

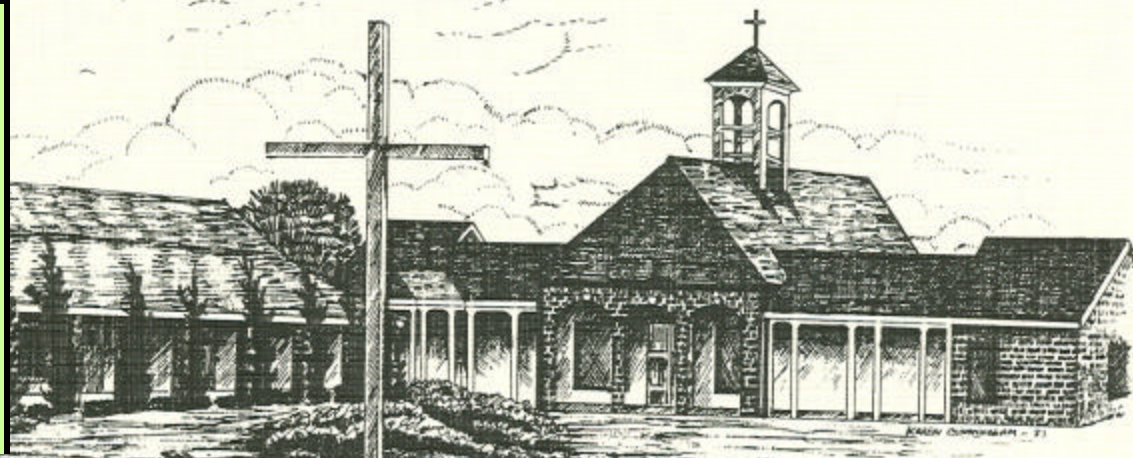
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The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

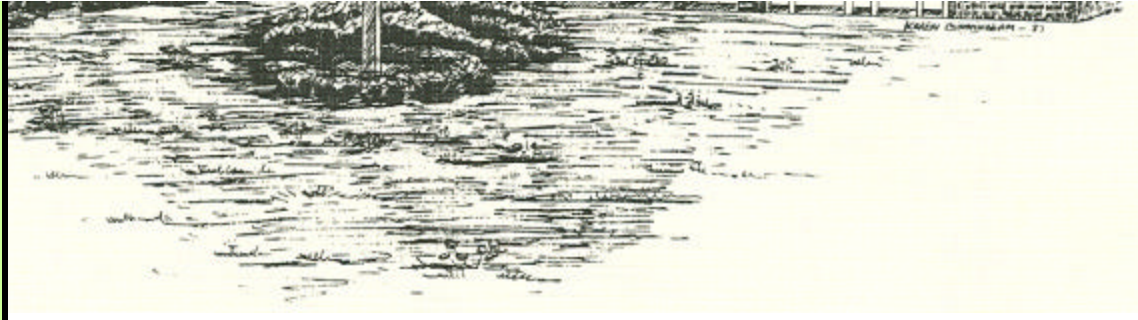
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February 15, 2011

*Shrove
Tuesday
Pancake
Supper
6:00pm
March 8*



*Ash
Wednesday
Service
10:00am
6:00pm
March 9*



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The Rev'd Morgan MacIntire

Organist/Choir Director:

Kaye Crichlow

Nursery:

Rhonda Robertson

Parish Secretary:

Jnanne Zepeda

2010 Vestry:

Jerry Howard (14)

Sr. Warden

Paul Moore (14)

Jr. Warden

Members:

Suzy Adcock (13)

Dan Bennett (12)

Ron Maberry (13)

Larry Porter (14)

Layton Porter (12)

Lynette van Heerden (14)



A MESSAGE FROM the senior warden...

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the confidence you have shown in electing me to the vestry. Not only am I gaining the experience of being on the vestry, I also get to discover the excitement of being a Senior Warden. I know it will be a challenge. We have had a long journey functioning in a maintenance mode, trying to keep everything together, making things work, while at the same time establishing many close relationships with each other in the congregation. Fr. Bill helped us a great deal stabilizing our church and we are truly grateful. After meeting with Morgan for several hours, I want to assure you that she has a number of dynamic ideas and experiences that will challenge us to create new goals and provide us direction for meeting them.

