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To Be Known

by Erika Cannon

Seventh grade was a seminal year – I entered junior high school, became a teenager, had my first crush, and discovered the devastating importance of popularity, of being known. The desire to be popular, to be recognized and revered drove everything I did: how I dressed, what clubs I joined, which girls I associated with, and even my vocabulary. We spoke in “Valley Girl,” putting the word “like” in front of most verbs, nouns and adjectives as we spoke, except for when we said “totally,” followed by “you know.”

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Where is Your Sense of Wonder?

“Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” ~ Matthew 18:3



The South Dakota missionaries have returned and one emotion that is consistent among them is their love of the Lakota children in the Black Horse Ranch community. The children are so happy to be at camp and among people who love and teach them and the missionaries have been profoundly inspired by the innocence and wonder of many of the children.

There is a significant difference between “childlike” and “childish,” of course. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we all could keep in touch with

our own childlike wonder of the world around us; if we could shed the jaded armor that life so often gives us? It would perhaps allow us to know Jesus in a richer and more intimate way.

Too often we get bogged down in work schedules, ferrying our kids from one activity to another, and our daily routines. The pressures, the stressors, the expectations of others are heavy weights that strip us of our childlike wonder.

This mission trip has helped some rediscover that innocence and in truth it does make one look at the world in a different way. It may sound cliché, but taking time to truly enjoy a sunset or walk in the rain is one way to ground ourselves, but another is taking time in the Word and letting God be the guide; asking Him to lead us with fresh eyes may help us see more. Perhaps we do our daily readings or studies as a sort of checklist item (expectations!), but are we really hearing what God wants us to hear? Learning what He wants us to learn? Do we look at our reading and our conversations with God with fresh eyes and wonder or do we just read perfunctorily?

It is in the innocence of a child where faith in its purest form can be found. Just listen to the children’s sermon on Sunday and the wise answers our youngest ones offer! They know. You don’t have to travel all the way to South Dakota to embrace your sense of wonder, but it’s not a bad place to start! In lieu of that, however, perhaps try a new way of reading scripture, a new class, or just sit quietly in nature rediscovering the awe of God’s creation.

Erika Reports from South Dakota



To Be Known (continued from page 1)

My friends, Betsy, Shelly, Elizabeth, Bianca and I dressed, spoke and moved in lock step with one another, coordinated our ruffled shirts for picture day, wearing our bass weejuns and Polo shirts on Friday, and meeting at the same brick bench each morning before school. We had parents who indulged our desires and saw to our wardrobing needs, and who enrolled us in orchestra, theatre and swim team, the activities we also did together. Our identity was intertwined with each other, dependent upon our sameness to keep us safe and confident.

On our first trip to the Black Horse Ranch, there was a group of four pre-teen girls who moved as a unit. Delani and Jazmine were the leaders of the group, I could tell, as their unified movements, language, dress and attitudes were just as recognizable in 2024 as my tribe's were in 1981. My teenage self was drawn to them through the long-distance lens of adulthood that gives me the wisdom of how little the trivialities of teenage-hood matter. But I also remembered how much they mattered at the time, and I longed to be known by them as an adult who is safe and cares for them no matter what logo is on their shirt.



But these girls, only age 9 that year, face significantly deeper challenges than my surface level fears of having the right logo on my shirt. For Native Americans age 10-24, suicide is the second leading cause of death, and the life expectancy of a Lakota man is 55, while the poverty rate is 60% and 90% percent of serious traumas involve alcohol abuse. Much of this trauma is caused by deculturation, the most precise anthropological term for the process by which a person or group loses their original culture due to oppression, colonization, assimilation, or other forces that disrupt cultural continuity. Prior to being restricted to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in 1868, the Lakota bands (Minnicoujou, Itazipco, Siha Sapa, and Oohenumpa) knew no boundary to their territory. They were a hunting people and traveled frequently in search of their main food source, the sacred American bison or buffalo. Even though these girls were born long after the treaty that secluded them to Eagle Butte, South Dakota, the trauma that caused still resonates in these pre-teen girls.

