

ANNOUNCEMENTS, March 17, 2019

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Adult Sunday School Offerings: 10:00-10:50 am

- **Soulworks**, with the Rev. Seth M. Walley in Oak Ridge Hall
- **Coffee Hour** in Fowler Hall

Youth Sunday School Classes: 9:50-10:50AM

- All Youth meet in the Youth Wing

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Children: 9:50-10:50AM

- Age 3 Years (by September 1) - 5th Grade - Gray Hall

5 pm Worship

- No 5 pm Service

SOULWORKS - My real estate law professor at Ole Miss, the late Charles Walker, told us time and time again that an agreement in word is an agreement in fact. But because human beings are the way they are, an agreement is not certain until the ink dries! We get a look at a special agreement, a special contract, in our Old Testament lesson from Genesis today (15:1-21). Abram and God are entering into a binding contract. Have you ever thought of yourself or your religion having a contract with God? And if so, what are the terms? See you Sunday, Father Seth+

YOUTHWORKS - Ask any grade school teacher and they will tell you we learn in a variety of ways. Some learn through reading. Some learn by watching. I personally like to learn by getting my hands dirty and trying things myself. But one way we all learn is by asking questions. In our reading for today (Genesis 15: 1-21), God lays some hard truths on Abram. Abram responds with a series of questions aimed at understanding what God means and what exactly Abram needs to do. Too often we have questions about what we are supposed to do, but we don't ask. This may be because we are too scared or embarrassed to ask. It may be because we don't know what to ask. But as we see today, we need to speak up because asking questions is how we learn and grow. This is just as true whether we are talking about school or God. Join us this Sunday as we talk about questions, so brings any questions you want to ask about asking so we can answer all of our questions about questions.....make sense? Abram+

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS - Last time we met we covered the basics of Holy Scripture, and discovered how the Bible forms the foundation for all that we hear, see, and do in our daily life of the church. We also looked at the structure of the Bible itself. We will continue this track as we take a more focused look at the Old Testament. Too often these texts are viewed as "irrelevant" or simply as an unnecessary prequel to the more important texts of the New Testament. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Join us this Sunday as we explore the individual beauty of the Old Testament, and how it's importance far exceeds anything you may have previously believed.

YOUTH FLAMINGO SEASON IS COMING! - Beware, flocks of flamingos are about to descend! But worry not, your friendly neighborhood youth group is here to help! Flamingo insurance can be purchased from the youth program for \$30. This insures your yard stays flamingo free. If you don't get insurance and flamingos do magically appear in your yard, the youth group will happily remove them for a \$30. Just for fun, for an extra \$10 you get to decide where the flamingos go next! All proceeds go towards special needs ministry of the diocese. **Insurance will on sale until March 20. After that, the flocks will be set loose! You can contact The Rev. Abram Jones at ajones@stjjax.org with questions.**

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION - Register for **St. James' Vacation Church School, A Handful of Peace, June 3, 4, 5, and 6 from 8:30 am - noon for rising pre-k4 through rising 5th grade children.** Children will connect with God through mindful bread-making, gardening, play, outdoor time, and labyrinth walking. To register go to the St. James' website under the Upcoming Events page or to <https://diomseyouth.wufoo.com/forms/r4czm3k1gfn9xx/>. For more information contact, VCS chairperson Jess Eddleman at st.james.episcopal.church.vcs@gmail.com.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS – Monday through Thursday, June 3- 6 from 8:30 to noon - *A Handful of Peace*, for children who are rising Pre-K4 – rising 5th grade. **Plan to volunteer and invite your favorite teens to offer their gifts this week.** Group leaders, craft helpers, kitchen assistants, garden workers, playground dads and shoppers are needed. **To volunteer, contact volunteer coordinators, Lauren Lomax at laurenclomax@gmail.com or Jennifer Gunn at gunnj@gosaints.org.** Offered by *St. James' Children and Family Ministries*

STUDENT SERVICE HOURS - Calling all students looking for service hours! We need help with several projects that need to be done. **If you can spare some time please email Judy at jjohnson@stjjax.org and let her know.**

