

The Messenger

of St. James' Episcopal Church
Texarkana, Texas

May 2004

From the Rector

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St James' Church,

Let me begin by thanking you for the excellent participation in the various liturgies of Holy Week. The liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday had the biggest crowds in a number of years, and the congregation at the Easter Vigil surpassed my wildest expectations with 328 in attendance! Quite literally it was standing room only. It often seems as if the various services just "happen," but I assure you that much work goes on behind the scenes so that everything comes off without a hitch.

Our thanks are especially due to Ruth Anderson, the choir, altar guild, and those who ministered at the altar for all of the Holy Week and Easter liturgies.

We continue to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection throughout the whole of Eastertide, rounding out on Whitsunday, the Day of Pentecost. Towards the end of Eastertide, at 2pm on Saturday, May 22nd the Bishop of Dallas will be here for my Installation as Rector, and—more importantly—for the dedication of the new Parish Activity Center. I'm sure you will want to be here for these events and for the champagne reception that will follow. This would be an excellent opportunity for you to invite unchurched friends and family to worship with us, or to pick up the phone and "welcome home" those who have fallen away from the St James' family in recent

years. Why not tell them, "St James' is back, and we'd love to have *you* back, too!"

And although it might seem a little premature, the parish leadership has already begun to think about the Fall program. The Vestry will be on Retreat May 7th and 8th. We will spend that time evaluating the current mission and ministry of the parish, and then setting goals for future ministry development. Please feel free to express your thoughts to me or any of the members of Vestry prior to our retreat—we are your servants.

One of the key areas that has already been identified is the parish's program of Christian Education—for children, teenagers and adults. Already a questionnaire has been sent to households with Sunday School / EYC aged students for their vital feedback.

Needless to say, the whole of our ministry as a parish depends on having the necessary resources at our disposal: Financial resources certainly, but also the time and talent of our members. As the Prayer Book clearly reminds us, "The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests and deacons" (BCP, p. 855). You'll hear more about this later in the month of May.

In the meantime, continue to let Christ Easter in you. The Resurrection is so wonderful, that it takes fifty days to celebrate it!

Yours with every
blessing,



Why Choose the Episcopal Church?

By The Rev. Quintin Morrow, St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Tex.

One of the great triumphs of capitalism of course is the multiplication of choices for the consumer. If you have ever traveled abroad you cannot help but notice that while most of the world's population must content itself with three kinds of ketchup we in America can choose from thirty. That kind of choice can be a wonderful thing. But that kind of choice can have a deleterious effect as well -- especially if it creates a culture in which people think they have a right to a multiplicity of options, and that this right applies to every arena of human existence.

Modern American culture has certainly made a supermarket out of religions. There are more "brands" of religion in our country than in any other country on the planet, and all with sometimes subtle and sometimes outlandish distinctions between them. Spirituality has literally become a designer enterprise with every conceivable preference and permutation made available to the potential proselyte. I even read recently of a "church" in San Francisco dedicated to promulgating the "gospel" of jazz great John Coltrane.

But it does no good for us to wrinkle our noses in disdain at this phenomenon and pretend that our church still has a preferential cultural claim on the vast majority of unchurched Americans. It doesn't. We must now compete with other spiritualities and other churches to get a hearing with people as to why we think we have something unique to offer them. We mustn't change who we are -- that's not my meaning. But we must clear out throats and invite people to our church, and with the inviting, provide them with compelling reasons to, as Philip said to Nathanael, "come and see" (John 1:46).

The Episcopal Church is an historic church, with roots going back to the time of the Apostles. While it is true that novelty is

interesting, it is also undeniable that things that have stood the test of time endure because of their quality.

The Episcopal Church is a catholic church that holds fast to, and proclaims, what Christians in all times and in all places have believed. The Greek word *katholikos*, from which we derive our English word "catholic," has two distinct but related meanings: The first is "universal," and the second is "that which belongs to the whole." The content of the faith we declare to be true is not simply the pious opinions of a select minority on the "Sceptered Isle," but what Christians everywhere and for all time have accepted as true. Our church is not the church *in toto*, but a part of the whole.

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The Episcopal Church is a reformed church that emphasizes the authority of Holy Scripture and the truth that we are made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Antiquity does not equal verity. The 16th century Protestant reformers purged the medieval church of centuries of man-made accretions that obscured the grace of God and restored it to a simple gospel based upon the Word of God. The motto of their work was "*Post tenebras lux*" -- "After the darkness, light."

The Episcopal Church is a biblical church that proclaims and strives to live by the unchanging truths of God's Holy Word. One gets more Bible on Sunday morning in an Episcopal Church -- in the prayers, the liturgy, the readings, and the sermon -- than in any other church in the nation. It is only the Word of God that possesses the power to

change the human heart and alter destinies; consequently, saints and sinners alike ought to get as much of God's Word and as little of man's ever-mutating opinions as is possible.

