



The MESSAGE

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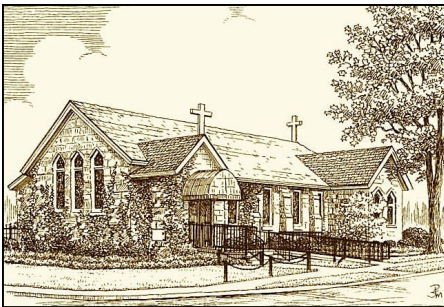
WORSHIP TIMES

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. Sandy Akers, *Parish Secretary*

VESTRY AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Brooke Emery, *Senior Warden*

John Reed, *Junior Warden*

Tommy Hopper, *Treasurer*

Pat Buchannon

Tiffani Glass

Judi Grunert

Jimmy Hawkins

Bobbie Milligan

Lynda Thurman

Anita Toth

A Few Words from

The Rev. Gary Meade, Rector

"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart."

— Joel 2:12

In about three weeks we will begin the holy season of Lent. But we can't start Lent without first gathering for the annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on **Tuesday, February 21** at 6:00 pm. As before, the church will provide pancakes, sausage, and drinks. You are invited to bring a dish to share as well. This year we will be collecting donations to fund the purchase of new playground equipment. (Our old set is over ten years old and very much in need of replacement.)

Ash Wednesday will be observed on February 22 with services at 12:05 and 6:00 pm. Now is the time to begin your planning for a holy season of prayers, study, and spiritual discipline.

As part of your **Lenten discipline**, please consider the 2012 *Lenten Devotions* booklet, provided by Episcopal Relief & Development. We'll have copies of this available to aid your daily meditations. We will also begin a new Bible Study series with an old friend, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University. During this class we'll learn about some of the great characters of the New Testament in a class that combines a short lecture on DVD followed by a stimulating discussion. Please plan to join me starting on **Tuesday, February 28** from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Wheeler Room.

Earlier on **Tuesday the 28th** I hope you will me for a road trip to Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis to share in their annual Lenten Preaching Series. Today's speaker: author Phyllis Tickle. We'll leave by 10:00 am and return by 3:00 pm. We will also go down on **March 20th** to hear Rabbi Micah Greenstein. Please let me know if you want to go so I can save you a seat on the van!

May you have a wonderful February and a blessed Lent.

Your servant in Christ,

Gary

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Lenten Preaching Series

For nearly 90 years Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis has hosted a **Lenten Preaching Series** that offers a diverse series of excellent speakers. We have secured the use the 12-passenger van from Canterbury Place (thanks, Bob Dean, for suggesting this!) and will travel to


Memphis to hear two of the preachers in this series. After the noon service we'll stay for lunch in the Waffle Shop hosted by Calvary. We'll go on the following dates: **Tuesday, February 28** to hear noted author Phyllis Tickle and on **Tuesday, March 20** to hear Rabbi Micah Greenstein. We'll meet at Saint Mary's at 10 am and return before 3 pm. Space is limited, so please let Fr. Gary or Sandy (our new Parish Secretary) know if you plan to attend.

Lenten Devotional Available

Lent begins this year on **Wednesday, March 22**. As has become our custom, we will have a Lenten devotional available for your use this year. *2012 Lenten Meditations*, from Episcopal Relief and Development, includes a reading or prayer for each day of Lent followed by a brief meditation offered by a variety of Episcopal clergy and lay leaders. Each day you will have the opportunity to have your faith stretched, strengthened, and renewed. Copies will be available in the Wheeler Room.

Come Walk with Jesus


Remember the meaning and power of Lent as you share in Jesus' own journey from his condemnation to the cross to the grave. Each Friday in Lent you are invited to recall our Lord's Passion as we walk the fourteen Stations of the Cross. At each stop we will remember on more step in Christ's journey. We will meet in the nave of the church; the stations are the fourteen white tiles hanging on the walls between our gorgeous stained glass windows. This quiet, traditional liturgy is a powerful way to observe a Holy Lent.



Begin Lent by sharing in the ancient tradition of the imposition of ashes as a reminder of our mortality and of our need for repentance before God. Two services will be offered on February 22nd **12:05** and **6:00** pm.

February Birthdays

3: Jenny Wright. **9:** Glenn O'Bryan. **10:** Brecht Deal **12:** Eden Bird. **17:** Robert Toth. **19:** Thomas Langford



CELEBRATING AN Anniversary

3 Johnny & Judy Burks
4 Eddie & Dudley Davis

It's Time for Mardi Gras!

