List.

Robert Jenkins wins the prize for most faithful office volunteer. He is here every Monday from 9-12 to help with bank deposits, people seeking



assistance, and picking up the church after Sunday services. **Sandy Welsh and Mary Lake** are equally faithful Friday morning volunteers helping with the service sheets for Sunday. Without a priest, Denise and I are on our own the rest of the time. With vacation time fast approaching we need office volunteers to answer the phone and greet people when we are gone. If you can help any day during the summer please e-mail Betsy at betsy@stjamesgreenville.com. We only need people to fill in for vacation or times that would take us away from the office. It is not a long term commitment. *Thanks in advance for your help, Betsy & Denise*

Women's Bible Study resumes May 8 with STUDY OF MATTHEW

On Wednesday, May 8, the Bible Study group resumes at 10:30 a.m. in the Davidson Room to begin a study of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew is a delightful and vibrant gospel, smoothly moving between the teachings of Jesus and narratives of his going to towns and villages teaching, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, healing every disease and sickness. The teachings are a joy to read—blessed are the poor for the Kingdom of God is theirs, the Kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price which you sell everything to attain. The Lord sees what you do in silence, impressing others may not impress God. The Pharisees were said to love the praise of men more than acceptance from God. God demands mercy He unconditionally loves you and wants you to forgive others. Following these words brings something any soul most yearns for; great peace and great joy. This gospel lights up with this peace and joy. The group has been a very rewarding experience, not because of the leader, but because of the enjoyable and interested people in the group. All are welcome. – Jean Nimrod

The Women's Bible Study will run for 14 weeks, ending Aug. 7. Cost is \$22.00 per person, which covers the individual study guide. Books are now available in the Church Office.

If you have questions or need more information, see Jean Nimrod or call her at 334-3713 or 820-4254. Please sign up on the bulletin board near the Church Office if you plan to attend.



Beginning in May we will begin a rotation of parents to run the nursery on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you to Laura Smith, Emily Sandidge, Miriam Schuster, Laura Buchberger and April Andrews who have signed up to help. If

you have not contacted Betsy and would like to take a Sunday, please e-mail her at betsy@stjamesgreenville.com. If we have just 1 more parent volunteer you only have to do it twice a year.

**The Church Office will be closed
Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day**



ECW Luncheon

The next ECW luncheon will be May 14 at 11:45 a.m. at the Greenville Country Club. Please note, this will be the last luncheon until September. I wish to thank all who have helped make this a great year and I will look forward to a new year come September.

Many Thanks - Ruby Edwards.

Delta Story Telling Festival

The next Delta Story Telling Festival has been set for April 26, 2014. Our next committee meeting will be held May 22 at 5:30.P.M. in the Davidson Room. Anyone who is interested in helping with the planning of the festival is welcome to attend or email Jamie or Brett.

Brett Harris: brett.harris@teachforamerica.org

Jamie Hardin: jamienhardin@yahoo.com

St. James' Day School

is nearing the end of another fantastic year of preschool education!

On May 14th at 6:00 pm, we will have our year-end program where the children will celebrate a year of laughter and learning and 22 kindergartners will graduate from our program. Among these graduates are two St. James' parishioners, Caroline Horn and Maggie Wade. Both of



these girls have been St. James Kids since they were two years old, and we wish them well as they move on to first grade. Caroline has aspirations of being a nurse when she grows up - just like her mom! And Maggie has plans of being a stylist in a salon. Of course, these plans will change many times.

As a treat in our program, Señor Wade (Mr. Larry Wade) will lead the kindergartners in a couple of Spanish songs they have been learning this year. Please come join the fun as the children sing "La Bamba."

Summer Service Schedule begins May 5

The Vestry has voted to begin the Summer Service Schedule May 5, the first Sunday of the month. We will move to one service only at 10:30 A.M. We have supply priests coming every other Sunday through August. (See the schedule on page 4)

Prayer List

We pray for Paula Provine, Joe Sudduth, Molly Stock, Angie Casavechia, Doris Carroll, Cliff Medders, H.J. Winslow, Christine & Frank Ramsey, L. Gaunt, Lindsey Bailey, Patty Cantrell, Wright & Margaret Jefferies, Keith Steen, Mickie Bennett, John Estess, Chuddy Kellner, Paula Maxey, Willie Mae Maxey, Harper Young, Lupe Jackson, Bob Eskay, Sharon Gault, Larry Cazavan, Peter Watzek, Sue Sarason, Anne Elmore, Jenny Cumbaa, Theresa Skelton, Sandra Lane, Phyllis Erickson, Kristee Trammell, Terry Burford, Connie Burford.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Eric Crews, Barry Crosby, Bill Glasgow, Dan Gibbons, Thomas Griffin, Todd Lane, John Lynn, Don Maraska, Landon Marony, Nathan Miles, Martin Mitchell, Jason Morris, Beau Swain.

We pray for expectant couples: Whitney & Grant Joiner, Kate & Jay Shaw, Medora & Ben Justus, Laura & Wesley Smith.

