

April 2024

THE WAYFARER

A PUBLICATION OF ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:30 am	H.E. Rite I
9:30 am	Adult Christian Ed
9:30 am	Choir
10:30 am	Children's Church
10:30 am	H. E. Rite II

STUDY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY

10:30 am	Bible Study
3:00 pm	Kid's Connection
6:00 pm	Choir

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Depending upon when Betsy actually publishes the newsletter, this may be a little premature. No matter. The Great Fifty Days of Easter begins (began?) March 31 this year. It is Easter through the Feast of Pentecost, May 19. The Resurrection of our Lord is so awesome we celebrate it continuously for fifty days, and then every Sunday for the rest of the year. Every Sunday is a feast of the Resurrection.

Some denominations emphasize Good Friday; others, Pentecost; still others Easter Sunday. It largely depends on how the denomination teaches how salvation works, the mechanism. The fancy church word is "soteriology." To my knowledge, all Christian denominations teach that salvation is a function of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, but different denominations think different parts of that list are the "important" one.

No surprise that Episcopalians tend to keep a balanced approach. Every aspect of our Lord's work is salvific. In some denominations, one can get the feeling that Jesus was just hanging out until the Romans could get around to killing him. Others almost seem to lose sight of Jesus altogether in the coming of the Holy Spirit. But it is the entirety of our Lord's incarnation that is salvific. Every part of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension plays a role in salvation.

To be fair, Anglicans have been accused of over-emphasizing the Incarnation in general, but I disagree. You might have noticed that I bow during the Nicene Creed when we get to the part about "he came down from heaven." This is because just "emptying" himself (as St. Paul puts it) and becoming human was an enormous event. The idea of God the Creator becoming part of the creation for our sake is beyond comprehension.

It is hard enough for us humans to humble ourselves just within the context of our humanity. But Jesus "who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God (*continued on page 2*)

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(continued from page 1) as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:6-8)

Whatever actual mechanism God uses to save us, we affirm that it is through our Lord Jesus Christ and what he did and does for us that makes it possible. Fortunately, I don’t have to understand it to benefit from it, But I do celebrate it and give thanks to God for it.

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+



The Church Office will be Closed April 1. We will reopen April 2, at 8:00 am.

Revenue & Expenses February 2024

Total Revenue	\$26,203.18
Total Expenses	\$43,618.35
Net Total	(\$17,415.17)



The next ECW luncheon will be Tues., Apr. 9 at noon at the Greenville Country Club.



MEN of ST. JAMES

The Men of St. James will enjoy breakfast on Thurs. April 18, at 7:00 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Apr 1 Church Office Closed
- Apr 3 Healing Service at noon
- Apr 8 Pastoral Care Committee
- Apr 9 ECW Luncheon at noon @ CCGG
- Apr 16 Vestry meeting 5:30 pm
- Apr 18 Men’s Breakfast 7:00 am

Next Dates for Baptisms

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist at the chief service on a Sunday. The next dates for Baptism are The Day of Pentecost, May 19, and All Saints’ Sunday, Nov. 3. To schedule a baptism, please call Betsy at the Church Office or speak to Father Brandt.

Service Ministries for Sunday, Apr 7

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Finley Edwards
Lector: Mickey Naaman
Ushers: Ralph Owens
Vestry Assignment: Doug Wade, Finley Edwards

Service Ministries for Sunday, Apr 14

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Sonya Bixler
Lector: Ralph Owens
Ushers: Wesley Smith
Vestry Assignment: Brad Jones, Ginny Cochran

Service Ministries for Sunday, Apr 21

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Brister Lee
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Geoffrey Lewis
LEM: Noel Harris
Lector: Charlie Weissinger
Ushers: David Cochran
Vestry Assignment: Ellen Frye, Noell Harris

Service Ministries for Sunday, Apr 28

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Finley Edwards
Lector: Sonya Bixler
Ushers: Bill Andrews
Vestry Assignment: Debi Hendrix, Rak Koestler



Deadline for articles for the next *Wayfarer* is Apr. 19

The Annual Day School Rummage Sale will be held July 12 & 13



Spread the word that we are collecting treasures all year long for our Rummage Sale. We have 2 containers we would love to fill with rummage. This is our biggest fundraiser, and we welcome anyone's donations. If you bring your donations before noon any weekday, we will help you unload!

If you happen to see our instagram or facebook posts an easy way to show your support is to LIKE and SHARE all of them. Sharing our posts exponentially increases our visibility in our community!

Preview Party will be July 10.

Diocesan Altar Guild Annual Meeting

April 20, 2024

St. John's Episcopal Church
541 North 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS



ESTABLISHED A.D. 1981

9:00 - 10:00	Registration / Light Refreshments
10:00 - 11:45	Welcome Business Meeting Program: The Rev. Dr. Karl C. Schaffenburg, Priest Associate Elements of an Instructed Eucharist <i>The origins of particular altar vessels, linens, accoutrements and practices.</i>
12:00 - 1:00	Holy Eucharist The Very Rt. Brian Seage, Bishop of Mississippi The Very Rev. Fr. Jeffery W. Reich, Rector Mathew Woods, Organist and Choirmaster
1:00 - 2:00	Luncheon and Fellowship

Cost: \$30.00 and will be collected at the door



Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 12th to
Jennifer Myrick - thepotterswife@gmail.com

A block of rooms is available until April 1 at Hampton Inn of Hilton in Laurel. For reservations, you may contact Shannon Teel at 601-319-1912. For more information, please call Laurie Noble at 662-207-0643 or email laurasnoble@gmail.com



Greetings, Mississippi Episcopalians!

