
September 2010

The Messenger

of St James' Church, Texarkana, Texas

The founding parish of:

St James' Day School

Randy Sams' Outreach Shelter

From the Rector

Who are you? Are you married with kids, worrying for them and committed to their welfare? Are you divorced? Are you married for the second, or even the third time? Are you a single parent struggling to make ends meet, but also hoping to have love in your life again? Well if you are, then you belong to us because you belong to Christ! The Good News is that Jesus is the host here and he welcomes you as part of his body. The words from the Gospel are addressed to you: Peace be with you.

Are you lonely? Are you a widow? Are you a single man or woman who would prefer to have a spouse? Are you disabled or disfigured? Have you run out of luck? Does your life seem flat? Have your childhood beliefs changed, and you're looking for new understanding? Well, if you are, then you belong to us because you belong to Christ! The words from the Gospel are addressed to you: Peace be with you.

Are you struggling financially? Have you been laid off? Do you have a past of which you are ashamed? Have you been a victim of abuse or violence? Does it seem like you can never quite get it together? Well, if so, then you belong to us because you belong to Christ! The Good News is that Christ is the host and he welcomes you as part of his body. The words from the Gospel are addressed to you: Peace be with you.

Are you from another Christian tradition? Are you full of doubt like Thomas? Are you fearful like the disciples were? Has it been a while since you darkened the doors of a church? None of that matters. You belong to us because you belong to Christ. The Good News is that Christ is the host and he welcomes you as part of his body. The

words from the Gospel are addressed to you: Peace be with you.

Yours faithfully,



Fr Douglas Anderson
Rector



Worship

Sunday Schedule

7:45am	Low Mass (Rite I)
9:00am	Christian Education for all ages (begins 9/12)
10:00am	Sung Family Mass

¶ *Child care is available 9am-11:15am each Sunday in our staffed Nursery.*

Weekday Schedule

Tuesday	8:30am Morning Prayer at St James' Day School
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Wednesday	5:30pm Low Mass & hymns (begins 9/15)
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Thursday	10:00am Low Mass in the Chapel
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Fall Special Services

Feast of Dedication of the Church

*Celebrating the 135th anniversary
of the founding of the parish*

Our annual Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, August 29th, 2010

7:45am Low Mass

10:00am Sung Mass

Preacher: The Rev'd David Allen, SSC,
Rector, St Francis, Dallas

Brunch in the Great Hall following the 10am Mass.

Eve of All Saints'

Sunday, October 31st, 2010

7:45am Low Mass

10:00am Sung Mass & Baptisms

*Fajitas and margaritas in the Great Hall,
following the 10am Mass*

Remembrance Sunday

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 7th, 2010

7:45am Low Requiem Mass

10:00am Sung Requiem Mass

Eve of Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, November 24th, 2010

7pm Mass & hymns in the Church

Adult Christian Formation

On Sunday Mornings

Beginning on Sunday, September 12 at 9am

Several options are available for your spiritual growth this Fall. There is no need to register, simply show up and take part. If you attend the early Mass stay a little longer, if you attend the late Mass, show up a little earlier! Coffee is served.

Young Family Growth Group

This new group will focus on topics that will enable them to be better Christian parents, have a better marriage centered in Christ, and develop relationships with families with similar interests.

*First Meeting: September 12th at 9am in the Library
Conveners: Casey Rampy, Caty Burks
and Jennifer Jordan*

Rector's Instruction Class

Plumbing the Prayer Book

Plumbing the depths of the Prayer Book introduces us to the history and liturgies of The Book of Common Prayer, and helps us understand why the prayer book is such an important aspect of Anglican self-understanding, not only as a worship manual, but also as a systematic approach to the spiritual life.

*Sunday at 9am in the Great Hall
Taught by Fr Anderson*

Christian Formation for Young People

On Sunday Mornings

Beginning on Sunday, September 12 at 9am

Church School classes will meet from 9:00 until 9:45, at which time the children will gather for a light snack.