May Birthdays

Sonya Bixler	5/01
Dillon Smith	5/03
Mary Lynn Andrews	5/05
Mickey Naaman	5/05
Luke Ward	5/05
Katherine Andrews	5/06
Anita Bologna	5/10
Charlie Mitchell	5/11
Burt Caraway	5/15
Ed Egger	5/15
Patrick McIntire	5/15
Tyler Horn	5/19
Robert Jenkins, Jr.	5/21
Harley Metcalfe, III	5/21
Ray Schoonover	5/23
Barthell Joseph, III	5/26
Elizabeth Skelton	5/28
Madeleine Hendrix	5/29
Elizabeth Jones	5/30
Shirley Mitchell	5/30

May Wedding Anniversaries

Penny & Rick Byler	5/07
Bee & Dudley Stewart	5/11
Terri & Scott Boyles	5/16
Kathy & Tommy Hart	5/18
Melanie & Craig Tucker	5/22
Brett & Elizabeth Harris	5/23
Martha & Matt Weissinger	5/23
Lea Margaret & Chris Hamilton	5/25
Stephanie & Skipper Macvaugh	5/25
Marsha & George Baird	5/30
Craig & Cary Karlson	5/31

Transitions

We give thanks for the birth of Ryan Carly Narkun, born April 9 to Katie Rarick & Chris Narkun.

We give thanks for the birth of Marly Dean Williams born April 12 to Clint & Lindsey Williams. Grandparents are Debbie & Mike Williams.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Philip Terney who died April 17.

Schedule for 10:30 A.M. services through August

May 5 – Morning Prayer
May 12 (Youth Sunday/Mother's Day) – Julia Moore
May 19 (Pentecost) – Morning Prayer
May 26 – Julianna Gray
June 2 – Morning Prayer
June 9 – Julianna Gray
June 16 – Morning Prayer
June 23 – Julianna Gray
June 30 – Morning Prayer
July 7 – Julianna Gray
July 14 – Morning Prayer
July 21 – Julia Moore
July 28 – Morning Prayer
August 4 – Julia Moore
August 11 – Morning Prayer
August 18 – Julia Moore
August 25 – Morning Prayer



The next newsletter will be a double issue for June and July. The Deadline for items is May 23



First Presbyterian Church will be hosting **Vacation Bible School** this summer June 16-20; 5:15-7:30 P.M.

This year's theme is Living Waters of the World. A **Registration form is included in this newsletter and forms are available on the hall table.** The Bible stories will be on the Creation, the parting of the Red Sea, Noah, Jesus' baptism and the woman at the well.

St. James will be responsible for dinner two nights. Marsha Baird is our liaison for VBS. She will have more information as the date gets closer.

Service Ministries for Sunday, May 5 – Morning Prayer**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Dot Meeks**Lector:** Mickey Naaman**Ushers:** George Baird, Mike Bostic, David Cockran, Nolan Andrews**Acolytes:** Rebecca Jones**Altar Guild:** Charlie Mitchell, Martha Weissinger, Martin Mitchell, Anne Elmore, Victor Smith, Elizabeth Smith**Flower Guild:** Marla McGee, Susan Sutherland**Vestry Assignment:** Nolan Andrews, Carl Cottingham**Salvation Army Soup Kitchen:** May 6: Lou Sudduth**Service Ministries for Sunday, May 12 – Youth Sunday – Julia Moore****10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Ann Macvaugh**Lectors:** Lauren Bostic, Adele Lee**Sermon:** Carl Cottingham**Eucharistic Minister:** Noel Harris**Oblationers:** Olivia Lowe, Paul Horn**Ushers:** Tyler Owens, Dylan Williams, Cameron Skelton, & Paul Horn**Acolytes:** Emery Skelton, Rebecca Jones**Altar Guild:** Ann Macvaugh, Sandy Welsh, Lynda Lavers, Ann Egger, Betty Fullilove, Lou Sudduth**Flower Guild:** Marla McGee, Susan Sutherland**Vestry Assignment:** Nan Hines, Ann Macvaugh**Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: May 13:** Robert Jenkins**Service Ministries for Sunday, May 19 – Morning Prayer****10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Rick Byler**Lector:** Harley Metcalfe**Ushers:** Harley Metcalfe, Martin Mitchell, Peter Nimrod, Bill Schaffarazick**Acolytes:** Cameron Skelton**Altar Guild:** Martha Renfroe, Penny Byler, Ellen Daniels, Sonya Bixler**Flower Guild:** Marla McGee, Susan Sutherland**Vestry Assignment:** Martin Mitchell, Beth Naaman**Salvation Army Soup Kitchen:** May 20, Jean Nimrod**Service Ministries for Sunday, May 26- Giulianna Gray****10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Ashley Hines**Lector:** Tommy Mills**Eucharistic Minister:** Betsy Alexander**Oblationers:** Melissa Moyses**Ushers:** Dudley Stewart, Jimmy Sutherland, Doug Wade.**Acolytes:** Emery Skelton**Altar Guild:** Barbera Nicholson, Jane Jones, Margaret Wade, Marsha Baird, George Baird, Emma Jean McIntyre, Martha Love Bradley**Flower Guild:** Marla McGee, Susan Sutherland**Vestry Assignment:** Theresa Skelton, Laura Smith**Salvation Army Soup, May 27:** Kitchen: Closed for Memorial Day**Mission Mississippi meets every Tuesday at 7 A.M.****May 7: Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
422 East Gloster Street****May 14: Delta Sigma Theta, 631 Nelson Street****May 21: Supervisor Mike Gorden, Place TBA****May 28: True Vine Missionary Baptist,
1531 East Alexander Street****The Bishop's Barbeque is May 24-26. Our hall bulletin board is covered with events that are happening this year. There is truly something for everyone. Go to dioms.org to see all the details and register online.**



Clean Water for All God's Children!

Vacation Bible School

First Presbyterian Church, Greenville

Registration Form
June 16-20
5:15-7:30

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies/Medical information/Food Needs/Other Concerns:

"Jesus Christ is Living Water for our Bodies and our Souls"