



The MESSAGE

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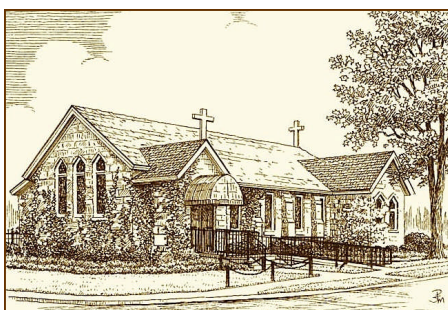
WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays: Holy Eucharist

8:00 am: Traditional Rite I without music
 10:30 am: Contemporary Rite II with music
 (sung Eucharist on the first Sunday)

Wednesdays

12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers
 3:20 pm: Atrium



CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson,
Bishop of West Tennessee

The Rev. Gary Meade, *Rector*
 Dr. Scott Roberts, *Organist*

Mrs. Melissa McLaughlin, *Parish Secretary*

VESTRY AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Dudley Davis, *Senior Warden*

Bob Dean, *Junior Warden*

Tommy Hopper, *Treasurer*

David Akers

Mary Stuart David

Brooke Emery

Judi Grunert

Bobbie Milligan

Bubba Smith

Teresa Stavely-Hawkins

A Few Words from

The Rev. Gary Meade, Rector

Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:17

St. Paul wrote that we are to pray always. Sometimes that is hard to do. For example, courts have determined that the U.S. Constitution bans most public prayer in our public schools. But this doctrine, known as the “separation of church and state,” is applied very unevenly.

For example, at weddings I serve as an officer of the state only because of my religious standing as a minister. Weird. Or consider that we quite openly print “In God we trust” on our money. Not that I’m complaining, but this too seems inconsistent with the courts’ doctrine.

Just last week I read that some Connecticut schools had reserved space in a local megachurch for graduation ceremonies. In doing so they saved the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars while finding a comfortable space large enough for students and proud families. The problem? The ACLU sees this as an impermissible promotion of religion and is threatening to sue to prevent the use of the church even for a purely secular purpose.

Earlier in the month a federal judge in Wisconsin ruled that the National Day of Prayer is unconstitutional. Really? It’s not as if anyone is *forced* to pray or even to pray to a particular deity. Yet, for some, even the invitation to non-denominational prayer is anathema.

When it comes to matters of faith and public life we Americans can become quite contentious – if not contradictory. How refreshing, then, to live in Dyersburg, Tennessee where the National Day of Prayer, to be observed on Thursday, May 6 is in its 30th year. Moreover, the Day will begin with the annual Mayor’s Breakfast.

I recently sat with Dyersburg Mayor John Holden and two other local pastors as we discussed the Day of Prayer with a *State Gazette* reporter. We all expressed our gratitude that here in our part of America, at least, we are still free (as are our political leaders) to openly gather for prayer. Given all the hurts, ills, and challenges we face not only in our world but also in our local community, such prayer is as needed today as ever before.

Elsewhere in *The Message* you will find more information about this day. I hope you will join me – and our community – in gathering before the Lord on May 6.

Your servant in Christ,

Gary+

Father Gary

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National Day of Prayer at Saint Mary's

NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER

As part of the Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, Saint Mary's will be hosting an hour of prayer from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. We will be focusing our prayers on government: global, national, state, and local. We will be joined, I hope, by other members of our community who will want to join us in prayer for this hour. While I will lead some of the service (and Dr. Scott Roberts will be offering some of his divinely inspired music), I invite you to help lead this service. Please contact me at your earliest convenience if you would like to participate. Thanks!

– The Rev. Gary Meade



64th Annual Conference

EPISCOPAL
CHURCHMEN
OF TENNESSEE

August 27-29, 2010

DuBose Conference Center
Monteagle, TN

Program Theme:

"You will know them by their fruits"

Come and bring a son, a friend, a new communicant in your church!!

12 HOURS OF PRAYER, Thursday, May 6

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	First Baptist Church	Focus: The Church
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	First United Methodist Church	Focus: The Military
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Dyersburg First Church	Focus: The Family
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	BCM at DSCC	Focus: College, Youth, Children
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Prayer on the Square led by the DCMO	
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	East Dyersburg UMC	Focus: Education
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church	Focus: Police, Fire, EMT 'S
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Cumberland Presbyterian	Focus: The Media
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	A New Beginning Ministry	Focus: Our State
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Bruce Community Center	Focus: The Economy & Business
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	St. Mary 's Episcopal	Focus: The Government

May Birthdays

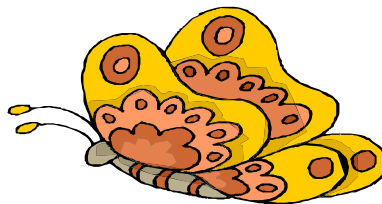
3:Bob Dean. 5:Betsy Martin.