Important Dates

Fall Term

Begins with Christian Education Sunday, September 12th, and runs through Sunday, December 12th

No classes on October 10th, and November 28th.

Winter/Spring Term

Begins Sunday, January 9th and running through Sunday, May 15th

No classes February 20th, March 13th, April 17th, 24th

Sunday School Graduation

Sunday, May 22nd

First Holy Communion

Children may be admitted to Communion with the consent of the parish priest, with the permission of the child's parents and after age-appropriate instruction in the meaning of the Eucharist. (Guidelines of the House of Bishops, 1971).

First grade students will receive this instruction during the regular Sunday morning classes beginning February 6th. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 23rd at 8pm.

It is expected that those children who have not yet begun to receive Holy Communion will *not* begin

to do so until they have received instruction and are formally admitted to Holy Communion. Children in First or Second Grades and younger who have already started receiving Communion will be allowed to continue to do so, but will receive the same course of instruction.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children ages 4 and up may attend Children's Liturgy of the Word during the first portion of the 10:00 service. The children will process from the coffee area into the chapel for a service conducted by a lay adult. The Liturgy of the Word will be a "child friendly" service with prayers, singing and a reading of the gospel followed by a short homily. Children will be brought into church after the Prayers of the People. The Liturgy of the Word will be conducted every Sunday that Church School classes are scheduled. The children will rejoin their parents at the Peace.

Curriculum

Preschool through Grade 5

Rotation Sunday School: Keys to the Kingdom

Class groupings: PreK & K (4 & 5 year olds)

Grades 1 & 2 & 3

Grades 4 & 5

Fall Units:

Joseph and his brothers

Peter and Cornelius

Daniel chooses wisely

Grades 7 through 12

Living the Good News

Class groupings: Jr. EYC - grades 6 through 8

Sr. EYC - grades 9 through 12

Living the Good News uses Lectionary based study to emphasize:

- Christian morals and lifestyles
- Relativity to today's world
- Perseverance in prayer
- Personal commitment to Christ
- Familiarity with *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Bible

WE ARE CONTINUING CHOIR RECRUITMENT for the Fall. If you are interested in giving of your time and talent in this ministry, please speak to Andrew or email him raclark72@windstream.net. You can "try it on" before you make a long-term commitment.

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(as of July 31st, 2010)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Pledges	\$189,000	\$179,175	-\$9,825
Non Pledge	\$45,208	\$73,510	+\$28,302
Expenses	\$238,229	\$244,268	
Total indebtedness (Parish Center + Organ)			
	7/31/2009	\$415,861	
	7/31 /2010	\$343,582	

Wednesday nights @ St James'

Beginning on September 15th

5:30pm	Low Mass with hymns
6:00pm	Parish Supper in Great Hall
6:30pm-7:30pm	Adult Class
	Faithweavers (K-4 to grade 3)
	Grapple (grades 4 to 6)
	Adult Choir

In the adult class:

Ancient Wisdom for Modern Christians, part I
St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) is much more than a medieval monk who has many parochial schools named after him! This course will serve as a non-technical introduction to the thought of St Thomas Aquinas, one of the most influential thinkers in the history of Christianity and western civilization. We will examine what St Thomas can teach us about God, angels, evil, metaphysics, morality, sex, war, abortion, and politics, among other subjects.

¶ *a staffed nursery is provided beginning at 5:30pm.*

Parish Organizations

The Women of the Church will have their first get-together in the Great Hall on Saturday, August 28th at 10am. We will plan our agenda for the year.

For more information:

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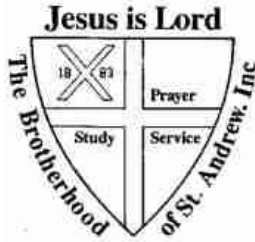
or Kim Fowler berlyfowler@yahoo.com

Fitness for Saints is a low impact/high energy class which promotes overall wellness as well as fellowship and fun! Dance aerobics is offered on Monday and Thursday at 5:30-6:30 P.M. and our pilates class meets at the same time on Tuesday. Please join us.