With today's economy, many are uncertain of what the future holds in store. I think it is evident from the fact that our pledges fall short of our needed expenses. Many feel as I do, that we are in the need of a full time priest. With Morgan planning on returning in April to start guiding us through our new journey, we must prayerfully consider what each of us can do to obtain that goal.

In addition to our spiritual growth, we need to focus on growth in numbers. By gaining more exposure to the community, showing our enthusiasm for St James, messaging on our new LED sign and active participation in events we should grow in

Layton Porter (12)
Lynette van Heerden (14)
Kathy Watkins (12)
Michael Wainwright (12)
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gaining more exposure to the community, showing our enthusiasm for St James, messaging on our new LED sign and active participation in events, we should grow in numbers. We have a great church. Really great people. We need to continue working together, reaching out, sharing our love with others.

Jerry Howard,
Senior Warden

Outreach News

Thank you all so very much for the outpouring of support with cleaning out your homes and filling the Goodwill Bags to gain vouchers for the homeless to use! This project has been a huge success and will continue to go on!

One Request:

Joe Cooper, who picks up the bags from the church hall asked that we tie the bags in a knot for ease of picking up and transporting – so please make sure when you bring your bags, you tie them in a knot – THANK YOU!

If you see that the bags are getting plentiful, you can call Joe Cooper @ 773-5116 and let him know we have some for him to pick up – a lot of times I am out of town and not aware of the amount in the hall, so feel free to call him.

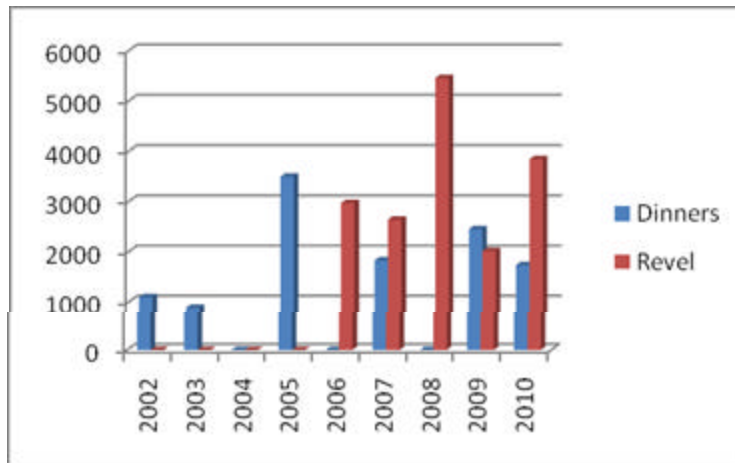
Thanks,

Karen Waguespack

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St. James Fund Raising

I want to take a little to time to present some history as well as some insight as to where we are headed regarding the church's Fund Raising activities. They are absolutely essential to help us overcome shortages in our operating budgets, provide us with a means of outreach, and give us the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship. Fund Raisers also allows the congregation an opportunity to utilize our "Time and Talents" to help us meet our tithing obligations.



Dinners	Revel	Year
1093	0	2002
881	0	2003
0	0	2004
3489	0	2005
0	2965	2006
1824	2637	2007
0	5454	2008
2445	2011	2009
1730	3838	2010

Over the past 9 years, we basically have had two types of Fund Raising projects: Dinner Theaters and the Revel. Dinner Theaters have been very entertaining and profitable, provided we have plenty of participation and publicity. We have been very fortunate to have such talent to be able to conduct such activities. Very few churches have that capability. The Shreveport Revel has also been very rewarding to us. Thanks to the outstanding guidance of Matt Parker, we have had the opportunity to experience several profitable seasons. Sometimes the weather would not always cooperate, but there was always good fellowship and hard work.

