



# The MESSENGER

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July 10, 2009

## We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
  - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Chapel\*
  - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
  - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
  - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
  - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
- \*Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B  
*Revised Common Lectionary*  
 Daily Office: Year ONE

**The Lectionary — July 12 - 6 Pentecost:** *First Lesson:* 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; *The Psalm* 24; *Second Lesson:* Ephesians 1:3-14; *The Gospel:* Mark 6:14-29. **July 19 - 7 Pentecost (Feast of St James):** *First Lesson:* Jeremiah 45:1-5; *The Psalm* 7:1-10; *Second Lesson:* Acts 11:27—12:3; *The Gospel:* Matthew 20:20-28.

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## A VERY SPECIAL OUTREACH GRANT

Part 2 of a series by Phillip Wright

### STRING MUSIC ON SATURDAY

Housed in a former Walgreen's drug store, All Souls Episcopal Church in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward is a combination worship center and children's learning center offering after-school tutoring, computer teaching aids, and a Saturday music program.

As the programs recessed for the summer, 20 to 25 kids were participating in string music. Six were selected to join this summer's New Orleans String Project sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestra (GNOYO).

The success of the program led to a critical need for additional instruments. St. James has made a \$5,000 Outreach Grant toward the purchase of five violins, five cellos, five violas, and a string bass.

The remarkable success of the program has been especially rewarding to Fr. Lonell Wright. "It's changing lives. I've seen kids who were failing in school come alive when they discovered they were good at music. Their whole life has improved — in school and at home — with a new level of confidence gained through music," he said.

Trinity Wall Street will be sending a music team in late summer to add training and support as All Souls prepares for a multi-level music program for the fall.

Fr. Wright adds, "It is the goal of programs offered at All Souls to build a Christian community within the Ninth Ward and transform the lives of children and their families."



## Vacation Church School — July 27-31, 2009 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon each day

Children four (4) years old through entering fifth graders!

The Ark of St. James: Making a Difference Two by Two!

## And God Created the Heavens and the Earth...

Children's Ministries Coordinator Alison Nikitopoulos says, "Thank you to all who have already registered for St. James Vacation Church School which will take place from July 27-31. It is time for the rest of you to go ahead and register, too!" This could be your solution to this end-of-summer boredom week. We need to order the correct size t-shirts and would love to have an idea of numbers.

The children will learn about a different country and continent each day. These include our three prayer partners: Honduras, Uganda, and Japan, as well as Greece and the U.S.A. The older chil-

dren (fourth and fifth graders) will create a living environment (mini-house) complete with artifacts, roofing, photos, etc. for the younger children to experience later in the day. We will have music from each country, food, and a craft (many of which will be musical instruments). This promises to be a wonderful week!

Register online at [www.stjamesbr.org](http://www.stjamesbr.org), download a registration form from the website, or pick up a form and fill it out at church. Adult and teen volunteers (service hours!) are welcome, and should contact Alison Nikitopoulos at 387-5141 or [anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org](mailto:anikitopoulos@stjamesbr.org).

## St. James Staff

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Email addresses available on the church web site:

[www.stjamesbr.org](http://www.stjamesbr.org)

## St. James Vestry

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*The Diocese of Louisiana is one church, faithful  
to Jesus Christ, united in mission,  
reaching out to seekers.  
We live in joyous witness to the power of grace  
and divine compassion in our lives.*

## Bad Girls Book Club

Mark your dates, catch up on your beach reading and join the Bad Girls this summer!

This month, the group will meet on **July 23** - location TBA - discussing *The Eyre Affair* by Jasper Fforde.

August's gathering will be at Corks and Canvas on Jefferson Hwy in the Monjuni's shopping center. We'll gather on Thursday, **August 20** at 6:30-ish and start painting promptly at 7:00, ending at 9:00. The cost is \$15 per person (checks payable to St. James), which includes all painting supplies. We supply wine and food. St. James will take care of the wine, but if a few of you could volunteer for appetizers and munchies while we get our creative on, that'd be great.



R.s.v.p. to the August *Bad Girls Go Painting* by July 15, so Mother Laurie can confirm our reservations or add a few spots, if needed: 387-5141 or [lbrock@stjamesbr.org](mailto:lbrock@stjamesbr.org).

## Office News

We are on **Summer Office Hours** until August 7. The office is open 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. until noon on Fridays.