I hung around them cautiously, aware that as an adult I am far less cool than I think I am. They nick-named me Squidward, a mispronunciation of Sewanee, which appeared on the sweatshirt I wore every day because we were unprepared for the weather that year, which was 55 degrees and rainy every day. We indulged their game of collecting nametags and sticking them on their own shirts, conflating all identities onto their own. We turned a blind eye when they stuffed pockets and purses full of snacks to take home, knowing the lunch and snacks at camp may be the only food they got that day. We provided gentle counsel when teen girl drama surfaced, caused by a verbal slight or a physical snub. They did not return on the final day of camp. I felt a sense of loss and lack of closure, and I wondered all year about where those girls are.



When we returned last summer, Delani stood in the registration line. She looked at me, cocked her head to the side, and said "Hey Squidward." I nearly cried. I am unspeakably honored to be known by this girl who lives a life I cannot imagine. I held my proverbial breath again this year, wondering if I would see Delani again. I exhaled when I saw her standing in line, and then saw Jasmine two days later, who also remembered me as Squidward. I thanked God that they have not succumbed to thoughts of suicide, or

become victims of other trauma. I'll hold my breath again this year, hoping that Delani and Jazmine will return to Horse Camp where they can fill their bellies, ride a horse, jump on a trampoline, and call me Squidward.

Parishioner Spotlight: Matt Abrams



Matt Abrams and his family joined St. Paul's in 2022.. He owns Abrams Architecture and Design in Shreveport and is a graduate of Louisiana Tech. St. Paul's is an important part of Matt's life and he enjoys playing in The Way band and for the music teams at VBS and at Cursillo. Matt is very involved in the life of the church and serves as an usher, is on Vestry, is active in St. Paul's Players, and participates each year in the South Dakota Mission Trip with his family. Matt enjoys cooking and is always happy to contribute a pot of gumbo to the Live Nativity each year or whenever asked. His architecture firm is working on several projects at St. Paul's, including the office renovation which is now complete, the bathroom renovation by the Parlor, and in the spring they completed construction of a ramp in the church.

Stewardship

Sharing the gifts we have

Funeral Planning: Don't forget that we have a funeral planning booklet available in the church office. The booklet has helpful information about receptions and flowers, provides a place to record important dates as well as offers choice of various readings and hymns. Preparing for the end of our earthly journey now is responsible stewardship and it is a blessing to be able to communicate your wishes for your family and friends. And if you wish for your remains to be interred in our Columbarium, we have about thirty niches available in the Columbarium.

Rector and Curate Discretionary Fund: The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church allows for clergy to maintain a discretionary funds account and provides guidelines for contribution and administration of such an account. Both Fr. Michael and Mtr. Sara have a discretionary fund to help those in need. All monies paid to Fr. Michael for funerals and weddings, for example, go into this fund. The loose plate giving every first Sunday, not designated toward pledges, also goes into this account. The range of needs has included East-West ministries, St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry, and other broad range needs. The clergy discretionary fund may be used to address needs among congregation and community members. Payments for food, rent, utilities, medical bills, and the like for persons in need are typical uses of these funds. Contributions to this fund can be made at any time by noting Rector's Discretionary Fund or Curate Discretionary Fund on the memo line of your check or on the cash envelope.

Renovation Updates: We are finally seeing visible progress on the Parlor Restroom Renovation project after several weeks of plumbing and underground pipe repair. The women's restroom will be larger and include a baby changing station, new fixtures, and lighting. The drywall is up and work is expected to be completed in a few weeks. This is the final leg of a project that has included the office renovation, the access ramp in the church, and the courtyard paver extension. The courtyard pavers now extend into the area where the AC units used to be before they were moved to the roof, and features an inlay "reflecting" our iconic window. The end result of all these renovations is a more welcoming space for all parishioners and visitors.



Ministry Spotlight: The Way Band



Music enriches our worship and allows us a way to connect, or engage, with God. Whether it is through our traditional hymns or through the more contemporary sounds of The Way Band, for example, we all love music in our services.

The Way Band formed out of a desire to offer music during our Sunday afternoon worship service but their range extends to other events as well. Some members of the group helped provide the music at VBS and others at our crawfish boil, for example. Membership in this group is sometimes fluid because they welcome anyone to share their musical gift.