To honor Bishop Brian Seage's years of leadership and ministry, his service and dedication to the Church, and his family's generous sharing of him with all of us, the Bishop Transition Committee is pleased to invite you to join us as we say farewell to Brian, Kyle, Katie, and Betsy.

We will gather at the Two Mississippi Museums in Jackson on April 26, 2024, from 6 - 9 p.m., where we will enjoy the music of a string quartet as well as delicious food and drink, express our gratitude for the Seage family's devotion and presence in our lives, and wish them Godspeed.

Suggested attire for the event is dressy casual. Free parking will be available in the visitor garage at the Two Mississippi Museums, behind the Old Capitol Museum, and on adjacent streets. Handicapped parking will be available in front of the Winter Building, within the Two Mississippi Museums parking garage, and the upper parking level of the Old Capitol Museum. Responses to <https://forms.gle/yJBcQ8o57cqVWfKs5> are appreciated, but not required for attendance.

Should you need overnight accommodations, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Homewood Suites by Hilton in the historic Fondren District of Jackson for April 26 - 28, 2024. Please use one of the following web browsers when booking, otherwise the discount will not show up: Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Safari. The group block is Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi and you may cancel without penalty until 48 hours prior to arrival. The cutoff date for reserving your room is April 8, 2024. Please [click here](#) to be taken to the website to make your reservation.

Finally, we are preparing a slideshow that will run during the farewell event and invite you to share with us any photographs of the Seages you would like to see included, by sending them to msbishopsearch@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your help in making this farewell event for the Seages a tremendous success!

Joyfully,
Jan F. Gadow
Member, Bishop Transition Committee

OUR PARISH FAMILY



For parishioners: Bill Andrews, Jimmy Sutherland, Sandy Welsh, Lynn & Bill Schaffarzick, Haley Holbrook, Jimmy Lee, Linda Owens, Dudley Stewart, Susan Sutherland, Elizabeth Smith

For friends and family: Veronica Williams, Julie Boswell, Jean Williamson, Billy Polson, Sue Gordon, Jeannie Edwards, Rod Armstrong, Kenneth Culpepper, Mary Alice Davis, Jan Lester, Beverly Plunkett, Mischa Walker, Mary Louise Miller, Ruth Ellen Coffey, Roane Bland, Maria Sherman, Linda Fratesi, Brittany Hill, Christin Fisher, Phil Lee, Jr., Millie Wright, Kaye Buchanan, Bob Jones, Penny & Rick Byler, 1 anonymous

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Barry Jordan, Jackson Mitchell, Tyler Owens, Nathan Thomas, Sean Williams, Thomas Griffin, Barry Jackson, Marcus Shoemaker, Beau Swain.

For expectant couples: Amanda & Shawn Zorn, Morgan & Casey Rorie, Cathy & Adam Tarr

APRIL



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Holly Wade	4/03
Debbie Blanks	4/04
Austin Frye	4/04
Robin Wells	4/04
Ralph Owens, Jr.	4/09
Mike Boyd	4/10
Mary Paul McDowell	4/10
LaMarr Winn	4/12
James Avis III	4/13
David H. Lee	4/19
Faris Buchberger	4/20
Vance Nimrod	4/21
Searcy Cunningham	4/23
Porter Grubb	4/25
Gary Hines	4/25
Eva Wade	4/27
Lily Rose Owens	4/29
Craig Karlson	4/30

Robin & Greg Wells	4/12
Amanda & Carl Cottingham	4/21
Elise & Jimmy Lee, Jr.	4/21
Katie & Billy Elliott	4/23
Margaret & Larry Wade	4/23

Births & Adoptions

We give thanks for the birth of
 Madeline Sue Sandidge
 &
 Eloise Claire Sandidge
 born March 5 to
 Melonie & Thomas Sandidge
 Proud grandparent is
 Mickie Sandidge
 Great Grandmother is
 Sandy Welsh

Our Palm Sunday plate offering raised \$184.75 for Chapel of the Cross. If you would like to donate, use the QR Code.

REBUILD
 CHAPEL OF THE CROSS,
 ROLLING FORK

The Bishop has designated all Palm Sunday loose plate offerings to the rebuilding of Chapel of The Cross, Rolling Fork.



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CALENDARS



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Church Office Closed for Easter Monday	2	3 8:30 AM Dayschool chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Healing Service 3:00 PM Kid's Connection 6:30 PM Choir	4	5 Clergy Sabbath	6 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
7 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:30 AM Adult Sunday school 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II	8 12:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee	9 12:00 PM ECW Luncheon @ GGCC	10 8:30 AM Dayschool chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 3:00 PM Kid's Connection 6:30 PM Choir	11	12 Clergy Sabbath	13 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
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