



The Wayfarer

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church
September 2017

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.***

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Elizabeth Jones	Bee Stewart
	Margaret Wade
Church Treasurer: Finley Edwards	
Clerk of the Vestry: Jennie Kann	

Sunday Schedule:

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30 AM Sunday School - all ages
9:30 AM Choir Practice
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Vestry and Wardens and Bylaws – Oh, My

The vestry is working on changing our parish bylaws. As it stands, a person elected to the vestry is serving a one-year term and is eligible for re-election twice, three years in all. The effect of this and our parish climate is that a vestry member serves for three years, even though he or she has to stand for re-election every year at the parish meeting. Generally speaking, this makes for three groups of three persons who are elected together to begin a new three-year cycle.

The problem the vestry wished to address is one that has developed this year. A couple of years ago, a vestry member decided not to run for re-election even though still eligible. The person was doing a great deal for the parish and felt that something had to give, and so decided to give up being a vestry member. The upshot of this is that this year we need to elect four vestry members as well as a senior warden and a junior warden. For whatever reason, it has been a challenge to find three people to run each year, now we have to find six persons.

The change in the bylaws that the vestry is contemplating is to make a term for a vestry member three years. This would allow for the election of someone to an unexpired term should a vestry member no longer be able to serve and would keep the three-person "class" intact. It would essentially codify what is already taking place while making it easier to deal with any potential vacancies.

In addition to changing the terms of the vestry members, the vestry is also looking at language that would require a one-year "break" between terms of serving as vestry member or warden. Currently, the bylaws allow a person to serve three years as a vestry member, three years as junior warden, and three years as senior warden – nine years in all. The feeling is that the more lay persons we have in leadership roles the better the health of the parish. Having one person potentially serving for nine years does not further that goal.

Assuming that the parish votes at our annual meeting this November to approve the proposed changes to the bylaws – and with the bishop's consent – we will be electing three persons to three-year terms and one person to a two-year term. In addition, we will be electing two new wardens. After three years of extraordinary service, George Baird and Vance Nimrod will be ending their terms as wardens. I cannot thank these gentlemen enough for the incredible service they have done for St. James'.

So, we need six persons who are willing to serve on the vestry to replace those rotating off. Our candidate pool is limited a bit in that persons related to current vestry members are not eligible. Other than those spouses/parents/children, any adult communicant in good standing who has been a *(continued on page 2)*

(from page 1) member or St. James' for at least one year is eligible. Vestry service is not onerous. We meet once a month on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are almost always less than an hour long. St. James' is in a very good place in terms of finances, ministry, general health, relationships – all those things that can make serving on the vestry trying are not happening now.

When someone from the Vestry Election Committee – composed of out-going members (George Baird, Vance Nimrod, Rick Byler, Amanda Cottingham, Bee Stewart, and Margaret Wade) – talk to you about running for vestry, truly consider it. We need folks who want to see St. James' continue to grow and prosper as we further the mission of God's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. For that matter, don't wait to be asked. There is nothing inappropriate in nominating yourself. It was our Lord Christ who said, "I come not to be served, but to serve." While not everyone is called to serve on the vestry, if you are please consider it.

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+



Have you thought about joining the choir? We would love to have your voice join us each week. Choir is for anyone teenage and up. It meets every Wednesday evening from 6:00—7:30, and Sunday morning from 9:30—10:15. Any questions please see or call Joey Polk @ 662-378-6793

Mark your Calendar!!

The St. James Harvest Bazaar will be November 16. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year for outreach.

The Steering Committee for this year is: Ginny Cochran, Marsha Baird, Debi Hendrix, Mickie Sandidge and Bee Stewart.

Please let them know if you would like to volunteer to help in any capacity. Also, they are open to any suggestions for improvement.

Look for more details in the October *Wayfarer*.