Worship

Liturgical Ministry Mash



There are so many working parts in creating a beautiful and meaningful worship service that from time to time it is helpful for all ministry participants to get together to practice and discuss our various roles and to go over any new procedures or policies.

On Saturday, **August 22**, at 10 am, we will hold our fifth Liturgical Ministry Mash. If you are involved, or wish to be involved, in any part of the service, you are invited. This includes acolytes, altar guild, worship leaders, ushers, security team, and vergers. We will meet in the church for practice and discussion followed by lunch in the Parish Hall.



This will be a wonderful event to get to know fellow liturgical ministers, join a new liturgical ministry, ask questions, enjoy fellowship, and talk about how we can best create beautiful and meaningful worship for everyone. If you are involved in a liturgical ministry, or wish to be, please plan to attend.

Word of the Month: Procession



The tradition of processions is one of the oldest practices in Christian worship, dating back many centuries.

A procession is more than just a ceremonial walk. It symbolizes the Church on a journey, God's people moving together in worship and following Christ.

Traditionally, the cross leads the procession,

reminding everyone that Christ goes before His Church. Behind follow the servers, choir, clergy, and other ministers, each taking their place in the worship of God.

The entrance procession at the eucharist typically involves the ministers who will serve at the altar, including acolytes or servers, deacons or priests who will serve as assisting clergy, and the celebrant. The entrance procession may also include the choir. Torches, banners, and incense may be carried in procession to add to the solemnity and excitement of the celebration. The gospel procession may lead to the midst of the congregation for the singing or reading of the gospel. Representatives of the congregation may bring the people's offerings of bread and wine and money or other gifts to the deacon or celebrant at the offertory procession.

Special services, such as the Rogation service, may also have special processions.

Altar Flowers

July 5: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Warren Knox, Leslie Knox, and Bennie Rolph. The lone sunflower represents prayers for the Ukraine. Given by Sally Knox.

July 12: To the Glory of God and in memory of our son Aaron Paul Savoie by Gerald and Lisa Savoie.

July 19: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of my wife, Mary Pinzon by Charles Pinzon.

July 26: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Erena Witmer Campbell and her son "Hondo" Campbell by James and Mary Campbell.

Sunday Lectionary

July 5: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-15; 2nd Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a; Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14; 2nd Lesson: Romans 8:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

June 19: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86:11-17; 2nd Lesson: Romans 8:12-25; Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

June 26: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; 2nd Lesson: Romans 8:26-39; Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Families, Children, Youth

Backpack Sunday



Teachers and students are invited to bring their backpacks to church Sunday, August 9, to receive a special blessing for the coming school year.

St. Paul's Day School Summer Camp Experience



Each morning throughout June, the Day School Summer Camp experience kicks off in the Parish Hall. With a different theme each week, the children are in groups that file into the Parish Hall, taking up their positions around colorful parachutes. They begin with songs and move on to cheers to compete for two spirit sticks awarded each day.

Throughout the morning the children rotate through various stations where they do art, exercise activities, stories, enjoy snacks, and playtime.

The camp is always an extremely popular event each summer with slots filling up almost as soon as it is opened for registration. JoAnn Rose, her teachers, and her volunteers do such a wonderful job with the children and what a blessing they all are!

Common Ground Outreach

We hope you are all enjoying summer!

For many years, St. Paul's Church has supported Common Ground Community summer camps by collecting snacks each week to send home with the Cedar Grove campers to keep those bellies full with healthy(ish) options over the weekend. A group of parishioners get together at Common Ground each Wednesday afternoon to pack 60+ bags of food for the campers. Your support is what makes this possible.

If you would rather support monetarily, please use the venmo link below with "common ground summer camp" in the memo.

Thank you for your help!

Snack Suggestions
(individually packaged)

- pretzels
- bagged nuts
- beef jerky/meat sticks
- crunchy granola bars
- goldfish/cheez-its
- chewy granola bars
- popcorn
- chips
- peanut butter crackers
- individual cereals
- fig bars
- fruit cups
- fruit snacks
- trail mix
- anything else individually packaged

venmo

Saturday Afternoon Game Day



Teenagers and older are invited to the McRae Lodge each Saturday afternoon for fellowship and games from 2 pm to 5 pm this summer.

We have cards and board games or feel free to bring your own!