6:Katharine Lannom. 11:Megan
Deutschlander. 16:Ewell

Tucker. 23:Kathy Dobie.

25:John Lannom. 30:David
Akers. 31:Matthew Brown.

You're Invited...
"Friends of Matthew"
8th Annual Picnic



Celebrating 20 Years of Service!!!
Come join us for food, music and fun!
Featuring Tab Hawkins @ 5 pm
And Rodney Henry @ 6 pm


Thank you for your continuous support!!!

Tuesday, May 18th, Okeena Park, 4-7 pm

The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
will be held at First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall on May 6 at 6:30
a.m. Serving will begin at 6:15 a.m.
Tickets are \$3.00 and may be
purchased at City Hall. For further
information, please call 288-7600.

Happy
Anniversary!

5:John and Barbara Reed
20:Bob and Eleanor Dean

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
REGULAR WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Sundays: Holy Eucharist 8:00 am: Traditional Rite I without music 10:30 am: Contemporary Rite II with music (sung Eucharist on the first Sunday)					1
	Sundays: Christian Education 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study					
Wednesdays 12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium						
2 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Chalice: M.S. David Lector: B. Reed Prayers: D. Davis Acolyte: E. Glass Usher: J. Lannom Vestry: D. Davis	3	4	5 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	6 National Day of Prayer (See p. 2 for details.) No Bible Study this evening.	7	8
9 The Sixth Sunday of Easter 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mother's Day</i></p> Chalice: L. Thurman Lector: B. Milligan Prayers: M. S. David Acolyte: A. Hawkins Usher: B. Milligan Vestry: T. Hawkins	10	11	12 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	13 5:30 pm: Bible Study- The Old Testament	14	15
16 The Seventh Sunday of Easter 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Third Sunday Luncheon Chalice: B. Milligan Lector: K. Brunson Prayers: A. A. Moore Acolyte: D. Palmer Usher: B. Smith Vestry: M.S. David	17	18 6:00 pm: Men's Group	19 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	20 5:30 pm: Bible Study- The Old Testament	21	22
23 The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Chalice: B. Smith Lector: L. Thurman Prayers: W. Heathcott Acolyte: D. Palmer Usher: B. Dean Acolyte: E. Glass Vestry: J. Grunert Acolyte: C. Randolph	24	25	26 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	27 5:30 pm: Bible Study- The Old Testament	28	29 9:30 am-4 pm: Vestry Retreat
30 Trinity Sunday 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Chalice: J. Emery Lector: J. Reed Prayers: D. Palmer Acolyte: S. Emery Usher: P. Viar Vestry: B. Smith	31 Memorial Day Office closed	 <p><i>Atrium will meet for their last session on Wednesday, May 26. Please mark your calendars for the 2010-2011 sessions which will begin on Wednesday, September 28.</i></p>				

Summary Budget Report for April 2010

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Regular Income (pledges, plate, etc.)	8,991.08	12,085.41	3,094.33
Income from Endowment	4,000.00	4,166.66	166.66
TOTAL	\$12,991.08	\$16,252.07	3,260.99
Expenses — Operating	10,877.47	14,745.90	3,868.43
Expenses — Outreach	247.20	1,479.15	1,231.95
TOTAL	11,419.67	16,225.05	4,805.38
Income Less Expenses	\$1,571.41		
Value of Endowment (as of 3/31/09)	\$1,300,790.69		

OUR PRAYER LIST



Aaron Joshua
 Aden
 Benny Akers
 Alison
 The Arrington family
 Virginia Brunson
 Johnny Burks
 Cheryl Campbell
 Kaitlyn Cash
 Claudia
 The family of Mark Crews
 Dianne Donner
 Etta
 Denver Hawkins
 Johnnie Faye Hawkins
 Lechia Holbrook
 Martha Horn
 Celia Hudson
 Ute Gascho Hudson
 Nickalene Johnson
 The Johnson Family
 June Lannom
 Teresa Layne
 Marty Moody
 Kay Norman
 George Newsome
 Glenn O'Bryan
 The family of Jean O'Bryan
 Cindy Parker
 John Redman
 Pat Roberts
 Stoy
 Bob Toth
 Ewell and Margaret Ruth Tucker
 Ginger Voss

Names will be removed from our list after two months unless specified otherwise. To add yourself or another to this list, please call or email the office.

FOR ANY PASTORAL CONCERNS

Please call Father Gary at home, 882-4925; or on his cell phone, 589-3370.

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