This past week a small focus group of parishioners gathered together to discuss Fund Raising projects for the near future. Although the Revel has been a good source of income over the years, it takes a great deal of commitment and time to make it happen. This year we want to focus on making all of our “Quarterly Master Series of Entertainment” events successful. With everyone’s help and participation we can make them as profitable as the Revel while at the same time being entertained. Starting next year, we hope to have a new opportunity of working a concession stand at events held at Centurytel. Each event we participate in, we will be required to provide 20 people for the evening and receive 10% of the stand’s revenue. Several other churches participate and have reported good results. We discussed doing this once a quarter along with the continuation of the dinner theater events.

I hope you are as excited about our future as I am. I enjoy the fellowship of our congregation. In order to make Fund Raisers successful, it takes everyone to provide some amount of involvement. If we put forth the same effort as we did for the dinner theater in 2005, we can overcome some of our financial shortfalls. So when you see an event announced, be sure to sign up or you are going to miss out on all the fun.

Jerry Howard

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you would like an announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin, please submit it by 10:00 am on the previous Wednesday. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. Announcements that are in printed form may be mailed, sent through e-mail to stjames_sport@bellsouth.net, or dropped at the parish office,.

Newsletter deadline: March 1st

SPREAD THE WORD

Would you like to brag on your family's achievements, share family milestones with friends, or invite the parish to an upcoming event? You can do so easily by submitting articles to the parish office for publication in the Spirit. There is always room for news of a baptism, wedding, or school achievement. Photographs and stories can be sent via e-mail to stjames_sport@bellsouth.net or dropped off at the parish office. And if you are shy about doing the writing, just telephone the information to 686-1261 and the writing will take care of itself.

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THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD FOR 2011

At the Annual Meeting on January 23, the three vestry seats vacated by out-going members were filled by the election of Lynette vanHeerden, Larry Porter, and Jerry Howard. At the Vestry Meeting later the same day Jerry Howard was elected Senior Warden and Paul Moore was elected Junior Warden. Generally the Senior Warden position is appointed by the rector, but as St. James does not currently have a rector, Bishop MacPherson instructed the Vestry to elect the person for that position. Congratulations to each of the people elected to the Vestry. Vestry members continuing their terms include Dan Bennett, Michael Wainwright, Kathy Watkins, Paul Moore, Ron Maberry, Suzy Adcock, and Layton Porter. We know that we are in good hands. St. James expresses appreciation to those who fulfilled their Vestry terms last month: Wain Thompson, Kathleen Porter, Debbie Barnwell, and Debbie Knight.

St. James elected the following persons to serve as delegates at the Diocesan Convention: Eydie Comeaux, Mike Endicott, Debbie Knight, and Debbie Barnwell. Kaye Crichlow, Debbie Thompson, and Wain Thompson were elected as alternate delegates.

ST. JAMES MASTER SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR 2011 KICKS OFF WITH FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW

Plan on receiving your boarding passes soon for the **R.M.S. Tyranic** journey leaving London for the USA where you can be a special guest in the First Class Dining Saloon for a specially prepared dinner. Spe-

WE CAN HELP PROVIDENCE HOUSE HELP OTHERS

Each year between 300 and 350 individuals are sexually assaulted in the Shreveport area. When they seek medical assistance, their clothing is taken as evidence. Providing help at this time is one the many things Providence House does to assist in the

Dining Saloon for a specially prepared dinner. Special Guest of Honor will be none other than the President of the White Flag Line himself, Mr. Tyrone "Ty" Rante. The Murder Mystery of "Who Took Down the Tyrant?" is the setting for an evening of merriment and mayhem. Please mark your calendar now to reserve your boarding pass for either March 4th or 5th for a four course meal and entertainment by ten selected players at the head table, one of which is the murderer. Period costumes are recommended for all attending this special evening. Lady Mya Arstite (astutely played by Kathy Calhoun with her British accent) gathers everyone together and is hautilly hosting the party. Plan to come and join in the fun and good food as the evening unfolds with clandestine clues thrown every which way for folks to try and figure out who done it! Reservations are required to receive your boarding passes. \$20 per person. Call 686-1261 to reserve your boarding pass.



as evidence. Providing help at this time is one of many things Providence House does to assist in the community. The Rotary Club of East Shreveport provides scrubs to Providence House for the victims to wear when they leave the hospital. They are asking local churches to provide hygiene items they can use to make up packets for the victims. St. James has been asked to provide any of the following:

Socks
Undies
Soap
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Washcloths

While the victims in these crimes are predominantly women, there are many children, as well. Clothing items needed by Providence House include women's sizes small, medium, large, x-large, and xx-large. Children's clothes are also needed in a variety of sizes.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Porter at kporter_cfnp@yahoo.com or 426-0643.

