



The MESSAGE

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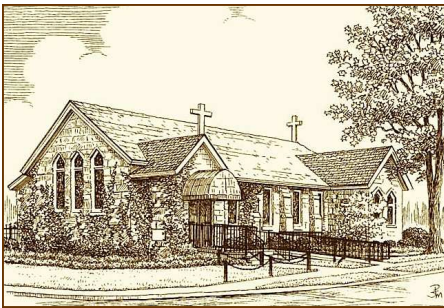
WORSHIP TIMES

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



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

John Lannom, *Senior Warden*

Mary Claire Hopper, *Junior Warden*

Tommy Hopper, *Treasurer*

Karen Bowyer

Mary Stuart David

David Dobie

Andrée Kientz

Agnes Ann Moore

Alyson Johns-Robinson

Teresa Stavely-Hawkins

A Few Words from

The Rev. Gary Meade, *Rector*

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

— Matthew 22:37-40

What are your favorite summer memories? When I was growing up, my best friend lived next door, and an irrigation ditch ran between our houses. On the days when the ditch boss let water flow, my friend and I could spend countless hours playing in the water: catching water spiders, making mudslides, and once even creating a dam that so effectively blocked the water that the ditch boss himself came to investigate. Other days we'd work on our four-story tree house or ride our bikes to Mr. Swiss, a local burger joint that had great fries and gave free Cokes to police officers. I always thought that was pretty cool.

I remember these days fondly in large part for their simplicity. I like things to be simple when possible. Perhaps that's one reason why I sometimes struggle with the Bible. It can seem so complicated, so filled with such an array of characters, stories, laws, and genres spanning centuries of developing faith. How can anyone really grasp the Bible in all its richness and diversity? I'm sure there are Biblical scholars whose comprehension of Scripture is indeed vast and encyclopedic. I'm also sure I'm not one of those so intellectually blessed.

Fortunately Jesus gives us a simple distillation of "all the law and the prophets", a summary of all that is taught in the Bible. It all boils down to two things for Christ: (1) love God; (2) love each other. These two commandments provide simple standards by which we can measure our response to God's love.

In any situation we need only ask: how do my actions (or words) demonstrate my love for God? My love for my neighbor? As human beings we can make our faith needlessly complicated. Consider our worship: we Episcopalians can be unbearably fussy in the details of our liturgy. The point of our worship isn't, of course, how fancy we can be but rather how well we can best offer our praise and prayers to the honor and glory of God. We worship best when we start with and always remember this simple principle.

Summers can be a time to slow down a bit, to enjoy the simple pleasures of the season: flowers blooming, birds singing, a warm breeze, fireflies zipping through the night air. As we take a moment to drink in these simple pleasures, may we also take a moment to reflect on the simplicity of our call to respond to all of God's blessings with love for the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of our lives and with love for all of God's children.

And may God bring you days of simple pleasure this summer, full of our Lord's grace, blessing, and love.

Your servant in Christ,

Father Gary

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Do I Hear Bells?

A Few Words about Sanctus Bells

On Sundays at the 10:30 AM service you can hear the clear ringing of bells during the Communion Prayer. The bells are first rung during the “Sanctus”, or part of the service when we sing or say “Holy, holy, holy Lord...” As a result, they are known as “Sanctus bells” from the Latin word *sanctus*, or “holy.”



Sanctus bells have been used in worship for over 800 years. They were used for very practical reasons, particularly in large churches or cathedrals. In those settings, the priest would celebrate the mass up at the High Altar, often behind a choir screen, making it all but impossible for the congregation to really know what was happening. The ringing of the bells notified the congregation that the celebration of the Eucharist was entering its most holy moments.

At Saint Mary’s we follow one ancient pattern of use, though other churches may use the bells somewhat differently. First, the bells are rung three times, once for each “holy” as we sing the Sanctus. Later, the bells are rung once as we begin to remember the institution of the Lord’s Supper. After the remembrance of the breaking of the bread, the bells are rung three times as the Celebrant elevates the bread. The same pattern is followed, of course, after remembering the sharing of the cup. Finally, we mark the conclusion of the Eucharistic prayer by ringing the bells three more times.

