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The Rev. Doug Mills

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Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ!

On the Second Sunday after Easter, it is the Good Shepherd Jesus that St. Peter holds up in our epistle. At this point in the Christian year, we remember that he was so faithful, and went to the farthest extremes to come after us, to rescue us, to care for us and protect us from all the dangers to our souls.

Peter says, "He bore our own sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

Jesus encompasses all truth by being both Lamb and Shepherd for us. It is Jesus, who has cared for us; and following him we are to care for others that they will see the Good Shepherd in us and desire to come to him.

Good Shepherd Sunday comes in Eastertide to remind us of the connection between what God did on Easter and what God did for Israel at the Passover, with its sacrifice of a spotless lamb. But Good Shepherd Sunday comes in Eastertide also to underscore the fact that Jesus' death and resurrection is the supreme example of how much God loves us.

Sheep are cute and cuddly, but sheep are also stubborn and headstrong. God knows all that about us, and, yet, offers his love to us, seeking us, correcting, and offering us healing of soul and body.

"For ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

Christ is Risen and Easter continues. We are to walk in newness of life, staying close to our Good Shepherd all the way to the day of our Resurrection. Don't let Easter be just a day for you, but an ongoing experience where you rise above the things in this life that enslave and damage spiritually. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free!

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God bless you,
Fr. Keith+

Church Office Hours

Fr. Keith Boettner
Office Phone 458-0307

Office Hours
Tuesday—Friday
9:00 A.M.— 4:00 P.M.
Please call for an appointment

Morning Prayer: 8:30 A.M.
Tuesday & Thursday

Prayer Ministry: 1:30 P.M.
Alternate Wednesdays

Special Points of Interest

- The Rector's Pen
- Committee assignments
- Calendar

Vestry

Omololu Oyeleye
Senior Warden
751-2465

Tom McConnell
Junior Warden
278-8001

Steve Anderson
861-1060

Mike Chandler
379-0656

Katie Leverette
372-1141

Carroll Sutton
751-7498

MAY EVENTS

Morning Prayer —every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 AM

Sunday, May 3, 3rd Sunday after Easter, 9:15 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Holy Communion

Wednesday, May 6, 1:30 PM Prayer Group, 6:30 PM GABS

Sunday, May 10, 4th Sunday after Easter, 9:15 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Holy Communion

Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 PM GABS

Sunday, May 17, Rogation Sunday, 9:15 AM Sunday School, 10:15 Beating of the Bounds, 10:30 AM Holy Communion

Wednesday, May 20, 1:30 PM Prayer Group, 6:30 PM GABS

Sunday, May 24, 9:15 AM Sunday School, 10:30 Holy Communion *Vestry Meeting after the service*

Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 PM GABS

Sunday, May 31, Pentecost, 9:15 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Holy Communion Picnic on the Grounds after the Service **Wear Red if you wish**

TREASURERS

Harley Gylfe
Ph. 388-0271

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Newsletter Deadline
The 15th of each
month

If you wish to have something included in the monthly newsletter, please give it to Katie Leverette
Phone 372-1141
katie8836@aol.com

LOOKING FORWARD

Ladies Luncheon, June 6 (TBA)
Vacation Bible School (TBA)

The services from Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday were beautiful, reverent, and inspiring. We give grateful thanks to everyone who worked so hard to give us an Easter season to remember, especially Fr. Keith and Fr. Mike.

MAY Birthdays

9 Melanie Smith
10 Annette Singleton
12 Abigail Byrd
12 Nathan Coppedge
21 Abigail Grommet
25 Faye Sutton
27 Jan Hayes
28 Frank Walker

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

10 Keith & Melanie Smith
20 Bob & Adriene Logan

The happiness of heaven is not like the steady, placid state of a mountain lake where barely a ripple disturbs the tranquility of its water.

Heaven is more akin to the surging, swelling waves of the Mississippi at flood stage.

Sam Storms



ON A PERSONAL NOTE



WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE... *...have you retired. . . has there been an addition to the family. . . a job promotion. . . acceptance to a particular school or college. . . an award of any kind. . . news that you would like to share with your family at St. James? We're interested, so let us know!*

From Melanie Smith

Many of you have been so gracious to support Charlotte and Ross in their fund raising efforts for their home school basketball team- the Memphis FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Night-hawks. They practice and play games from August-March and culminate the season with a trip to the National Tournament each year. The children and I recently attended the National Christian Home School Basketball Championships, held in Springfield, MO, March 16-21. There were over 300 teams from around the country participating with boys and girls teams ranging in age from 10 & under to 18 & under. Charlotte and Ross's teams did very well with Charlotte's team placing 2nd overall in the 12U Girls division, and Ross's team placing 5th in the 16U Boys, both in the top brackets. Ross was one of two players on his team to be selected for the All-Tournament Team. Charlotte and Ross are both sad that the season is over for now, but are both already working hard for next year.

