



St. James Episcopal Church

Restoring people to God & each other in Christ

THE EPISTLE

La Grange, Texas

September, 2006



**“NOW THAT THE DAY-
LIGHT FILLS THE SKY,
WE LIFT OUR HEARTS
TO GOD ON HIGH, THAT
HE, IN ALL WE DO OR
SAY WOULD KEEP US
FREE THIS DAY”
LATIN, 6TH CENTURY
JOHN MASON NEALE**

Looking Ahead

- Sept 2 Fayette County Fair
Parade – Men's Club
Holy Smokers' float
- Sept 4 Parish Office Closed
- Sept 5 Parents Day Out starts
- Sept 6 Preschool Starts
- Sept 9 Men's Club BBQ
- Sept 10 Relay for Life Rally and
Raffle Ticket Sale
- Sept 10 Fiesta Supper Club at
the James'
- Sept 11 Graceful Exit
- Sept 16 Relay for Life
- Oct 7 Dena Harrison Conse-
cration—Camp Allen

St. James Pilgrims Marching for a Cure

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life St. James Episcopal Church Pilgrims are marching forth with their staffs in hand (Spirit Sticks). The Relay for Life will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2006, at the LaGrange High School Football Field. Everyone is invited to participate in the event, as a walker or spirit leader. If you are a survivor and would like to participate in the opening ceremonies, please contact Carolyn Bailey, 979.561.8762.

We have had such a wonderful response of folks wanting to participate. Each member of the team will need to raise at least \$100 by selling luminarias, collecting donations or selling raffle tickets. Another wish is to have a member of the team on the track all night long. A sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.

St. James Pilgrims will sell raffle tickets until the night of the Relay when the drawing will take place. The cost of tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5. The raffle items include a "Second Hand Rose" Antique Handkerchief Wall Hanging quilted by Ann Rogers, a \$50 gift certificate at The 108 Bistro Restaurant donated by Katrina Packard, 30 Gallon Oak Tree donated by the Bucek Tree Farm, Round Top Bed and Breakfast stay (antique weekends excluded) donated by Jeanette Burger, an original painting by Suzanne Batchelder and a Crepe Myrtle Tree also donated by Bucek Tree Farm.

Everyone is invited to participate on the evening of September 16. Come and stay for the opening ceremonies and wear your red St. James T-shirt. Don't miss the lighting of luminarias at dusk. Stay as long as you can, walk, find your luminaria (they will be on track alphabetically), experience the HOPE that is in the air. We have all been touched by this disease, come share in the common goal to find the cure.

Please, contact Carolyn Bailey 979-561-8762 or Justa Helm 979-562- 2351, co-chairpersons of the Relay for Life St. James Pilgrims Rock.

The Significance of the Sun in the Relay for Life

The Relay begins when the sun is setting, symbolizing the time that a person has been diagnosed as having cancer. The day is getting darker and represents the cancer patient's state of mind as they feel that their life may be coming to an end.

Around 1:00 a.m. represents the time when the cancer patient starts treatment. They become exhausted, some sick, possibly wanting to give up. Participants feel about the same. They are tired, want to sleep, maybe even want to go home, but cannot stop or give up.

The sun rising represents the end of the treatment for the cancer patient. They see the light at the end of the tunnel and know that life will go on. The dawn brings on a new day full of life and excitement for new beginnings for the cancer patient. Participants feel the brightness of the morning and know that the end of the Relay is close at hand.

What Was That?

Communion Linens: Have you noticed the linens during communion, especially when receiving communion? Here is some understanding, again from the Rev. S. Albert Kennington's "We've almost Always Done It something Like This."

Pall: (covers the chalice) When the corporal was developed, the new, little "fair linen" was too short to cover the communion vessels. So, a separate small piece of linen was devised as a cover. With a stiff lining, it rested on the stacked chalice and paten, and made a perfect form for holding a veil over it. Its use returned in the late 19th century. At St. James (as in most Episcopalian Churches), the Pall is a heavier fabric (so it drapes nicely over the chalice) and is in the current church color.

Purificator: This is the small linen used by the chalice bearer serving communion. The use of this napkin or cleaning cloth developed in the late 19th century along with a concern for germs - not before!

Towels: Another linen used by the Crucifer at the conclusion of the celebrant preparing the communion to serve to the body (the parish). It is a small towel that developed in the late 19th century as an obvious need for clerics to dry their hands after baptism and at the lavabo. How practical ! (Better the towel than their robes).

—Katrina Packard

September Supper Club

Terry & Dianne James and Diana & Sam Kuninger will co-host a Mexican Fiesta starting at 6:30 p.m. on September 10 (that's a Sunday). "Jaime's Cantina" will be at the James' home high above Smithville at 388 Over the Hill Road. Maps are available in the Parish Office.

Bring a friend, and a favorite Mexican style appetizer, entree, salad or dessert to share. Please RSVP to 512.327.1248 or 512.237.2377 before Sept 6.