CHILDREN'S GARDEN OPEN ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - The Children's Garden, located on the south side of Gray Hall, is open on Wednesday evenings from 5 – 6:30 pm. All ages are welcome to help plant, tend, harvest and enjoy. Offered by *St. James' Children and Family Ministries*

EASTER VIGIL BAPTISMS - Saturday, April 20, 6:30 pm. If you are interested in this baptism date contact kstephens@stjjax.org. **Other upcoming baptismal dates: Sunday, June 9, Pentecost Sunday; Sunday, July 28, St. James' Sunday; Sunday, Nov 3, All Saints Day.**

LENTEN REFLECTIONS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WILL BE EMAILED EACH WEEK OF LENT BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – If you are not receiving these and would like to be added to the email list, please contact Caroline Croom, Assistant to the Director of Children and Family Ministries, at ccroom@stjjax.org. Offered by *St. James' Children and Family Ministries*

THE M & M'S: MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASS FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN AGES 10 MONTHS THROUGH 3 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE SEP 1, 2019 SCHOOL YEAR AND THEIR PARENTS – **Classes are held in the Gathering Area on the 2nd floor of Gray Hall on Wednesdays, March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10, no classes during Holy Week, April 24, May 1** -Please visit the St. James' website at stjamesjackson.com to register under the Children or Music tab. Led by Katie Hathcock, lead teacher and director of Jackson Music for Aardvarks. Offered by *St. James' Children and Family Ministries*

MINDFUL PRESENCE: A MONTHLY MINDFULNESS GROUP FOR PARENTS & GOOD SHEPHERD CATECHISTS AND OPEN TO THE PARISH - **Sundays March 24, April 28, and May 19 from 4 – 5:30 pm at St. James', Gray Hall, 2nd floor, Room 214.** Qualities such as love, compassion, presence and clarity are not virtues of the saints alone. These qualities can be developed and honed in the practice of daily living. Being present to children as a parent or as a catechist requires intention, self-awareness and resilience. By weaving mindfulness and self-compassion through the liturgical calendar, in a monthly meet up for parents and catechists, we will refresh, renew and discuss our ordinary yet extraordinary lives together. Our leader, Kathy Woodliff, is the founder of the McClean Fletcher Grief Support Center for Children and Adolescents, a psychotherapist and Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction teacher. **Register at <https://diomseyouth.wufoo.com/forms/q3fqhht0pzprdd/>. For more information contact Mary Nell Prichard at mprichard@stjjax.org.** Offered by *St. James' Children and Family Ministries and in partnership with St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral*

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB SUNDAY - **Sunday, March 31.** The Church Periodical Club, often referred to as CPC, is an independent, affiliated organization of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America that is dedicated to the world-wide Ministry of the Word. The Church Periodical Club began in 1888 when a small group of women began sending bundles of church periodicals, prayer books and Bibles on Wells Fargo stage coaches to missionaries in the west. Delivery systems have changed but not the commitment to supplying theological and educational materials in support of the mission efforts around the world. Today the St.

James' Church Periodical Club continues to provide donations to our seminarians. On Sunday, March 31, CPC donation envelopes can be found in the pews and at each door to the Church.

CURSILLO WEEKEND - March 28 - 31 at Gray Center. A Cursillo weekend provides a living experience - meeting Christ, meeting fellow Christians and experiencing how they live. It is a joyous workshop of our beautiful Christian faith where everyone learns by experiencing a living Christian community. **Contact Ray Lewis: rjlewis07@hotmail.com; 601-940-0037 or visit the website at www.cursillo.dioms.org, to register or with questions.**

JUNIOR HIGH DOY - March 29-31. Who? Junior High DOY is for youth in 6th -8th grades, and Adults who work with youth are also invited to staff and participate in networking opportunities with other youth leaders! **What?** A Division of Youth (DOY) weekend retreat is full of spirituality, fun, getting messy, and just plain being yourself. Each semester has a unique theme, and is packed with faith, friends, music, games, and fun! **Where?** DOY weekends are held each semester at Camp Bratton-Green. **When?** Registration begins on Friday night between 6-7 pm (be sure to eat supper before you arrive!) and the weekend ends on Sunday morning at 9:00 am.