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OVER-NIGHTER for SINGLES
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
MARCH 11 and 12, 2011

Adult singles: widowed, divorced, or single by choice are invited to Hardtner Camp and Conference Center for 24 hours of enjoyment. The Reverend Paula Claire Hall will be our leader. There will be time for relaxing in the special Hardtner environment, time for making new friendships, time to worship together, and time to ponder the positive side of living the single life.

In less than twenty four hours we will attempt to share blessings that can be experienced while living the single life. Three meditations will challenge the *over-nighter* to focus on one's individual journey, the Galilean-to-Jerusalem journey of Jesus [a single person], and the Lenten journey which begins two days prior to the weekend. Blessings come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, colors, places, personalities, disappointments, struggles, challenges and victories.



Join us as we experience *One on Won* and conclude with Eucharist, a win-win experience.

Reading Psalm 121 is the only prerequisite for participation.

The Reverend Paula Claire Hall is supply priest at St Alban's in Monroe, serves on the Diocesan Council, chairs the Commission on Spiritual Formation and is President of the Standing



SHROVE TUESDAY

Please join
us for
pancakes
Tuesday,
March 8
6pm
Parish Hall





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DOK COLLECTING SHOES FOR CHARITY

All members of the Daughters of the King are invited to attend the Spring Assembly February 19 at Trinity, Natchitoches. As reported in the January 2011 issue of the *ALIVE!*, The theme of the Assembly is, "Put on your high heels and follow," which references our outreach effort for the year, collecting gently worn shoes to send from our Diocese under the auspices of, "Souls for Soles," an organization which collects and distributes shoes in areas devastated by disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. What a perfect way to help others walk in Faith—send a pair of shoes.

All parishioners are invited to participated in collecting shoes which will be delivered by a member of our local chapter of the DOK—Debbie Barnwell. Please leave the shoes in the Parish Hall. Boxes will be provided which will be marked for that purpose. Any style shoe, for men, women, or children, will be accepted.