ECW kicks off September 12

Regular monthly ECW meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 12 @ 11:30 AM at Sherman's Restaurant. Make plans to join us for lunch, meditation, and fellowship. Connect with the ladies of St. James in Christian spirit as we respond to God's call to serve.

ECW meets on the second Tuesday of each month (September - May) at 11:30 and is open to all women of the church.

Ruby Edwards, ECW Chair



children's choir

Joey would love to start a junior choir. If you have a child in the first through sixth grade who is interested in learning the rudiments of music and singing in a group, please contact Joey at 662-378-6793. If there is enough interest her goal is to have the Jr. Choir sing maybe once a month or so.

Updates from



Social Worker Appreciation

In June, Marsha and George Baird, Debi Hendrix, and Emily, Leo, Val, and Camp Perialisi delivered detergent, towels, soap, and shampoo in order to stock the Child Protective Services' (CPS) laundry room. With the newly repaired washer and dryer, the laundry room is now fully prepared to support the needs of the social workers and foster children of Washington County. Also, Debi prepared a small treat for each CPS staff member. The "happy" included a package of Extra gum and a short poem that read, "The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little something extra. Thank you for all the extras you do every day." The staff and social workers were so happy to receive these words of encouragement. In the photo below, the staff is holding their treats.



In July, Miriam Ables delivered Shipley Donuts to the Washington County CPS office staff and social workers. They enjoyed a warm breakfast on an early Monday morning.

In August, Annis' Children volunteers gathered downtown at the CPS office to work on a small renovation of the supervised visitation rooms. These rooms are used to host family visitations between biological parents and their children in foster care. The rooms needed deep cleaning and brightening. One of the rooms received new paint, a new love seat and chairs, artwork for the walls, and a new toy chest filled with toys and books. The other room received a deep

cleaning and purging of broken toys and other items. New toys and books were placed in this room. Annis' Children hopes to gather again in 2018 to paint the second visitation room and add some new furniture and artwork. It was a wonderful experience to work alongside each other; the joy was contagious!

The Care Closet

Over the summer, Annis' Children was able to get the Care Closet opened to the Washington County Child Protective Services office. On July 2, 2017, Father Brandt held a Blessing of the Bags at the 10:30 church service. Annis' Children volunteers carried prepared bags for the children of Washington County to the altar for Father Brandt to bless. On Wednesday, July 5, 2017, the Care Closet was formally opened to the CPS staff. Since that date, we have given eight comfort bags to children that have entered foster care.



In working with CPS, Annis' Children has discovered another need that exists within our local foster care community: school uniforms. While the Care Closet was not originally set up for school uniform support, Annis' Children was able to facilitate a relationship with the local Junior Auxillary group which purchased uniforms for 13 children in care. While we have reached our budgeted amount for uniforms with JA, Annis' Children is currently exploring new avenues to meet this need in our community.

On August 24, 2017, a dedication service was held for the Care Closet and Ministry of Annis' Children. The friends and family of Annis Walcott were invited to attend along with community members and staff of the CPS office. With over sixty guests in attendance, it was a lovely service which was followed by a reception of punch, cake, and other treats in the parish hall. Mac Walcott, Jim

Walcott, and Annis Walcott Cox, Annis' children, made a special effort to attend the dedication and were so pleased with the work being done through Annis' Children at St. James! It was a lovely night of reminiscing and celebrating the life of their mother and the service of the foster care community in Washington County. St. James' parishioners, please keep this ministry and care closet in your heart and in your prayers.

A prayer from the dedication service:

Almighty God,

We thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart this room to your praise and glory and to the service of the needs of the children of the Washington County Foster Care System; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



2nd Annual Christmas Party

December 2017 will mark our second annual CPS Christmas Party. Annis' Children volunteers transform the St. James' parish hall into a Christmas wonderland and provide a Christmas meal to social workers, foster parents, and foster children. Partygoers enjoy Christmas caroling and music and Santa even makes a special visit with a toy for every child! This year, Annis' Children will take on the task of fundraising, shopping, and wrapping gifts for the children in foster care in our county. We kicked off this fundraiser at the dedication service for the Care Closet and Ministry of Annis' Children on August 24, 2017. Erica Dick and Emily Perialisi will be delivering a

fundraiser presentation to the Rotary Club of Greenville, Mississippi on Thursday, September 21, 2017 asking for community help.