The Episcopal Church is a liturgical church that worships with the biblical and time-honored Book of Common Prayer. The prayer book saves us from the tyranny of man-centered worship, and the tyranny of becoming the "church of what's happenin' now," and frees us and teaches us how to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The Episcopal Church is a welcoming church, which invites all kinds of people from all walks of life to come and meet the Lord Jesus Christ.

There it is. Frankly, I think we are the only show in town. Statistics indicate that three-quarters of visitors to any church are there because they've been invited by someone. Won't you invite someone to "come and see?"

-- Reprinted from The Anglican Digest

Weekly Schedule of Services

Sunday	Low Mass at 7:45am, Sung Mass at 10:00am
Wednesday	Low Mass with Prayer for Healing at 12:10pm
Thursday	Low Mass at 10:00am
Friday	Low Mass at 12:10pm

From the Parish Register

Baptisms:

"We receive you into the household of God ..."

Shelby Lynn Anderson

daughter of Dale & Lena Anderson, granddaughter of Billy & Suzanne Hackett

Hayden Kristi Bean

daughter of Mark & Amy Bean,
granddaughter of Bill & Martha Bean

Desmond G. Orrell

son of Christopher & Melanie Orrell, grandson of Cathy Orrell

Laurel Amelia Wakefield

daughter of Thom & Gina Wakefield

Baptisms are reserved for the four baptismal days appointed in the Prayer Book: the Easter Vigil, the Day of Pentecost, All Saints' and the Baptism of the Lord (BCP, p. 312). The next date for baptisms is Pentecost, May 30th – please call the Parish Office to arrange for your participation in the pre-baptismal orientation on Sunday, May 23rd at 9:00am.



Burials:

"Let light perpetual shine upon them."

Gene Winham, died 3/22/04

Malcolm J. Wilkins, died 4/6/04

Transfers In:

Traci Eldridge Anderson, Celeste Anderson, Madeline Anderson, Emma Anderson
from Christ Church, Woodbury, NJ

In our prayers:

PRAYER LIST

Brooke, Linda, Sharon, Tony, Darcy, Craig, Patricia, Gary, Leah, Marla, David, Tammy, Katie, Denise, Krista, Bo, Mandi, Jamie, Gordon, Lucas, Lanny, Amy, Sue, Michael, Steve, Shirley, Sue, Ellen, Tommy, Medley, Marian, Nell, Jack, Evan, Karen, Eddie, the chronically ill and those in nursing homes. PRAY ALSO for those serving their country at wartime: Damien, Daniel, Mark W., Alec, Mark, James Christopher.

May Anniversaries

5 Don & Melissa McCoy
11 Eddy & Susan Johnston
14 Mike & Lorelei Lofton
15 Kelly & Julie Tidwell
17 Al & Janis McWilliams
21 Howard & Barbara Davis
Steve & Anne Douglas
Kip & Robin Townsend
25 Alan & Tanda Jolley
Ed & Roxanne Schoen
26 Richard & Lindy
Lawrence
27 Bill & Virginia Caller
29 Jay & Betty Young

May Birthdays

1	Andrew Knight	13	Dick Schneble	27	Marian Hill
2	Ellen Crow		Sue McCrossen	28	Jean Howard
	Francis Thacker	14	Tommie Stuart	29	Steve Douglas
	Patty Rogers		Bruce Cannedy	30	Jackie James
3	Stephanie Crane	15	Dorothy Burns	31	Joy Knight
	Joe Doss Phillips	16	Caty Cunningham		
5	Don Holder	17	Clayton Shores		
	Ethel Channon	18	David McWilliams		
6	Thom Wakefield	19	Michelle Shores		
7	Mike Lowe	21	Lauren Hehmeyer		
9	Jack Burge	22	Andy Robbins		
	Charles Cochran		Peyton DeLoach		
10	Cliff Short	26	Donna McGee		
11	Hunter Cunningham		Paul Patterson		
12	Mary Couch		Lee Perry		
	David Clark		Mandolynn Perry		
	Meredith Maynard		Daniel Shipp		

Thank you, Thank you!

We had a VERY successful workday last month.

There were many participants and wonderful results. *The churchyard looks great!!!!*
Many other “little” repairs were made that have been waiting for our attention.

Thanks so much for all of your help!

Our appreciation to you all:

Scot Freeman, Rachel Freeman, Bill Bean, Martha Bean, Shearman Robert, Ruby Firmin,
Richard Humber, Helen Humber, Mike Lowe, Tom Collins, Nick Williamson, Bruce Cannedy,
Barbara Cannedy, Mary Hamlin, Anne Douglas, John Stanley, James Elliott, Megan Schroeder
Jason Kyles, Susie Stanley, Fr. Doug, Celeste Anderson, John Carson, Bo Bean.



ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to give flowers for the ALTAR – in honor, memory or thanksgiving for family, friends or a special event – just sign the FLOWER CHART (or calendar) in the narthex

or call : MARTHA BEAN 903-793-4216.

Altar flowers make wonderful gifts!

More than one person or family may give flowers on the same Sunday – the cost is \$35.00 per contributor,. The flower guild will buy and arrange the flowers.

