



St. James Episcopal Church

Restoring people to God & each other in Christ

THE EPISTLE

La Grange, Texas

June/July, 2007



From the Rector

Beginning June 10, we begin the season after Pentecost, which will last all the way to the first Sunday of Advent in December. With the Feast of the Ascension we completed the liturgical cycle of Jesus' earthly ministry. In most seasons of the church year, we rehearse the events in the life of Jesus: his birth, death, and resurrection. In our worship, we remember the events of his life and pray that his life will shape our lives. Through the season of Pentecost, we remember the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit that continues to lead and guide the Church.

Through our worship and service, we have had a very active Lent and Easter seasons. Though summer is upon us, we do have some special worship services planned. We will celebrate Independence Day on July 1 by singing some of our national songs contained in the Hymnal. We will celebrate Saint James' Day on July 22 and display pictures from Saint James' archives in the Parish Hall. On July 29 we will again worship using the 1559 Book of Common Prayer as a way to remember our Anglican heritage. On August 19 we will welcome our Suffragan Bishop Dena Harrison. Bishop Harrison was rector of Saint James' from 1992 to 1997. She will be here at the 10:30 a.m. service to confirm youth and adults. A reception will follow the service in honor of the confirmands and Bishop Harrison's ministry.

On another note, many of you may have already heard the news, but the Herschell family will be leaving Saint James. Matt, Heather, and Mary will be moving to San Antonio. We will lose three great individuals. Heather and Matt have been very active in the ministries of Saint James'. Matt will be leaving the Vestry and we will need to find a new Head of School for the Preschool. Heather has served two years as the Head of School and her talents will be greatly missed. As Matt, Heather, and Mary they have blessed us with their presence here I am confident they will bless others wherever God leads them.

It is hard to believe, but we have almost completed half of 2007. It has been a great year thus far and we can give thanks to God for all that God has done for us and among us.

—*Daryl Hay*

Looking Ahead

- June 3 Trinity Sunday
- June 5 Daughters of the King
- June 9 Men's Club BBQ
- June 11 Men's Club Meeting
- June 16 Supper Club
- June 26 Second Chance
- July 1 Supper Club
- July 3 Daughters of the King
- July 4 Parish Office Closed
- July 9 Second Chance
- July 9 Men's Club Meeting
- July 10 Preschool Begins
Summer Program
- July 14 Men's Club BBQ
- July 16-19 AMEN
- July 22 St. James' Day
- July 29 1559 Book of Common
Prayer Service
- Aug 1 End of Preschool
Summer Program
- Aug 19 Bishop visit &
Confirmation



Supper Club News

The St. James monthly Supper Club provides a monthly opportunity for members to share good food and interesting conversation with fellow parishioners and guests. Please RSVP with the number attending and the dish you will provide. Make plans to join us!

Hosts Needed: Due to a change in schedule, hosts are needed for August. Call Ann Campbell at 979.542.9465 if you are interested in hosting. The event could be a in your home or could be a "destination" party.

June Supper Club

Date: Saturday, June 16

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hosts: Ken & Dianna Berg
Gene & Sue Holt

Theme: Summer Sampler — keep it cool and easy!
Bring your favorite summer dish
to accompany juicy slices of ham and turkey.

Location: The Bergs

RSVP: Sign up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall
Maps will be in the Church Office in early June

This is an adults only event.

July Supper Club

Date: Sunday, July 1

Time: After Church

Hosts: Cindy Woodrome, The Sengler Family &
The Bradley Family

Theme: A Good 'Ole Fashioned Sunday Picnic

Location: Cindy Woodrome's House,
510 E. Main St., Fayetteville

RSVP: Cindy Woodrome

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Come celebrate Independence Day! Enjoy an afternoon of Good 'Ole American Cuisine (hot dogs, fried chicken, apple pie & lemonade) and fun! Come sit & visit under the shade trees or in the A/C.

Play dominoes & cards or horseshoes, even croquet! Please bring the kids (they can run through the sprinklers) and be sure to wear your red, white & blue!

What to bring: lawn chairs, outdoor games, your favorite potluck side dishes and desserts, ice in coolers.

A sign up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall.

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will meet June 5 and July 3. They will not meet in August, but will resume their study "What's so Amazing About Grace" September 4.

Birthdays

- June 4 Spencer Hay
- June 6 Railla Bradley
Lauren Laigle
- June 7 Carolyn McInturff
- June 8 Joe Bailey
Virginia James
- June 12 Katie Burger
- June 13 Ken Berg
- June 15 Mary de Kok
Suzanne Batchelder
- June 17 Heather Herschell
- June 20 Gerald Campbell
- June 22 Pete Hamel
- June 24 Casey Shaw
- June 25 Bob Hays
- July 5 Val Pechal
- July 7 Ray Landry
- July 12 Terry James
- July 14 Bill Balch
David Laigle
- July 17 Marjorie Ettredge
- July 24 Myrtis Vyvjala
Candy Flake
- July 27 Dickie McDaniel
- July 29 Vera Zitterich



Anniversaries

- June 3 Casey & Emily Shaw
- June 4 Joe & Carolyn Bailey
- June 6 Stewart & Anne Chuber
- June 9 Danny & Vera Zitterich
- June 10 Tom & Donna Jones
- June 13 Bill & Judy Balch
- June 13 Mel & Susie Glasscock
- June 17 Bob & Helen Hays
- June 20 Jim & Julie Holmes
- June 25 David & Bettye Allen
- June 29 Ed & Beth Mattingly
- July 17 John & Deborah Bradley

*If we have missed a birthday or anniversary,
please contact the Parish Office.*

Men's Club Update

Men's Club BBQ will take place on June 9, and the beneficiary will be The St. James' Relay for Life Team. The June Men's Club Meeting will be in the home of Bob Hays.