Our goal this year is to raise \$3,600, which would allow Annis' Children to buy one gift for 120 children in foster care in Washington County. All proceeds of this fundraiser will be used to purchase gifts for the youth in foster care.

If you would like to donate to this fundraiser, we have several levels of sponsorships to choose from:

Cookies & Cocoa: \$30.00 provides a Christmas gift for 1 child in care

Elves' Surprise: \$60.00 provides a Christmas gift for 2 children in care

Reindeer Treats: \$150.00 provides a Christmas gift for 5 children in care

Santa's Sleigh: \$300.00 provides a Christmas gift for 10 children in care

You can make donations to this fundraiser in the church office or through any volunteer of Annis' Children. Call Emily Perialisi for more information. (662) 822-2907.

Local Ways to Help

There are many ways to get involved with foster care here at St. James! You can volunteer your time during the planning and preparation of the annual CPS Christmas party, get involved with our monthly Social Worker Appreciation program, or help with monthly management of the Care Closet by signing up as a Care Closet volunteer. To learn more, please attend a monthly meeting of Annis' Children scheduled every third Monday of the month at 5:30 pm.

***The next meeting date is Monday,
September 18, at 5:30 pm.***

**Visit the St. James' or Annis' children
facebook page so see more pictures of recent
events.**

<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesgreenville/>
[https://www.facebook.com/Annis-Children-
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**There are also pictures on the hall bulletin
board so stop by and have a look at what we
are accomplishing.**

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Gray Center Programs Presents:

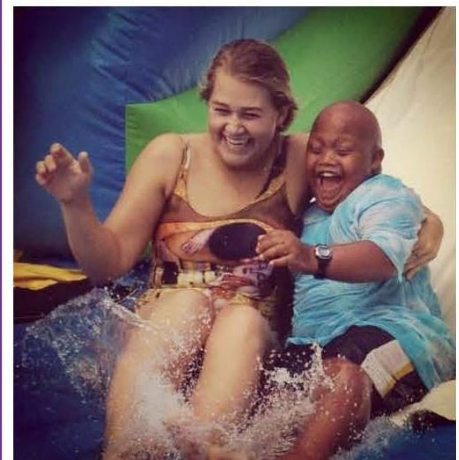


Camp Able Weekend

At Camp Bratton-Green

September 15-17, 2017

- *At Camp Able we aspire to be a community that celebrates our diverse abilities and gifts. Camp Able is not about what we can't do, whether camper or staffer, the focal point is what we "can" do.*
- *Camp Able was specifically created to provide a unique camping experience for persons with diverse abilities. We seek to love our neighbors as ourselves understanding that our neighbors don't always look, sound, or think the same way we do.*
- *Camp Able is about forming a community that loves us just as we are. Our goal is to establish, at least for one week, a community of unconditional love, compassion, and acceptance.*



The weekend begins Friday evening with check in at **5:00PM** and concludes Sunday morning at **9:30AM**. Campers ages **10 and up** are eligible to attend. The cost for the weekend is **\$100**.

The weekend includes 5 meals, 2 nights lodging, snacks, camp programming for campers, and a staff of volunteers to deliver the whole experience! We will have music, worship, arts & crafts, boating, zip line, nature hikes, and a ton of other activities in the great outdoors.

For more information and to register: www.graycenter.org or call 601-859-1556

Junior. High DOY
Fall 2017 – September 22-24
(6th-8th grades)

Who? Junior High DOY is for youth in 6th-8th grades. Adults who work with youth are also invited to staff and participate in networking opportunities with other youth leaders!