By having more than one honoree per Sunday, we are able to keep the cost to each person more affordable.

The person’s name on the chart will be called several weeks prior to their Sunday. We like to work a month in advance. Any questions – just call Martha – 903-793-4216.

What’s ONE Sunday?

Have you volunteered for St. James Soup Kitchen lately?
We could certainly use your help!

Please contact Barbara Kososki 903-838-4356.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH :

In the Anglican Communion

A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 28 member provinces.

In The United States

A community of 2.3 million members in 118

Dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

Established in 1789.

In the Diocese of Dallas

A community of 38,000 parishioners in 77 congregations, 22 schools, 48 commissions, agencies and institutions in northeast Texas Established in 1895.

What the Episcopal Church Expects of Her Members

1. *They will worship God in church every Sunday and every Holy Day unless prevented by serious illness or other grave cause. (Title II, Canon I.)*

2. *They will observe principal feasts and fasts of the church calendar. (BCP, pp. 15, 17.)*

3. *They will say their prayers daily and grace at meals. (BCP, pp. 37-60.)*

4. *They will take an active part in the ministry and mission of their local parish and give to the work of the church through their parish. (BCP, p. 856.)*

5. *They will have their children baptized and instruct them in the teachings of the church, exposing them to the Christian life in the family and in the parish. (BCP, pp. 301-302, 304-305.)*

6. *They will see their marriage as a sacrament of Christ's love (BCP, p. 423ff.) and they will work for its health – seeking counsel from a priest when marital union is imperiled. (Title I, Canon 18.1)*

7. *They will own and use a copy of The Book of Common Prayer.*

8. *They will request a letter of Transfer when they move to another parish (register to serve where they live).*

9. *They will make wills providing for their final good stewardship for family, church, and charitable concerns. (BCP, p. 445.)*

10. *They will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. (BCP, p. 305.)*

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SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS for MAY 2004	May 2 Easter IV	May 9 Easter V	May 16 Easter VI	Saturday May 22 at 2pm Dedication	May 23 Sunday after Ascension	May 30 Whitsunday: Pentecost
Chalice Bearers 7:45am	Bill Sams Don McCoy	Tom Collins Kaye Baxter	Patsy Cornelius Tom Collins	2pm Judie Firmin	Don McCoy Bill Sams	Kaye Baxter Patsy Cornelius
Reader 7:45am	Jenny Bartlett	Leighsa Bean	Lauren Hehmeyer	2pm Janis McWilliams David Warrick	David James	Bobbie Nichols
Ushers 7:45am	Jim Wilson Bill Bean Bob Case John Fountoulakis	Alan Jolley Joe Kososki Ken Liles Mike Lowe	Don Mitchell Chet Moore Bobby Pappas Joe Doss Phillips	2pm Bill Bean Bobby Pappas Nick Williamson John Carson	John Rogers Charles Terry Jim Wilson Bill Bean	Bob Case John Fountoulakis Alan Jolley Joe Kososki
Chalice Bearers 10:00am	Shari Keller Tom Watson	Tom Watson Judie Firmin	Teresa Hubrel Dennis Landreaux	2pm	Jason Kyles David Warrick	Becky Borgeson Shari Keller
Acolytes 10:00am C T T S S Thurif.	Edward Eichler Thomas Storey Matt Hendrickson Clay Eichler Gus Brosin	Joseph Watson Maggie Pappas J-M Hubrel Hillary Fowler Zachary Hubrel	Savannah Smith Hadley Smith Jessica Jones John Crowder Mary McWilliams	Savannah Smith Hadley Smith J-M Hubrel Mary McWilliams Zachary Hubrel Carey Stanley	Trevor Parker Kelsey Townsend Blake Purtle Nick Pappas Taylor Douglas	Seth Williams Thomas Storey Matt Hendrickson Tyler Markham Trey Fullerton Joseph Watson
Acolyte Mom	Gail Eichler	Kim Fowler	Candy Smith		Sherrie Pappas	Serena Markham
Reader 10:00am	Jeff Tanner	Marshall Thomas	Lila Walker		Lisa Watson	Pat Works
Ushers 10:00am	Brian Purtle Shearman Robert Andy Robbins David Waddle	Ches Walker Nick Williamson Brad VanZandt Bruce Cannedy	John Carson Steve Douglas James Elliott Billy Hackett		Mike Jones J.C. Markham Larry Oxford Paul Patterson	Nick Prime Sam Prime Brian Purtle Shearman Robert
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3		Team 4	Team 1
Vestry Greeters/ Counters/ Lock-up	James Elliott Megan Schroeder	Susie Stanley Lila Walker	Brian Purtle Glenn Crowder		Nick Williamson Bruce Cannedy	John Carson Anne Douglas

Please, if you cannot serve as scheduled, switch with someone, and notify the Parish Office of the change!

Acolytes & Chalice Bearers, please be in the Sacristy 15 minutes before Mass. Please wear dark shoes (black or brown).