Come hang out, play some games, and beat the summer heat in fellowship with us!

July 2020

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8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Parlor)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
5 pm EYC (McRae Lodge)



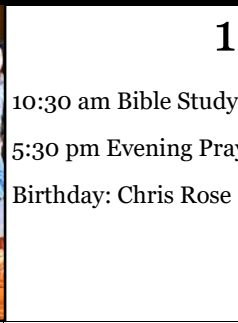
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6 pm Outreach Committee
Birthday: Betsy Dunkle, Ritchard Maynard



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1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Birthday: Sarah Jackson, Olivia Martin



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10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
Birthday: Chris Rose

12

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Parlor)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
3 pm Holy Eucharist at The Glen
5 pm EYC (McRae Lodge)

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Birthday: Kelly Harlow

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12 pm Finance Committee
1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Birthday: Lois Fraser, Clint Lee

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10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
Birthday: Abe Abramson
Anniversary: Jay Hood, Bryson

19

8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Parlor)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
5 pm EYC (McRae Lodge)
Anniversary: Chris and Lacie Kennedy

20

6 pm Vestry Meeting
Birthday: Hilton Ferguson, Kerry Kirspel

21

1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)

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10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
Birthday: Arnold Cannon
Upchurch, Archer Wood

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8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Parlor)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
3:30 pm Daughters of the King
5 pm EYC (McRae Lodge)
Birthday: Emma McNerney, Dollie Phillips
Anniversary: Al and Barbie Cannon

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Birthday: Elizabeth Broadwell

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1 pm Stitched Together (Wardens Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens Rm)
Birthday: Jennifer Rusling, Sarah Kate Taliaferro

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10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
Birthday: Barry Larson

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Discipleship & Christian Education

Journey to Adulthood (J2A) for Youth



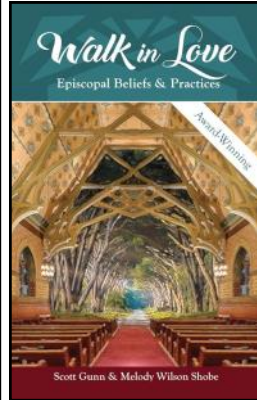
Christian formation is a lifelong process: there is nobody too young or too old to engage more with scripture or explore theology deeper. Sometimes people drift off when they hit a major milestone: they graduate from King's Club, they go off to college, they are confirmed by the bishop, they get married or retire. So it's really important that we offer our youth formation opportunities with continuous mile-markers that don't feel like an "end," formation opportunities that are developmentally appropriate for tweens and teens and that celebrate our Episcopal identity.

That's why we are so excited to bring the Journey to Adulthood program (J2A) to St. Paul's youth. J2A is an Episcopal program, published by the same company that prints our hymnal and Book of Common Prayer, and developed to help our youth grow into faithful, thoughtful, and kind young adults. According to the program's authors, "Journeying to adulthood requires making real, individual choices about what one believes. Journeying to Christian adulthood is about learning to place one's trust in the God revealed in Jesus Christ and to participate in the Church that he founded. For this to be an authentic invitation, it must put the Christian faith on authentic display. That is why we read the Bible, talk about Christian doctrine, and pray together."

EYC will continue to have fellowship and activities in community on Sunday nights, while the formal (but not stuffy) J2A program will be part of our Wonderful Wednesday program on Wednesday evenings during the school year. We (Sara and Sara) will be working together to provide our youth opportunities to grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of the Lord – and we can't wait to watch them grow!

Blessings from the Wonder Twins,
Sara Lewis and Mtr. Sara

Confirmation Class



Mtr. Sara will lead a new confirmation class beginning August 23 at noon.

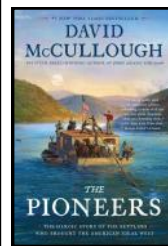
This nine-session class uses the book *Walk in Love* as a way of exploring our Episcopal beliefs and practices. It is appropriate for everyone preparing for confirmation or baptism on November 1, as well as for any person seeking to expand their spiritual practices or deepen their understanding of our

Episcopal tradition.

If you are interested please reach out to Mtr. Sara for more details.

What is Fr. Michael Reading?