What? A Division of Youth (DOY) weekend retreat is full of spirituality, fun, getting messy, and just plain being yourself. Each semester has a unique theme, and is packed with faith, friends, music, games, and fun!

Where? DOY weekends are held each semester at Camp Bratton-Green.

When? Registration begins on Friday night between 6:00-8:00 p.m. and the weekend ends on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

DOY Council members are the youth and adults who plan and lead these weekends.

HONDURAS MEDICAL MISSION NEEDS YOUR HELP

You and your parish can help by donating and collecting newly purchased, small sizes of the following products: ibuprofen 200mg tablets, acetaminophen 325mg tablets, diphenhydramine 25mg capsules (Benadryl), topical antifungal cream, topical antibiotic cream/ointment, hydrocortisone cream, dry eye drops, antacid (Tums), bismuth subsalicylate (Pepto Bismol), guaifenesin/dextromethorphan (Q-Tussin DM) or guaifenesin (Q-Tussin), children's Tylenol (acetaminophen suspension), children's Benadryl (diphenhydramine suspension), diaper rash cream/ointment.



Over-the-counter items that are collected can be delivered to Clergy Conference October 16-19, 2017. The Honduras Medical Mission will package items into “Family Packs” to be given to families that are seen through the medical clinic. Thank you for helping!

We have a collection box on the bin in the hall going into the church and the list is located at the back door. Brandt will take what we have collected to clergy conference.

Prayer List

For parishioners: **Jane** Jones, **Joe** McLaurin, **Bill** Burle, **Linda** Owens, **Barbera** Nicholson, **Charlie** Mitchell, **Haley** Holbrook, **Jo Ann & David** Lee, **Shirley** Mitchell, **Elizabeth** Smith.

For friends and family: **Ed** Kossman, **Lisa** Bollinger, **Johnny** Utley, **Deborah** Ratcliff, **Al** Fava, **Callie** Wells, **Julia** Reed, **Suzanne** Bean, **Daisy** Walsh, **Sue** Gordan, **Jimmy** Long, **Lindsey** Williams, **3 un-named**, **Katherine** Adams, **Lucy** Janoush, **Dan** Johnson, **Ravi** Fredericks, **Carolyn** Cochran, **Edwynne** Love, **Katherine** Carver, **Andy** VonAntz, **Bucky** Lott, **Sidney** Lloyd, **"Poncho"** Mascagni, **John** Oglesby, **Julie** Boswell, **Linda** Hamilton, **Liz** Workman, **Helen** Toler, **Terry** Burford.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: **Eric** Crews, **Barry** Crosby, **Dan** Gibbons, **Thomas** Griffin, **Barry** Jackson, **Don** Maraska, **Landon** Marony, **Houston** Sievers, **Benji** Sparks, **Beau** Swain, **Matt** Williams.

For expectant couples: **Andrea & Kevin** Dager, **Katie** (Harris) & **Billy** Elliott, **Meg & Michael** Naaman, **Mary Allyn & Stephen** Hedges, **Sarah & Will** Loughran.

Birthdays:

9/02 Ben Buchberger
9/04 Hillary Horn
9/04 Larry Wade
9/06 Ann Hollowell
9/07 Keaton Lacy
9/09 Deanna Harper
9/12 Emily Peralisi
9/13 Lisa Lacy
9/13 Marla McGee
9/17 Lauren Bostic
9/17 Lou Sudduth
9/18 Jimmy Lee
9/21 Jeb Burle
9/23 Emery Skelton
9/26 Carl Cottingham
9/27 Beatrice Ayres
9/28 Skipper Macvaugh
9/29 Wayne Bockhold
9/29 Rick Byler
9/30 Josh Edwards

Wedding Anniversaries:

9/06 Melonie & Thomas
9/15 Betsy & Mike Bostic
9/15 Jamie & Danny Suber
9/29 Elizabeth & Charlie Weissinger

Transitions

We give thanks for the birth of
John Thomas Garletts,
born July 31, 2017
Parents:
Anna & Michael Garletts.
Grandparents:
Deanna & Warren Harper.