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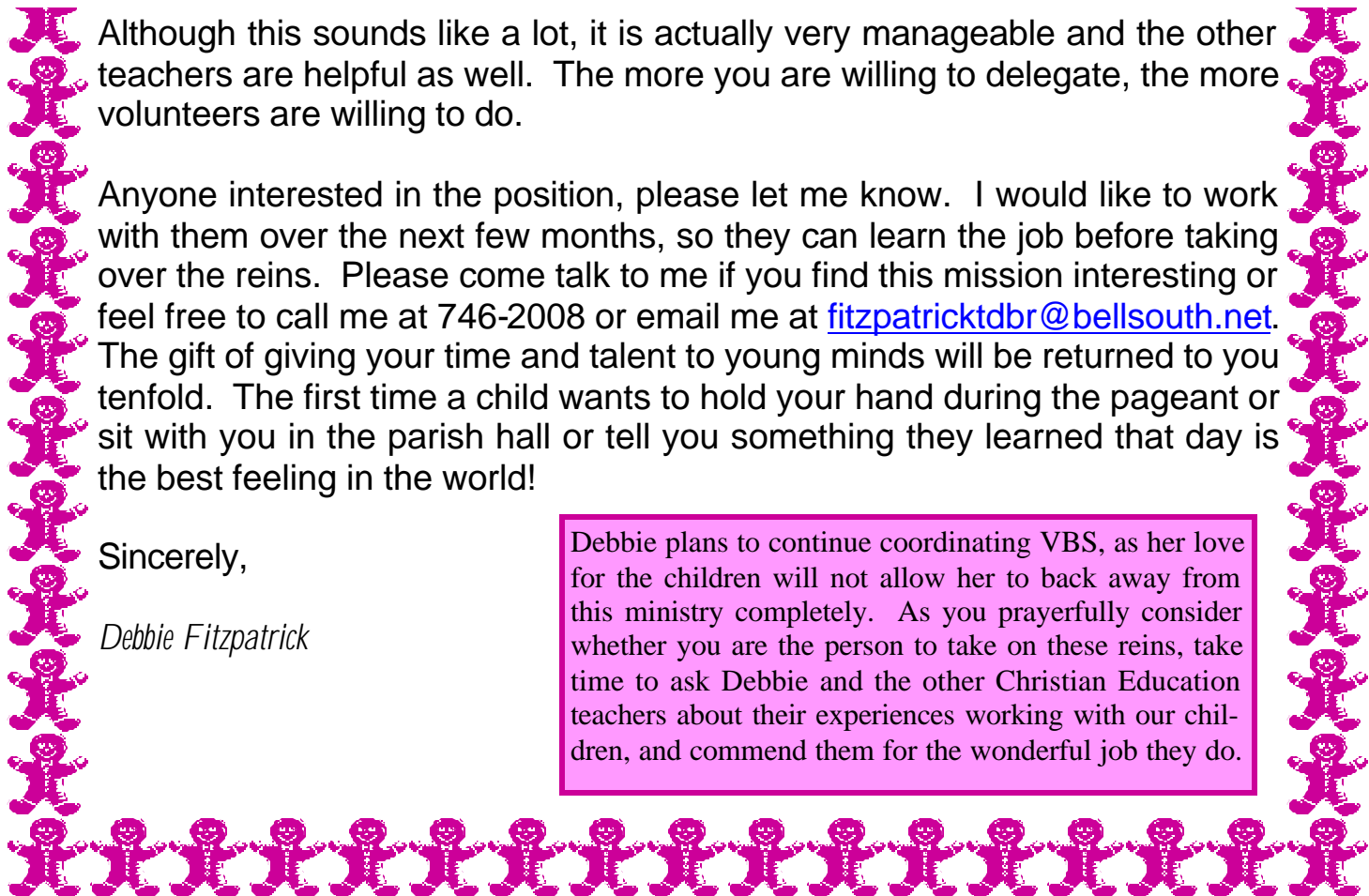
A Very Special Job Opening.....

In May, I will have been the Youth Education Director at St. James for 6 years. It has been a wonderful honor to spend Sunday's with your children sharing God's message and learning right along with them. I have cut paper, glued so many things together, colored, crafted, sung, played, conducted science experiments, cooked, danced, played and truly enjoyed every minute. It is, however; time for me to move forward to other challenges.

So, St. James will need another Youth Education Director for the 2011/2012 school year. This person must first and foremost appreciate children and have a sense of humor. The duties include selecting curriculum for pre-school, elementary, junior and senior high students as our numbers and participants differ from year to year. They also coordinate teachers, gather supplies, and set the youth Sunday school calendar from September through May each year. The Christmas Pageant and Youth Sunday in May are coordinated by the Youth Education Director as well.

Although this sounds like a lot, it is actually very manageable and the other





Although this sounds like a lot, it is actually very manageable and the other teachers are helpful as well. The more you are willing to delegate, the more volunteers are willing to do.

Anyone interested in the position, please let me know. I would like to work with them over the next few months, so they can learn the job before taking over the reins. Please come talk to me if you find this mission interesting or feel free to call me at 746-2008 or email me at fitzpatricktdbr@bellsouth.net. The gift of giving your time and talent to young minds will be returned to you tenfold. The first time a child wants to hold your hand during the pageant or sit with you in the parish hall or tell you something they learned that day is the best feeling in the world!

Sincerely,

Debbie Fitzpatrick

Debbie plans to continue coordinating VBS, as her love for the children will not allow her to back away from this ministry completely. As you prayerfully consider whether you are the person to take on these reins, take time to ask Debbie and the other Christian Education teachers about their experiences working with our children, and commend them for the wonderful job they do.