St. James is a family. Please let us know what is happening with you and your loved ones.

BITS AND PIECES

KNEELERS ARE ON THE WAY

St. James is proceeding with the installation of permanent kneelers. If members of the congregation would like to assist with this endeavor, the suggested donation is \$300 per pew (though lesser donations will be gladly received).

We also have a quote to replace the existing shingle roof for \$14,320. We are raising money to cover this cost. While this is not an immediate need, the roof is toward the end of its useful life.

*Thomas R. McConnell,
Junior Warden*

David Chandler will be returning to his family in late May or early June. We thank God for his safe return and for the blessing on this family.

David will become the sexton of St. James Church while he attends college and will live in the house next to the church. It will be good to have someone taking care of and protecting our church on a regular basis.

Kim Chandler, who is in charge of the nursery, is asking for a few more volunteers for Sunday services. It would be wonderful if a person only had to serve once every two months.

Remember to . . .
give flowers for your many blessings
give to the benevolence fund
give to the building fund



Did you know that if you eat a live toad before breakfast nothing worse can happen to you for the rest of the day?



Treasurer's Report March 2009

**Beginning Checking
Balance Bal 3-1-09**
\$31,473.14

Giving \$ 24,205.87
Expenses \$ 13,530.17

**Ending Checking
Balance 3-31--09**
\$42,148.84

Building Fund \$15,214.24

One Minute Sermon

Jesus didn't say it would be easy. . . He said it would be worth it.

St. James Vestry Committees 2009

Finance

Omololu Oyeleye, Chair
Katie Leverette
Tom McConnell
Carroll Sutton
Bobby Saxon and Harley Gylfe
Fr. Keith

Nominating

Carroll Sutton, Chair
Tom McConnell
Omololu Oyeleye
Fr. Keith

Parish Life (Event Planning)

Katie Leverette, Chair
Susan Andersen
Steve Anderson
Cullen Estes
Jan Hayes
(Others as needed)

Outreach/Missions

Steve Anderson, Chair
Mike Chandler
Cindy Grommett
Omololu Oyeleye
(Others as needed)

Property

Tom McConnell, Chair
Bill Andersen
Mike Chandler
Clay Singleton
Keith Smith (Others as needed)

Parish Council (Membership Issues, Spiritual Oversight, Church Discipline)

Fr. Keith
Omololu Oyeleye
Tom McConnell

Other appointments:

Sunday School Superintendent,
Keith Smith

The editor of the newsletter will be taking a summer hiatus. For the next two months, we will not be publishing a newsletter. However, the Events Calendar and the Service Calendar will be copied and placed in the library, narthex, bulletin board, and on the web page so that you will be able to keep up with service assignments.

“Faith never knows where it is being led, but it knows and loves the One who is leading.”

Oswald Chambers

May 2009 Service Calendar

Sun	Old Testament Reader	Epistle Reader	Greeter	Lay Minister Chalice Bearer	Aitar	Nursery
	Summary of the Book of Revelation ——— Jesus Wins. Alistair Begg					
3	Alice Craddock	Katie Leverette	Ann Taylor	L. M. – Cullen Estes C. B. – Lol u Oyeleye	Tamela Patton	Jordyn Estes
10	Susan Andersen	Tom McConnell	Wynetta Oyeleye	L. M. – Tom McConnell C. B. – Perry Hayes	Jennifer McConnell	Ci ndy Grommet
17	Marian McClure	Seth Smith	Ruth Mitchell	L. M. –Steve Anderson C. B. – Clay Singleton	Judy Smith	Kim Chandler
24	Mike Chandler	Cullen Estes	Alice Craddock	L. M. –Perry Hayes C. B. Tom McConnell	Ran Foster	Melanie Smith
31	Clay Singleton	Lolu Oyeleye	Bill Andersen	L. M. – Clay Singleton C. B. – Cullen Estes	Judy Smith	Wynetta Oyeleye

John Newton

No strength of our own, and no goodness we claim;
Yet, since we have known of the Savior's great Name,
In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, "the Lord will provide."

Though troubles assail us, and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us, and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us, "the Lord will provide."

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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