September 3: The Byler's
September 10: **Open**
September 17: Debbie Blanks
September 24: **Open**



Mission Mississippi meets every Tuesday at 7 A.M.

Sept. 5: Old Jerusalem MB Church,
Hwy 82@Clay Street
Sept. 12: MACE,
119 South Theobald Street
Sept. 19: Living Word Fellowship Church,
TBA
Sept. 26: Mt Ararat Baptist Church,
1141 South Delesseps St.

Aid for Hurricane Harvey Victims

Bishop Seage is asking for our continued prayers for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. As we learned in Katrina, this will be an ongoing struggle for many people for months and months. If you are wondering how you can help Bishop Seage recommends making a donation to "Episcopal Relief and Development: Harvey Fund". You may make a donation online at <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program>.



The church office & the day school will be closed Sept. 4 for Labor Day.

As of Sept. 5 we are back to normal office hours:

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM Monday -Thursday

8:00 AM – Noon Friday

Veronica will be on vacation Sept. 5-8. Please help keep things clean while she is gone.

Betsy will be on vacation Sept. 15 - 28. The church office will be open 8:00 AM--1:00 PM Monday--Thursday while she is gone. Friday will be 8:00 AM--Noon as usual.

Service Ministries for Sunday, September 3

8:00 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander

Lector: Bill Burle

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines

LEM: Martha Renfroe

Lector: Sonya Bixler

Ushers: Bill Andrews, Tommy Hart, Brad Jones, Todd Lane

Acolytes: Thomas Jones, Paul Horn, Lawler Horn

Altar Guild: The Renfroe Team

Vestry Assignment: William Owens, Bill Schaffarzick

Service Ministries for Sunday, September 10

8:00 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin

Lector: Jack Lowry

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe

LEM: Sonya Bixler

Lector: Tim Bixler

Ushers: Martin Mitchell, Peter Nimrod, Bill Schaffarzick, Ralph Owens

Acolytes: Zach Dick, Lizzie Skelton, Sophia Hines

Altar Guild: The Baird Team

Vestry Assignment: Bee Stewart, Margaret Wade

Service Ministries for Sunday, September 17:

8:00 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander

Lector: Mickey Naaman

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dot Meeks

LEM: Noel Harris

Lector: Penny Byler

Ushers: Dudley Stewart, David Cochran, William Owens, Doug Wade

Acolytes: Rebecca Jones, Brantley Nimrod, Gil Macvaugh

Altar Guild: The Mitchell Team

Vestry Assignment: George Baird, Vance Nimrod

Service Ministries for Sunday, September 24:

8:00 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin

Lector: Bill Burle

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Rick Byler

LEM: Curt Lacy

Lector: John Daniels

Ushers: Carl Cottingham, Noel Harris, Michael Ables

Acolytes: Keaton Lacy, Lizzie Skelton, Eva Wade

Altar Guild: The Ann Egger Team

Vestry Assignment: Rick Byler, Amanda Cottingham

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5:30-6:30 PM

Thursday, Sept 7

Living Word Fellowship

616 West O'Hea

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

2017 Human Rights Celebration

Sponsored
by Church Women United
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New York, NY 10115
212-670-2347
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September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Clergy Sabbath	2 10 AM AA mtg.
3 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II	4  Office Closed 6 PM Al Anon	5 7:00 AM Mission MS Prayer B'fast @ Old Jerusalem MB Church, 82 & Clay Street 6:00 PM: Boy Scouts	6 8:30 AM Day school Chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM: AA Meeting 6:00 PM Choir	7 8:00 AM J.A. Mtg	8 Clergy Sabbath	9 10 AM AA mtg.
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