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March Anniversaries

David & Charlotte Calhoun Mar 28
James & Kathleen Calhoun Mar 31

March Birthdays

Bob Shane, III	March 3
David Calhoun	March 3
John Alex Kellogg	March 4
Andrew Jacobs	March 4
Hope Bazer	March 5
Lois Maberry	March 5
Olivia Zepeda	March 5
Brad Butler	March 5
Samantha Mattison	March 9
Mike Kendrick	March 10
Fr. William Bryant	March 11
David Haldeman	March 11
George Shetler	March 12
Hayden Hartley	March 12
Miranda Peyton	March 16
Chris Philipbar	March 18
Dianne Lashley	March 20
Kendall Grace Parker	March 24
Mason Garner	March 28
Keith McDonald	March 29
Geoffrey Shetler	March 29

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Kathy Watkin's e-mail address is
kathy-wat@att.net

Mary Joe Thomas' e-mail address is
maryjoe_thomas01@att.net

Join the ECW as they Savor the Sweet Life!

Saturday, March 26, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.


Spend the day with us as we savor time with friends, time with God and time making a difference by serving others. And, of course, since this is a St. James ECW function there will be plenty of time to savor good food and fun as well!

Look for more details in the mail and Sunday bulletins.

St. James offers condolences to parishioners who have recently lost family members. In the past month Janet Moore's mother passed away, Debbie Knight's nephew was lost in an automobile accident, and Karen Weageneck's family

Keith McDonald	March 29
Geoffrey Shetler	March 29
Cametta Emmons	March 30
Brandi Liles	March 31





Debbie Knight's nephew was lost in an automobile accident, and Karen Waguespack's family lost two members. We offer our love and support in this time of grief.



Thanks

Jerri Mahoney and her husband, Mike, thank St. James for the love and generosity given to them after the loss of their home in early December. For those who wish to donate household goods, they are currently seeking a new home, and will not be able to accept the items for a few more weeks. The parish office will send out a notice when arrangements can be made for delivery of household items from St. James to their new home.

HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	April 17	8:30am 11:00am
Tenebrae	April 20	6:00pm
Maundy Thursday	April 21	6:00pm
The Watch	April 21	8:00pm to 8:00am
Good Friday	April 22	6:00pm
Holy Saturday	April 23	10:00am
Easter Vigil	April 23	6:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 24	10:00am

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MARDI GRAS BALL TICKET SALES SET RECORD



With a goal of selling ten tables worth of tickets it came as a complete surprise when checks received over the second weekend since sales opened revealed twelve and a half tables worth of reservations. But here at St. James we don't consider that an insurmountable problem. That just means adjust the seating because everyone is welcome. The round tables were rolled out of the way and the banquet tables were pulled from storage. With decorating skills provided by several women of the ECW and brawn supplied by several members of the Men's Group, the party was set to commence. Thanks to all who participated in

either endeavor and to those who brought a banquet of goodies. With the cooperative effort of many members of the St. James family we had a party to remember. As in previous years, the Bill Bush Band performed, providing a variety of music to suit the romantic and the energetic on the dance floor.

dance floor.



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2011
“Quarterly Master Series
of Entertainment”

**Presented by St. James Episcopal Church
For 2011**

First Quarter Presentation

March 4, 5, 2011

A Friday & Saturday Evening

“H.M.S. Tyrannic.....”

(An *English Murder Mystery*)

Dinner Theatre Style

Period Dress

“A Silent Auction To Be Held”

\$20 per person

Second Quarter Presentation

June 17, 18, 19, 2011

A Friday & Saturday Evening

+ Sunday Matinee

“**Red, White and Blue Tuna**”

Dinner Theatre Setting

\$20 per person

Third Quarter Presentation



Third Quarter Presentation

September 9, 10, 2011
A Friday and Saturday Evening
“A 50’s/60’s Bee-Bop Musical”
Featuring James Palmer & Cara Waring
In A Dinner Theatre Style Setting
50’s/60’s Dress
\$20 per person

Fourth Quarter Presentation

December 2, 3, 4, 2011
A Friday, Saturday & Sunday Evening
“The Sounds of Christmas!”
A Musical Presentation
Featuring Cara Waring & James Palmer
And Orchestra
Presented in the Church Setting