The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is coming soon! And why do we eat pancakes on this last day before Lent? According to the BBC website, "Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent—the 40 days leading up to Easter—was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday Christians went to confession and were 'shriven' (absolved from their sins). It was the last opportunity to use eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast, and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients."



Father Gary will be flipping pancakes, but we'll still have plenty of room on the table for whatever food you wish to bring: breakfast casseroles, breads, fruit salads, or whatever you would care to share.

So plan to share in the fun on **Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. Donations will be accepted on behalf of the Children's Playground.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
REGULAR WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	<p>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)</p> <p>Sundays: Christian Education 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesdays 12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium for children and youth</p>		<p>1 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club</p>	2	3	4
<p>5 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist (Rite II with music)</p> <p>Chalice: D. Palmer Lector: B. Reed Acolyte: T. Hopper Usher: T. Hopper Prayers: M.S. David Vestry: L. Thurman</p>	6	7	<p>8 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club</p>	9	10	11
<p>12 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist (Rite II with music) 3-5 pm Parish Vision team</p> <p>Chalice: B. Smith Lector: J. Reed Prayers: W. Heathcott Acolyte: C. Randolph Usher: P. Viar Vestry: J. Reed</p>	13	14	<p>15 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club</p>	16	<p>17 8:00 am: Feed the Need</p>	18
<p>19 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany 8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist (Rite II with music) 11:45 am Parish Potluck Luncheon</p> <p>Chalice: L. Thurman Lector: A. Moore Prayers: D. Palmer Acolyte: E. Glass Usher: B. Dean Vestry: T. Glass</p>	20	<p>21 6:00 pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</p>	<p>22 12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes 3:20 pm: Atrium 6:00 pm: Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes</p>	23	<p>24 12:00 pm: Stations of the Cross</p>	25
<p>26 The First Sunday in Lent 8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist (Rite II with music) 5:00 pm. vestry Meeting</p> <p>Chalice: M. Hudson Lector: J. Hawkins Prayers: D. Davis Acolyte: A. Hawkins Usher: B. Milligan Vestry: J. Hawkins</p>	27	<p>28 10:00am. Calvary Lenten Series 5:30pm Bible Study: Great Figures of the New Testament</p>	<p>29 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club</p>	<p>Liturgical Schedule for Wednesday, February 22 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Chalice: B. Milligan Lector: B. Smith Acolyte: S. Emery Usher: J. Emery Vestry: B. Emery</p>		

Summary Budget Report for December 2011

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Regular Income (pledges, plate, etc.)	\$26,223.00	\$11,669.57	\$14,553.43
Income from Endowment	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$31,223.00	\$16,669.57	\$14,553.43
Expenses — Operating	\$19,279.50	\$15,212.70	\$4,066.80
Expenses — Outreach	\$3,384.01	\$1,425.55	\$1,958.46
TOTAL	\$22,663.51	\$16,638.25	\$6,025.26
Income Less Expenses	\$8,559.49		
Value of Endowment (as of 12/31/11)	\$1,105,325.00		

OUR PRAYER LIST

Those with immediate needs:

John Dykes
Polk Glover
Claudia Magallanes
Emma Jean Norris
Shannon Raehn
John Sidney

Those with ongoing needs:

Aaron Joshua
Adam
Andy
Ray Ashley
Chloe Bird
Kaitlyn Cash
Dianne Donner
Allen Freemont
Beau Hefner
L. D. Gant
Lechia Holbrook
Sue Burks King
June Lannom
Russell Lomas and family
Teresa Layne
Beverly Magee
Kim and Jon Marye
Marshall Mayfield
Tripp McNeil
Joyce Moore
Patti Murphy
Jamie Owens
Amy Nance
Linda & Darrell Parker
Amber Tinsley
Ewell and Margaret Ruth Tucker
Bob Turner
Ginger Voss

Names will be removed from our list of immediate needs after one month unless specified otherwise. Names from our list of long-term needs will only be removed upon request. To add yourself or another to this list, please complete a Prayer Request Card in the pew. You may also call or email the office.

FOR ANY PASTORAL CONCERNS

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

New Vestry Members Elected

At the Annual Parish Meeting on January 22, the following were elected by acclamation as new members of the vestry: **Pat Buchannon**, **Jimmy Hawkins**, and **Lynda Thurman**. In addition, **Brooke Emery** began serving as Senior Warden, and **John Reed** began his term as Junior Warden. Please offer your congratulations to our new vestry members, and please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new ministry of leadership among us

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