YOUTH CENTRAL CONVOCATION PAINTBALL - Sunday, April 7, following the 11:05 am service. We will be joining the other local Jackson churches for an afternoon of paintball and fellowship. We will leave from the church following the 11:05 service and get lunch on the way to the field. The game starts at 1:30. We will contact parents as we return to the church. The cost is \$40 per person, in cash or check only, but if you need assistance please let us know.

HABITAT DRAWDOWN 2019 - Saturday, May 4, 6 pm. Save the date! All proceeds go to benefit the Habitat for Humanity - Episcopal Build 2019. Each ticket is for one draw and admits two to the event, including all food and beverages. Form and payment must be received by 5 pm Friday, May 3. For more information and to fill out the on-line form visit our website, www.stjamesjackson.com. **If you would like to be a sponsor and have your name or business promoted at the event please call Hank Aiken at 601-981-1574.**

JOIN OUR FLOWER GUILD! - Our wonderful Flower Guild is looking for new members to help keep the beauty of flowers in the church on Sundays. **No formal training needed, just a love of flowers and St. James'!!** Bloom where you are planted!! Great way to make new friends!! **If you are interested in helping with this wonderful ministry contact Allene Womack at mswomacks@aol.com.**

PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED - Our large prayer shawl supply is getting low. Calling all knitters and crocheters to help us fill the shelves for this precious ministry. Please make the shawl large enough to curl up in, at least 2 feet x 4 1/2 feet or larger if possible.

ST. JAMES' SCHOOL REGISTRATION - Registration applications can be downloaded from the St. James' website, www.stjamesjackson.com. All information for the school can also be accessed from the website. If you would like additional information about the school or have any questions, please contact Whitney Veazey, 601-941-4296.

ADULT CONFIRMATION/INQUIRER'S CLASS - **Wednesdays, 6 pm, in Oak Ridge Hall.** This class is team taught using the Discovery Series, which offers a short DVD session each week followed with discussion and a short presentation. Each weekly session is one hour long, stands on its own, and is open to everyone; those looking towards Confirmation, longtime Episcopalians, and those that are curious! **Childcare provided.** Come enjoy Parish Supper before the class! **Confirmation will be the first Sunday in May. For more information and/or to sign-up; please contact Sheri Cox at sheri_cox_2000@yahoo.com, Leigh Grady at grafam1487@aol.com, or Thad Hopper at thadhopper@gmail.com.**

SHOP AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT ST. JAMES' - AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/64-0354724> to support St. James'.

ST. JAMES' COOKBOOK - We are still collecting your best, your most delicious, your family favorites, your most out of the ordinary and yes even your grandma's super secret recipes for a St James' Cookbook. The deadline for submitting recipes has been extended...so don't miss out and send in your favorite recipe! **If the dish is gluten free, carb free, vegan, etc.. please make sure to indicate so on your submission.** Please submit all recipes in 'Word' format and email to Ray Lewis at rjlewis07@hotmail. No email / no computer? Please leave a copy of the recipe at the Church Office. **If you have questions please call or text Ray at 601-940-0037.**

ART FOR THE SOUL - Come visit our display in Fowler Hall! The Order of the ghters of the King (DOK) is excited with our ministry: Art for the Soul. Each month different artists display their artwork, including paintings, pottery, jewelry and more. This program allows the artist to showcase and sell art to t he members of St. James' as well as others who attend various programs throughout the month. DOK uses its proceeds from Art for the Soul to support outreach ministries. **Our featured artists for March are Jack Catlette and Lynda Williams (in the case).**.. If you have any questions, special requests, or would like to make a purchase please contact Cathy Richardson at 601-572-5096.