Fr. Michael always has a book in his hand, but what is he reading now?! This month his vacation reading is [*The Pioneers*, by David McCullough](#).



As part of the Treaty of Paris, in which Great Britain recognized the new United States of America, Britain ceded the land that comprised the immense Northwest Territory, a wilderness empire northwest of the Ohio River containing the future states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. A Massachusetts minister named Manasseh Cutler was instrumental in opening this vast territory to veterans of the Revolutionary War and their families for settlement. Included in the Northwest Ordinance were three remarkable conditions: freedom of religion, free universal education, and the prohibition of slavery. In 1788 the first band of pioneers set out from New England for the Northwest Territory under the leadership of Revolutionary War veteran General Rufus Putnam. They settled in what is now Marietta on the banks of the Ohio River.

McCullough tells the story through five major characters: Cutler and Putnam; Cutler's son Ephraim; and two other men, one a carpenter turned architect, and the other a physician who became a prominent pioneer in American science.

Drawn in great part from a rare and all-but-unknown collection of diaries and letters by the key figures, *The Pioneers* is a uniquely American story of people whose ambition and courage led them to remarkable accomplishments.

Mission and Outreach

Mission Trip to Black Horse Ranch in South Dakota, 2026



Our South Dakota missionaries have returned and report a blessed and successful trip.

An endeavor like this requires much preplanning and preparation for menus, meals, crafts, and activities. This is the third year that St. Paul's has sent a team to the Black Horse Ranch on the Cheyenne River Reservation and each year it seems that the camp grows bigger and bigger!



Fr. Kurt and Mtr. Ellen Huber host this Horse Camp each

summer for the Lakota children. This year the entire community was invited to join in on a Mardi Gras dinner, parade, and music on the final evening. The meal offering included red beans and rice, crawfish casserole, gumbo, and king cake. There was a parade featuring all the throws, and of course, music. Think of



it as a sharing of cultures: we learn about the Lakota culture and they learn about ours thus making the world a little smaller and bringing our cultures closer together in love.



During the week the children learned about Jesus and they participated in many fun craft activities including making drums, beading activities, making tie-dye t-shirts with the camp logo on them, story time in the barn (with puppets!) and decorating a permanent canvas banner that

will hang in their barn to remind them of the experience.

Horse camp runs Monday through Thursday and so Friday is usually a day to visit Mt. Rushmore, Wall Drug, and Crazy Horse, if desired.

Horse camp happens again next summer and so if you're interested in going next summer reach out to Michelle Boyd so she can add your name to the info list!

Parish Life

St. Paul's Players Dinner & Show



Join St. Paul's Players for a festive evening of food, music, and fellowship on Friday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m.

The evening features the ever-popular "Music Man," Rocky Maddox, talented vocalist Anna Maria Sparke, and surprise musical guests. The program will include favorite Broadway hits, timeless standards, and a rousing patriotic finale celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

The evening begins with a casual buffet dinner in the Parish Hall, assisted by members of the Queen Esther Guild. The musical program will follow in the more intimate setting of the Parlor, with comfortable seating for all guests. Proceeds will support St. Paul's annual Mission Trip to the Black Horse Ranch in South Dakota.

Seating is limited, so please make your reservations as soon as possible. Free childcare will be available.

For reservations, call 318.553.2173.

Adults: \$20 | Students: \$10

Is Your Directory Up to Date?



ShelbyNext App

Just a reminder that our church directory is available through the ShelbyNext app and database management system.

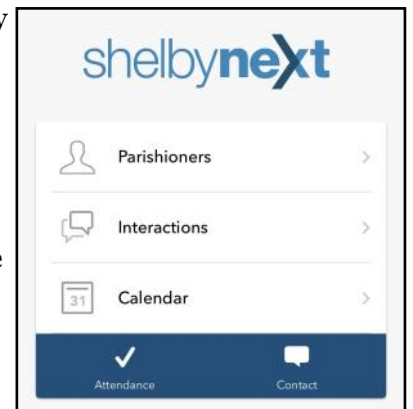
The downfall of a print directory is that it is out of date almost as soon as it comes off the printing press; with a digital directory we are better able to stay up to date!

The ShelbyNext system is our digital directory; it replaces Realm which we had previously used. Shelby is designed specifically for churches and the many unique needs that entails.