For more information:

Nancy Malone: malone8351@aol.com

The Brotherhood of St Andrew is a ministry to and by men within the Anglican Communion.



FALL RALLY

with the Rt Rev'd Bruce MacPherson,
Bishop of Western Louisiana
Wednesday, September 1st, 2010 at 5:30pm
at the church.

The Brotherhood of St Andrew is centered around disciplines of

Prayer: To pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among men and youth, and for God's blessings upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

Study: To study the Holy Scriptures regularly and the teachings of the Church, to attain a better understanding of how to follow Christ and bring others into his kingdom.

Service: To make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring others nearer to Christ through his Church. One of our primary service projects is a monthly **feeding at Randy Sams' Outreach Shelter**. We will do this on September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, and December 14th.

Brotherhood meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at the church: September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st.

For more information:
Charlie Cook: crcook@cookdrywall.com



If you are interested in a small group study on the ministry of **healing ministry** (advancing our Lord's healing ministry through prayer and Sacrament), would you please send Fr Anderson an email therector@stjamestxk.org

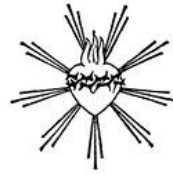
The Children's Choir will have it's first meeting and lunch on Sunday, September 12th after the 10am Mass.

For more information:
Ruth Hale: ruthhale1@aol.com



The St James' Rosary Group meets to pray "the Bible on a String" each Tuesday morning at 10am in the homes of parishioners. A schedule is published in the Sunday Bulletin.

For more information:
Robin Townsend: dragonfli80@hotmail.com



The Intercessory Prayer Group meets at the church Wednesday mornings at 9:30 to pray for those on our Prayer List. Those in need of prayer for physical, emotional or psychological healing can be added to the prayer list by calling Sandra or Mary Nell, or filling out a prayer request card located in the pews.

For more information:
Marti Newell: martinew@cableone.net



The Order of the Daughters of the King is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives. **Our inaugural meeting of both daytime and evening chapters will be on Wednesday September 22nd after the 5:30pm Mass and supper.**

- The Bishop Garrett *daytime chapter* normally meets the Third Thursday of the month with Mass at 10:00am.
- The St Anne *evening chapter* will meet 9/22, 10/13, 11/6 and 12/8 in addition to some special events.

For more information:
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or Leslie Neville (PM) nevenstar@aol.com

Something to think about

Ways to kill off your church: Here is some excellent tongue-in-cheek advice on **How to Kill Off Your Church**. If everyone follows even some of them some of the time, a perfectly healthy church can be killed off in no time at all!

- Don't come.
- If you do come, come late.
- Try to find fault with everything.
- Don't ever pray for your parish priest.
- If his sermon helps you, don't let him know, it might make him vain. If you don't like his sermons, tell him, and tell others too.
- Don't sing – stand there mute with hands in your pockets.
- If you see visitors at Mass, don't greet them; don't ask them to come again.
- Don't concern yourself with stewardship – just give whatever time or money you have left over after you do what you like.
- Try to take over the church, or make it part of your empire. Threaten to leave if things don't go your way.
- Don't be particular about how God's house looks, but keep your own home looking nice.
- Don't make any gifts of vestments or plate, or practical items to the church. Let someone else do that.
- Attend parish events, classes, social events only if you have time and feel like it. After all, *someone* else will go.
- The best substitute for actually helping with something like hospitality, flowers, altar guild, serving at the altar, singing in the choir, being on Vestry, etc., is complaining about those who actually do it.

-- *via* the newsletter of the Church of the Resurrection, NYC.

(Believe it or not, but this list is a reprint of an article that appeared in a parish magazine from the 1940s!)

Corrections to the Parish Directory

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