The James' point out that their house is atop Rocky Hill and the soil is uneven, so wear comfortable shoes. And, as the pool hangs out over a cliff, it isn't a safe area for children. So *senoras y senores solamente, por favor.*



Back to school!

Birthdays

Sept. 18 Benno Vyvjala
 Sept. 19 Jeannette Burger
 Sept. 21 Roy Saffel
 Sept. 22 Sue Holt
 Sept. 26 Weldon Koenig
 Sept. 30 Asher Bradley



Anniversaries

Sept. 10 Eric & Suzanne Batchelder
 Sept. 28 Gary & Betty Cook

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

St. James' Columbarium

Columbarium niche applications are now available in the Parish Office and payments are being accepted. Each niche will house the remains of one (1) person. The cost of each niche is \$1,500. The difference between vendor/installation cost and cost to the niche owner will be considered a donation to the St. James' Endowment Fund. In addition, monies above cost will be considered a repayment of the church restoration loan (approximately 28K) until the loan is repaid. Thereafter, all future profits will be retained by the St. James' Endowment Fund.

Niche owners will receive a Certificate of Ownership and a donation receipt. We will order the Columbarium the beginning of October with installation beginning in January, 2007.

This is your opportunity to:

1. Guarantee a final resting place (among friends).
2. Fund repayment of the Church Restoration Loan
3. Make a donation to the St. James' Endowment Fund.
4. Remove a difficult task from your family.
5. Facilitate a graceful exit.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Crain at 979.968.6411.

St. James and the Internet

Our website is a great resource, and it also serves as a 24/7 evangelism tool.

St. James has space on its website for each ministry to have its own page with a description of the ministry and pictures of the ministry in action. We would like to ask that each group submit information to help provide a more complete picture of our parish.

The website is updated twice a week, and we are happy to post any church related announcements on the website.

From the Preschool



After along hot summer, the preschool is back in full swing! We are getting to know each other at the outset by exploring themes like "Myself and Others;" "Our Bodies;" and "Senses and Feelings." And we are already looking ahead! October will bring our annual toy sale fundraiser. This year we will be shopping with a new company for a whole new array of educational toys! And we will prepare for our first annual "Day School Sunday" on October 22nd. It is also noteworthy that in 2006-2007 we will begin seeking accreditation for our school. This is a complex, but worthwhile process of school improvement. It will ensure that our already wonderful program will be pushed to the highest level of excellence in early childhood education. We have a very busy year ahead of us!
—Heather Herschell

ECW Meeting Note

Watch your email for the date of the September ECW meeting. We are rescheduling to allow everyone to attend the "Graceful Exit" presentation in the Parish Hall on September 11. —Ann Rogers

Men's Club News

All men are encouraged to come be in the Fayette County Fair Parade on September 2. Men should be at the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to decorate the float. This year Men's Club is expanding its entry to include an antique tractor pulling our "Holy Smokers" float plus church members and friends riding their horses behind the smoking Bar-B-Q pit. Please come join the fun and fellowship of this event!
The next Men's Club BBQ will take place on Sept. 9 from 11-1.

From the Rector

We have a very beautiful and recognizable church building. We feature a drawing of it on some of our publications. We love our historic church building, but as you know the church building is not the Church. The Church is the people who use the building for the worship of God.
St. James' has a history of taking a parish photograph on Easter Sunday on the porch of the church building. The people all gather together as the sun shines down and someone snaps the picture for posterity. Some of these photographs hang in the church office and Parish Hall. We have one of them prominently featured on our website. Those photographs are pictures of the Church, the People of God.
The Catechism in the back of the *Book of Common Prayer* provides some images of the Church: the Body of Christ, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, the pillar and ground of truth, and the People of God. All baptized people together make up the *laos*, the people of God and so we all share in the one ministry of Jesus Christ.
When we invite someone to Supper Club who may not go to church, they may not know it, but when they sit down to dinner with us they are going to Church because they have joined with the People of God to share food and fellowship. Though one of the descriptions of the Church is the People of God we are not the only people of God. In some ways, all people are the People of God because we are all made in God's image. But those who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus are made ministers to represent Christ in the world and to share in his ministry. When we gather on the porch of the church building for the Easter picture we are gathered together as the People of God, the Church, and when we leave that porch we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

-Daryl Hay

Did someone plan your Baptism?
Did someone plan your Confirmation?
Did someone plan your Wedding?

Don't *you* want to plan your
Last Great Celebration in the Church?
Come and see how to make a

Graceful Exit

Celebrate Your Life
Monday, September 11
St. James Episcopal Church
Supper at 6:00 p.m.

Presentation by Bidwell Drake

Receive a notebook containing all you need to
plan your last great celebration a
Graceful Exit

This is the greatest gift you can leave
your Loved Ones.

RSVP to 968.3910

Babysitting will be provided

Worship Schedule

Sundays:

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

Child care is provided on Sundays from 10:15 to 12:00 for children ages two to five years. The nursery is located in the Preschool Building.



Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop
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St. James' Mission

Our mission is to restore people to God and each other in Christ.

Our Core Values

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

DEADLINE

Deadline for articles for the October Epistle is 9/15.

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

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