If you need help downloading, setting up, and navigating the ShelbyNext app on your phone, please reach out to Michelle Boyd in the office.

Michelle has been holding sessions in the Bride's Room on Sunday mornings to help parishioners.

You can also schedule a time to come by the office and she will be glad to help you. Call or text Michelle at 904-860-1373.



Vestry Highlights

Highlights from the May Vestry meeting:

- The Vestry approved a project for indoor and outdoor directional signs, both static signs and replacement of the electronic sign in front of the church.
- The Bishop has approved St. Paul's hosting Happening early next year.
- There are Kairos training dates open this summer and the Kairos weekend is September 17 - 20.
- All fluorescent light bulbs on the campus are being replaced with LED lights.

Prayers

We pray for the Family of St. Paul's. For the sick: Allison Couvillon, Maxwell, Jerry Bigner, Ron Smith, Linda Brooks, Katy Marshall, Marshall Sittig, Major Wiese, Patsy Michael, Maya Babington, Fr. Guido Verbeck, Jim Frost, Mary Virginia Hill, Maggie McElroy, Tammy Curlin, Stith Bynum, Nancy Bynum, Tom Wilson, Alan Prater, Janette, Donna Griffith, Jacquelyn Williams, Cade Cannon, Lynne Meier, Erin Harold, Coleman Brown, Betsy Dunkle, Barbara Young, Larry Broadwell, Tom and Sheryl Ostendorff; Marilyn Monette, Amy Prather, Andy Chastain, Kaye Crichlow, Mark and Mary Whitener, Edie Waghalter, Kenny Vasquez, Corey Gabler, John Pat Frost, Laura Kirspel, Fr. David Greer, John Greer, Paul Tatom, Gary Whitener, Mike Herriage, Stephen Roberts, Peggy Byerly, Mary Helen Byrum.

We pray for our military: Amanda, Caleb, Clark, Cody, Cole, Jason, Katie, Kip, Michael, Shaun, Steven

We pray for our missionaries: Tom and Robin Wilson

We pray for the faithfully departed: Pieter Bryant

We pray for our expectant mothers: Katie Maynard, Fancy Treadway, Emily Fertitta, Olivia Martin

We pray for the Anglican Communion, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury and Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA; Bishop Jake Owensby and his wife, Joy; Bishop Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic, our companion diocese; St. Matthias, Cherident, Haiti, and Pere Jacob; the President of the United States, Donald, and we pray for Fr. Michael, our Rector, Mtr. Sara, our Curate, the clergy, the people, and the ministries of St. Paul's.



Collect for July 4: Independence Day



Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our

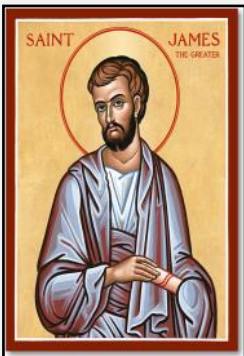
liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for July 22: Saint Mary Magdalene



Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for July 25: James the Apostle



O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Travelers



O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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The Family of St. Paul's – Living the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

JESUS CHRIST IS HEAD OF THE CHURCH

The Right Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD ~ Bishop of the Diocese of Western Louisiana

The Rev. Michael Cannon, Rector

The Rev. Deacon Sara Miller-Schulte, Curate

The Rev. David J. Greer, Rector Emeritus

The Rev. Guido Verbeck, Rector Emeritus

Ron Smith, Senior Warden

Stith Bynum, Junior Warden

The Vestry

2024-2026 - Stith Bynum, Rebecca Evans, David Langley, Gene Young

2025-2027 - Barbie Cannon, Beverly Casso, Will Duncan, Paul Moore

2026-2028 - Matt Abrams, Jerry Bagwell, Collins Hubbard, Amy Prather

Pat Becker.....	Parish Secretary
Michelle Boyd.....	Ministry Coordinator
Erika Cannon.....	Parish Administrator
Sara Lewis.....	Youth Minister
Breard Inabnett.....	Young Adult Ministry Coordinator
Barry Larson.....	Facilities Coordinator
Bob Maynard.....	Music Minister
JoAnn Rose.....	Day School Principal
Elizabeth West.....	Organist