The July Men's Club BBQ will take place July 14 with the beneficiary being St. Mark's Hospital. The Men's Club meeting will take place on Monday, July 9 in the home of Henry Withers.

Vestry Notes from May

Average Sunday Attendance is averaging 90. Daryl and Sue Holt attended a finance conference and learned a great deal. We are anticipate 5 or 6 new confirmations.

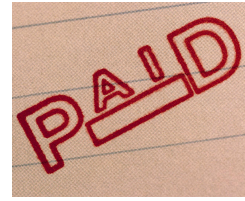
The work on the painting, flooring, and fencing of the Rectory is being studied and bids are being taken. Greg reported on issues regarding the grounds at the Rectory. He reported on the necessary clean up and restoration of the grounds. We are also looking at a bid for paving the driveway by the parking lot at the church.

St. James is fiscally in good shape. We received a sizable donation that has helped our situation. We are in need of a Stewardship Committee Chairperson. Sue has done a study of our finances and recommended we write a comprehensive policy and procedures manual for all the activities involving the church.

We will begin to use electronic banking because it is more efficient and safe.

Daryl discussed a sense of urgency regarding our Vision, Mission, and Core Values workshop. Much discussion followed regarding the need to spend time and money revisiting our Vision, Mission, and Core Values. The Vestry decided to collect more information from Daryl before making the decision to hire an outside consultant.

Helen announced the diocese is also going through a core values, mission and vision and she will be attending the meeting in Austin.



**St. James Has Yet Another Blessing!
Our debt to the Endowment Fund is paid in full!**

In early 2005, a \$40,000 loan was made available by the Endowment Fund to the Parish for church restoration purposes. The sanctuary was in need of some TLC and we were about to embark on the 150th Celebration of our Church.

Fortunately, with additional donations and cost savings, our debt reached just over \$28,000. We made our final payment to the Endowment Fund on March 10, 2007 – our debt is paid in full! The entire Parish is to be commended for this accomplishment.

One-third of our year is over and I am pleased to report pledges are coming in well, our plate offering is up and we have been further blessed by some special gifts. At this time, our finances are in good order. I plan to provide a detailed mid-year report in the next *Epistle*.

Summer vacations are just around the corner and in order for us to maintain our momentum, please don't take your pledge on vacation with you!

Should you have any financial questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

— Sue Holt, Treasurer

**Save the Date for RELAY FOR LIFE
St. James Super Heroes**



Join us Saturday and Sunday, September 22-23, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. for this year's Relay for Life. Sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall. We need commitments and money as soon as possible, so that we can get the best location for our campsite. Be thinking how to make money and have fundraisers, and ideas for a banner and spirit sticks.

The main theme for Relay this year is SUPER HEROES. We'll be selling the luminarias, getting donations, having a raffle, etc.

The captains this year are:
 Justa Helm: justah@cvtv.net; 979.562.2351 (h)
 979.505.0033 (c);
 Dianna Berg: ddberg@cvtv.net; 979.242.4012(h);
 713.962.9916(c);
 Betty Cook: bsc43@aol.com; 979.278.3150(h);
 817.845.5296(c);
 Carolyn Bailey: baileyacres@cvtv.net; 979.561.8762(h)
 713.515.8844(c)

ECW News


ECW will take a break from meetings this summer, but not from our mission work.

We will host the birthday party at Care Inn in June and plan to volunteer to prepare and/or distribute lunches in La Grange's first summer lunch program. In addition, we are asking for a greater participation by our members at Second Chance.

ECW Dates to remember

- September 10 Next ECW meeting in the Parish Hall
- October ECW spiritual retreat at the home of Charlotte Hillbolt
- November 17 St. Mark's Hospital Holiday Happening, where we will have a table to sell our spice mixture and other goodies

—Ann Rogers

<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Schedule</p> <p><u>Sundays:</u> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite One 8:45 a.m. Breakfast/Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Church School Bible Study Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite Two 11:30 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship</p> <p>Child care is provided on Sundays from 9:15 to 12:00 for children ages two to five years. The nursery is located in the Preschool Building.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Staff</p> <p>The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector Heather Herschell, Head of St. James Episcopal Preschool Heidi Ullrich, Parish Administrator & <i>Epistle</i> Editor Evelyn Grant, Financial Administrator Elva Ulbrich, Music Director Jim & Julie Holmes, Organists Penny Sengler, Church School Teacher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vestry and Officers</p> <p>Helen Hays, Senior Warden Greg Northrup, Junior Warden Dianna Berg Paul Crain Gene Holt Matt Herschell Lil Landry Bill Rogers Penny Sengler</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ministry Chairs</p> <p>Acolytes & LEMs: TBD Altar Guild: Suzanne Batchelder AMEN: Alfred & Suzanne Artz Building & Grounds: Greg Northrup Christian Education: Penny Sengler Daughters of the King: Charlotte Hillbolt ECW: Ann Rogers Endowment: Joe Bailey Invite a Friend: Gene Holt & Justa Helm Kitchen: Helen Hays & Dianna Berg Men's Club: Ken Berg & Gerald Campbell Outreach: Dianna Berg Pastoral Care: Vera Zitterich Second Chance: Frances Stepchinski Stewardship: TBD Supper Club: Ann Campbell Ushers: TBD</p>
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Our mission is to restore people to God and each other in Christ.

Christ-centered worship in the Episcopal Church tradition

Our caring relationships and fellowship

Our historical presence in the community

Our involvement in community outreach

Our growth in spirituality, service and size

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Deadline for articles for the August Epistle is 7/15.

If possible, please submit your article via email to st-james@cmaccess.com. Please report errors and omissions.