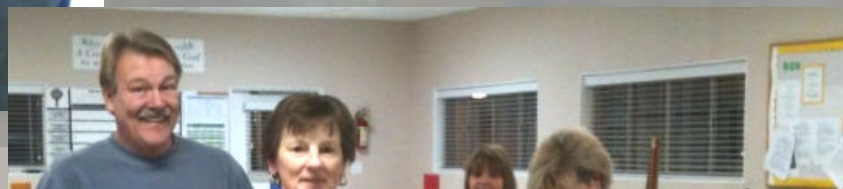
Food and Refreshments Served in Parish Hall
No ticket price – Donations Accepted

*(This special series of quarterly entertaining performances
are for specific Fundraising effects for the Choir and St.
James Parish)*

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OUTREACH JOINS WITH DOK TO REACH OUT

On February 7 the St. Monica Chapter of the Daughters of the King joined with members of the Outreach Committee to put together sixty-five bags of hygiene items for Hope House. Bags contained such items as wash cloths, deodorant, shampoo, razors, soap, and socks. They will be given to individuals who are homeless and in need of the day services provided by Hope House.





.SOUTHERN HILLS ECUMENICAL NOONDAY SERVICE AND LUNCHEON
Will be held at St. James Episcopal Church Wednesday, March 23

The service begins at noon and is followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon in the Parish Hall, hosted by the ECW.

In preparation for this event, the ECW will meet at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 22, to set up the tables and decorate, and eat afterward.

Workers are needed on Wednesday morning to set the tables, serve the meals, and clean-up after the luncheon. A sign-up sheet for bringing sandwiches, soup, and cookies is in the Parish Hall.

* things they do toward that end.

* As Episcopalians we are part of a world-wide communion. Among the many ways the Church money is used we count the Episcopal Relief and Development which provides assistance for victims of natural disaster, our seminaries where well-educated clergy continue to be produced, and our camps and conference centers, such as Hardtner, where many St. James parishioners have received spiritual succor. As in recent years, the Vestry has voted to meet the Diocesan asking in full. These are only a few of the ways in which that money will be put to use.

* So let us continue to render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, but first let us render unto God what is God's.

– Jnanne Zepeda



CALLING ALL ACTORS—YOUR ROLE AWAITS!

Lonnie Howard has graciously agreed to direct a series of Lenten Plays again this year. *Whose Cross is it, Anyway?* is scheduled for performances at 6pm each Wednesday in Lent beginning March 16 and going through April 20. Still needed are actors to fill the roles of two women and nine men, appearing in one Wednesday performance each. Lines need not be memorized, as they can be read during the performance. If you wish to participate, please contact Lonnie at ldhoward@eastex.net or 347-5716.

As a special treat, Tenebrae will be celebrated by the choir after the final play performance on April 20.

*Our Mission Statement: A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD TO WORSHIP,
LOVE, AND SERVE.*

Our Schedule of Services:

Sunday—Holy Eucharist, 8:30am
followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall
Sunday School, 9:45am
Holy Eucharist, 11:00am
Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am
Bible Study, 10:30am



Vestry Meeting Highlights—January 2011

- Jerry Howard was elected as Senior Warden, Paul Moore as Junior Warden
- The choir will host, “A Master Series of Entertainment” in 2011, with one event per quarter.
- The budget for 2011 will be discussed at a special Vestry meeting on January 30.
- Morgan’s last day to preach before the baby’s birth is to be February 20. She will return on Palm Sunday.
- The ECW and Men’s Group plan to co-host a baby shower/house warming for the MacIntire family on February 20.
- The next regular Vestry meeting will be held on February 27

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**THE MISSION CONTINUES...
POSITION OPEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL MOBILE MEDICAL MINISTRY**

This ministry serves people of Shreveport, Bossier City and the surrounding area who lack access to medical care. The position of Executive Director is a part-time position (20 hrs. per week during business, late afternoon and weekend time frames).

Requirements include:

Medical credentials (MD, RN, Allied Health Licensure)
Administrative and computer skills
Current driver's license

For more information, please contact Father Bill Bryant
at rectory@shreve.net.