The next issue of *The Messenger* will be dated July 24, 2009. Submissions should be received by 9:00 a.m., Friday, July 17 by Sylvia Rabalais: phone 387-5141; fax 387-1443; or email [srabalais@stjamesbr.org](mailto:srabalais@stjamesbr.org).

We are looking for you!

If your email address has changed since the last directory, or we don't have an email address for you, or you even *think* we don't have your current/preferred email address, please send a note from the address to Sylvia Rabalais at [srabalais@stjamesbr.org](mailto:srabalais@stjamesbr.org) and/or [npstudio@bellsouth.net](mailto:npstudio@bellsouth.net) (for Nancy Jo Poirrier's *From the Parish* e-newsletter).

The church would like to be able to contact you via email in case of time-sensitive information, such as meeting changes, emergency needs, mid-week funerals, etc. Thanks for your help!

The flowers on the altar on July 12 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Henry K. Groves* by Mr. & Mrs. Stanford Bardwell and their daughter Erin who was married last evening to Dr. M. Kramer Irby.  
The flowers on the altar on July 19 are given to the glory of God and in honor of *Sheila Feigley* on her birthday by her friends.

The July arrangements in the Parish Hall foyer are by Joyce Rucker.  
The July 12 arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Susan Rolfs.  
The July 19 arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Manette Sammons.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

*Prayers are asked for:* Louibelle Grantham, Warren Green, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Charles Robertson, Hunter, Jonathan South, Russell Fish, Debbie Terrell, Edith Frazer, Clyde Harrelson, Courtney Blencke, Sharon Field, Marcia Campbell, the Paul Jennings family, Betty Lind, Linda Bowsher, Butch and Margo Spielman, Kip Gremillion, Mary Jane Hobgood

*Our continuing prayers are offered for:* O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarini, Marguerite Matassarini, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Sue Tweedy, Donoghue, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda, Angie Denny, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Carole,

Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Jim Bogan, Ava Jet Blencke, Pennye, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipes, Carolyn Bishop, Marguerite Godwin, Donie Schmidt, Tommy Kirkpatrick, Mary Ann Ford, Peyton Meyer, Melinda Rott, Ken Shuler

*For those in the Armed Forces:* Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain K. Joshua Calmes, Captain Charlie Hines

## Birthdays July 11-23

- 11 Elizabeth Nealy, James Ruble, Elizabeth Brien, Sadie Brien
- 12 Helen Campbell, Taylor Andrus, Sarah Day, Clayton Fair
- 13 Margaret Rice, Margaret Blades, Desmond Fleming, Noah Fair
- 14 Huntington Odom, Pat McBride, Sandra Stewart, Matias Harris
- 15 Jennifer Lim, Amy Kurtz, David Spiller, Ashley Hernandez, Kaleigh Redhead, Jennifer Cooper
- 16 Greg Griffin, James Knipe, Kevin Spann, Dee Dee Walker
- 17 Mary Jane Kahao, Genny Thomas, Jamie Arbour, Stirling Harper, Mary Sadler, William O'Neal
- 18 Michael Ferachi, Gordie Wilt, Katherine Pogue, Miranda Johnston, Reed Desalvo
- 19 Albert Price, Lilli Leake, Charlotte Gladney, Blakley Woolf
- 20 Donald Conklin, Trudy Ivy, Russel Wray, John Yerger, Hayes Harris
- 21 Lois LaValley, Kristen Fryday, Michael Pickett
- 22 Ann Row, Michael Chittom
- 23 Sheila Feigley, Rene Worsley, Cullen Anderson

## Congratulations to ...

Mary and Stephen Calhoun to whom **Joshua Landon Calhoun** was born May 15, 2009 in Athens, Greece. He weighed 9 lbs., 14 oz. His siblings are Caleb and Rebekah; he is the grandson of Debbie and Hayes Taylor, and great-grandson of Betty and O.B. Romero.



Annie and Stephen Jung and big sisters Bella and Helene who welcomed a baby boy and brother, **Garner Knazs Jung**, on June 8, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Garner weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

**Welcome**  
to our church family

**Richard M. Nunnally** who comes to us from another parish in the city; and, **Margaret P. Hill Rush, Emily Hill Rush,** and **Anna Robertson Rush** who also come to us from another parish in the city.