YOGA ON THE LABYRINTH - Sundays at 3 pm for about an hour-ish. The class is for all levels (beginner to experienced). Bring a mat and a blanket (if you don't have a yoga blanket any beach towel will do - it is just for sitting on and padding our knees) and some water; if you want to bring blocks or straps that is fine as well. As this is a sacred space, all are invited to bring something 'sacred to them' to place on the Labyrinth. **If you have any questions contact Ray at 601-940-0037 or rjlewis07@hotmail.com.**

KNITTERS & CROCHETERS - We will gather to knit, crochet, and share stories together on the 2nd Monday of each month from 2-4 pm in the Guild Parlor. The next gathering will be **Monday, April 8.** Everyone is welcome to join us!

WEEKDAY SERVICES & BIBLE STUDIES

HOLY EUCHARIST - Tuesdays, 7 am, Chapel

PARISH BIBLE STUDY - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10:45 am, Library

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS OF HEALING - Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, Chapel

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Thursdays 7-8 am, Guild Parlor

TGIF BIBLE STUDY - Fridays, 10-11:30 am, Guild Parlor

~Readings for March 24: Exodus 3:1-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please email kstephens@stjjax.org if you have any prayer requests.

Please pray for

Rebecca Williams, Shellie Wyllie, Amanda Lockey, Zane Pooley, Barbara Jones, William, Kit Parker, Gary Lambert, Megan Mascagni, Bianca, Yerger, Elizabeth, Grace, Libby, Chris & Laura Powers, Alan Weeks, Lola, Karl, Mike Rickels & Family, Arthur, Merwin Reed, Charlotte Charles, Tom Christian, Dan, Bob Myers, Caroline, Adam, Ava Lawrence, Sue Warwick, Diane Robertson, Allison Graves, Kim Rayner, Kay Green, Rick, Carla Camp, Mary Kelly Farrish, Elizabeth Cary, Paul Welch, Richard Bailey, Dierdre McGowan, Weir & Betty Conner, Robbie, James Crowley, Ruth, Tobie McKown, Darby, Finn Blaylock, Greg Wells, Howard Cheek, Chris Brickell, Peggy Van Cleve, Michael Womack, David Cox, Nancy Bush, Mary-Bailey Rivers, John Grant, Ellen Miller & Family, Mary Beverly Noble, Tammy Tackett, Don Davis, Alexa Wier, Barb Lawler, Harlon Mills, Anne Hooker, Connie Smith, Bob, Susan Bagwell, Jason McCarty, Jacy Miller, Lauren Noel, Martha Morris Graham, Mike Sands, Harry Howell, Adair Ross, Tim & Muffy Mitch, Aiden, Skip Tharp, Mary B. Lanoux, Berri Stokley, William Causey, Joe, Prentiss McClendon, Henry Fox, David & Susan, Dave & Family, Millicent Painter, Margaret Fowler

Pray for those who have died

Gay Elliott, Martha Walley

Pray for those in the Armed Forces

Charles, Frank Anderson, Frank Finnegan, Brian White, Bill Coplen, William Hill, William Hontzas, Graham Baxter, Gus Carroll, Austin Borof, Brian Tracy, Rodney, Cole, Austin Bowman, Taylor Ellison, Livie Byrd, Dave Willis, Brandon Turner, Edward Lynn Lewis, Collins Case, Jonathan SmithPorter, Alex Borof, Ian Abrahamzon, Andrew Hutton, Trey Ferguson, Nathan Nunnelee, Emma Roper, Michael Fancher, Dalton Nelson, Matthew Driskell

Pray for expectant parents

Megan & Adam Shirley; Jennifer & Bo Bonds; Brittany & Ben Walker; Jilly & Mark Escude; Kathryn & Garrett McInnis; Catherine & Harrison Bryant

Pray for new births

Margaret Grace Ellis to Missy & Troy Ellis

We Update Prayers for our Family and Friends each week with names added and deleted as the requested need and time for prayer has passed. We keep a list of prayer requests in the church office; this list includes the prayer recipient and the date the prayers began. Prayer requests will stay on the list for one month unless otherwise requested. We read every name on the prayer list once each week at our Sunday and weekly services. We also encourage parishioners to take the list home and pray for those named during personal devotions.

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