Agnes Ann Moore and Raley Thomley donated the Sanctus bells used at Saint Mary’s.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday July 6

Chalice: Donna Palmer
Lector: Agnes Ann Moore
Prayers: Wilma Heathcott
Acolyte: Betsy Kienitz
Usher: John Lannom
Vestry: Agnes Ann Moore

Sunday July 13

Chalice: Mary Stuart David
Lector: Murray Hudson
Prayers: Karen Horn
Acolyte: Bubba Smith
Usher: Tommy Hopper
Vestry: Mary Stuart David

Sunday July 20

Chalice: Ken Brunson
Lector: Bob Grunert
Prayers: Katharine Lannom
Acolyte: Donna Palmer
Usher: Bubba Smith
Vestry: Karen Bowyer

Sunday July 27

Chalice: Joe Emery
Lector: Bobbie Milligan
Prayers: Lynda Thurman
Acolyte: Andrée Kienitz
Usher: Bob Dean
Vestry: Andrée Kienitz

Altar Guild for July

Betty Ashley, Pat Buchannon & Wilma Heathcott

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

July

Susan Randolph & Bobbie Milligan

August

Dudley Davis & Tippy Roach

BIRTHDAYS

July 2: Donna Smith. 3: Anita Najdek. Patricia Twilla. 16: Sandra Bryant. Johnny Burks. Sue Cochran. Bob Smith. 20: Jennifer Burns. Suzanne Donner. 23: Carole Smith. 24: Katelin Burns. 25: Estelle Cruxent. Emma Claire Pritchett. 28: Dina Bowers. 31: Jamey Bowers.

ANNIVERSARIES

July 10: Gleyn & Patricia Twilla. 12: Dina & Jamey Bowers. 18: Todd & Susan Randolph. 30: Reeder & Betsy Martin.

Did we miss you or get the wrong date? Please call the office and let us know!



Charity Benefit for Matthew 25:40

Christian comic Jeff Allen will perform at Yates Auditorium on Saturday, August 16 @ 7p.m. All proceeds will go to Matthew 25:40 to bring much-needed funding to programs that help local residents with emergency needs. Programs include helping with utilities, food, medicine and rent, as well as offering aid to the homeless by paying for a temporary place to stay. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by credit card by visiting the Matthew Web site, www.matthew2540.org, or in person at Lighthouse Christian Bookstore.



Many thanks to DeAmber Bernard and Agnes Ann Moore for hostessing the coffee hour for June. Also thanks to **Vicki Rose** who filled in one Sunday and to **Tippy Roach and Karen Bowyer** who helped DeAmber the last Sunday. Hostesses for July are Susan Randolph and Bobbie Milligan.

The Canterbury Place needs your help as they raise funds towards the purchase of a greatly needed van to support their ministry. Even with federal funds providing 90% of the cost, several thousands of dollars must first be raised. I have provided \$250 from my Discretionary Fund, and I invite you to join me in this effort. For more information, call Ms. Tracy Childress at 287-1319. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

— The Rev. Gary Meade

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JULY 2008

For an up-to-date calendar, please visit the **Calendar** page at www.stmarysdyersburg.org

REGULAR WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Sundays: Christian Education
 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays
 12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 12:05 pm : Holy Eucharist & healing prayers	3	4 	5
6 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study	7	8 6:00 pm: Men's Group	9 12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers	10	11	12
13 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study	14	15	16 12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers	17	18	19
20 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study <i>Potluck Luncheon</i>	21	22 5:30 pm: Vestry Meeting	23 12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers	24	25	26
27 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study	28	29	30 12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers	31	Adult Day Services are offered by Canterbury Place, providing a resting place, activities, socialization, and hot meals. Perfect for a caregiver needing a break—and peace of mind. Call 287-1319 for more information. <i>Canterbury was co-founded by Saint Mary's Episcopal Church.</i>	

COMING SOON!



OUR PRAYER LIST

Baby Aden
James Allen
Harris Armstrong
Bobbie Ballard
Becky
Jorge Cruxent
John Davis
Pauline Dittmer
Liza Drewry
John Fisher
Gordon Freeman
Mark Garner
JoAnn Gordon
Bob Grunert
Nickalene Johnson
Ellen Kaplan
Lesli Kaplan
Linda Kerns
Kim & Kevin
Pat Kilzer
Joe Larry
James Mallard
McCright/Bernard family
Tom Meade
Monica, Meg and Hayden
Patti Murphy
Lynn Nelson
Christy Porter & family
Billy Phillips
Anne Pilkerton
Pat Roberts
John Viar
Sam Viar

This Fall Look for New Opportunities for
Children & Youth
at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

THE ATRIUM FOR CHILDREN

Starting this fall, Atrium will meet on Wednesdays after school. This will allow the children (and their leaders) more time to explore the lessons and experience the growth found in the inspiring curriculum of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. For more, talk to our gifted leaders, Mary Claire Hopper and Susan Randolph.

YOUTH IN THE JESUS LOUNGE

It's been a while since Saint Mary's has had a youth group, and it's coming back this fall under the leadership of Alyson Johns-Robinson and Bubba Smith. The youth will meet in the "Jesus Lounge," the small room near the Wheeler Room.

Helping children and youth grow in their relationship with a loving God

FOR ANY PASTORAL CONCERNS

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

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