## St. James' Senior Saints

Bravo Smiley 30

St. James' most "published" Senior Saint celebrates 30 years of journalism this year. Smart Smiley had found a way to get others to do his work for him in his column in *The Advocate*, which is the best read of all our paper's features and columns with the exception of when LSU is on a winning streak.

Help celebrate Smiley's winning streak in journalism **Tuesday, August 4, 2009** at a luncheon held at Bravo, located in the Mall of Louisiana's new free-standing section close to Borders Books. Gather in the restaurant's private room, starting at 11:30 a.m. and enjoy a festive meal at 12:00. Smiley promises to have some new anecdotes along with some familiar popular ones from the past. Yes, he will have copies of his book as well.

Join your fellow Senior Saints (55 +) and enjoy fellowship, good food and Smiley. A lively program for the fall of 2009 will be announced at this meeting. Your check for \$25 is your reservation and should be left at the church in care of Helen Campbell.

## Weekday Eucharist Schedule Changes

Beginning in August, we will have a single **mid-week Eucharist on Wednesdays at noon**. This service will include the **Sacrament of Unction**.

After careful thought, deliberation and prayer, we believe this will allow our priests to better serve the needs of those attending the mid-week services, our Monday and Friday Day School services, coverage at St. James Place's services when necessary, and our hospitalized, homebound or resident care facility parishioners and communities.

## Bentons' Granddaughter Called to Mississippi Parish

The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser will become rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Corinth, Mississippi on August 1, 2009. She is the granddaughter of Marjorie and Joe Benton.

For the past two years Mtr. Ann had served as an associate at St. James Church, Madison & 71<sup>st</sup>, in New York. "We've been city mice for a while," she writes, "but I'm pleased to be making our new home in the small town South."

## Special Sunday Events Coming Soon

Feast of St. James - July 19

We will celebrate the **Feast of St. James on Sunday, July 19**. The eleven o'clock service will be followed by **noon lunch in Bishops Hall**. St. James fried chicken will be on the menu and if your name begins with A-G please bring desserts; H-P bring salads; Q-Y, vegetables; and, of course, Z brings potato chips! Fr. Holland will continue his talk about his trip to the Holy Land.

August's *Fifth Sunday* Events

World-renowned Episcopal theologian, Phyllis Tickle, holder of the Doctor of Humane Letters from the Berkeley School of Divinity at Yale University, will be our guest speaker for all of the August Fifth Sunday events.

The schedule for August 30 begins with a combined 10:30 a.m. service at which Mrs. Tickle will be the guest homilist. Following the service, char-broiled hamburgers with all the trimmings will be served to our neighbors and parishioners.

Mrs. Tickle will meet and hold informal conversation with St. James youth at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Suite, then parishioners, their guests, diocesan clergy, and the general public at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall parlor. The nursery will be open for children three months to four years of age during the evening event.

Mrs. Tickle's most recent book, *The Great Emergence*, is ranked in the top ten seller's list in both Sociology and Theology at Amazon.com.

To volunteer to serve at the Fifth Sunday meal, please contact Nancy Jo Poirrier at [npstudio@bellsouth.net](mailto:npstudio@bellsouth.net) or 926-1679.

Ann received a Lilly Fellowship (Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals) after graduating from the University of the South (Sewanee) with a Master of Divinity Degree. She was ordained at her home parish, Grace Episcopal, St. Francesville.

She graduated with Honors from Sewanee College before entering seminary. Her husband, Andrew Fraser, is also a native of metro Baton Rouge.



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*We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.*

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## Ministries and Worship July 10-23, 2008 (*Lay Assignments available at [www.stjamesbr.org](http://www.stjamesbr.org)*)

Friday, July 10, 2009

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 11, 2009

7:30 a.m. Garden Guild Work Day

7:00 p.m. Wedding

Sunday, July 12, 2009 - 6 Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service\*

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel

Monday, July 13, 2009

11:30 a.m. Yoga Class

Noon Finance Committee

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Noon Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group

8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution

Thursday, July 16, 2009

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Service

Friday, July 17, 2009

Saturday, July 18, 2009

Sunday, July 19, 2009 - 7 Pentecost - *Feast of St. James, obv.*

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service\*

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

**Noon Feast of St. James in Bishops Hall**

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel

Monday, July 20, 2009

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Noon Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group

Thursday, July 23, 2009

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Service

*\* Indicates Child Care Provided*