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LETTER FROM THE REV. COLIN AMBROSE

SHARING THE ABUNDANT LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST

When my children were little, one of their favorite activities was making bracelets on their Rainbow Looms. A Rainbow Loom is a plastic tool that allows you weave small rubber bands into bracelets and charms. My children would save up their allowance to buy thousands of colored rubber bands; and then they would spend hours weaving them together. I was always amazed how long Rainbow Looms could hold their attention. I would watch them as they quietly wove the bands over, and through, and in between each together. If they wove the bands correctly, they would have a colorful bracelet. But if the bands were not woven correctly, tears would follow as the pattern revealed flaws and the bracelets unraveled.

The act of weaving is a good illustration of God's plan for the world. God built this world to be a fabric; a world filled with individual threads that are meant to be woven together and interdependent. God made all the entities of the world; billions of them. But God did not create these entities to stand alone. No, all the entities of the world were created to be in beautiful, harmonious, interdependent, knitted, webbed, relationship to one another.

Another helpful illustration is the classic Christmas movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*. As we all remember, in the movie Jimmy Stewart plays George Bailey, a building and loan banker who throughout his life sacrifices his dreams to help his community of Bedford Falls. From forgoing

college to skipping his honeymoon, George puts the interests of his town first. He spends his life sharing, investing, and building up the town. In the movie, we encounter George in a moment of weakness as he regrets the life he has lived. He contemplates taking his own life, but in this moment, a guardian angel appears to reveal to George what Bedford Falls would look like without him. What the angel shows George shocks him. Bedford Falls has a new name, Pottersville; named after the selfish character in charge of a competing bank. In addition, the lives of his family and friends lack the richness and joy they have currently. No one is investing in the community, instead they only look after themselves. With the help of his guardian angel, George discovers that without him weaving his time, treasure, and talent into the town, the social fabric has fallen apart.

Over and over again, the Scriptures remind us that we are not isolated individuals. God creates us to be part of communities. God creates us to be interdependent. And that means those of us who have money, resources, advantages; we must be weaving them back into society to make the social fabric strong. Bruce Walkte, an Old Testament scholar, argues that the term "righteous" in Hebrew refers to an individual who disadvantages him or herself for the sake of the community. While the term "wicked" refers to an individual who sees his or her resources as belonging just to him or herself. The righteous recognize what they have been given and say, "I have an obligation to share." While the wicked state, "All of this belongs to me." For sure, this is a convicting teaching.

If you read the Bible with those definitions, it becomes a different book. And yet this is the call of God to each one of us. Like George Bailey, we are to go to the places where the social fabric is breaking down, where members of society are falling through, where the interpenetration and the interdependence of things isn't happening, and we are to get involved.

In this issue of *The Shield*, we are highlighting the many ways that St. George's lifts up our community. From supporting our outreach partners, to our innovative and impactful social enterprise ministry, we are strengthening the social fabric of Nashville. The pandemic has changed the way that we share our abundance, and yet our work continues. But we must not be content. We must seek to grow our ministries. As we emerge from the pandemic, I want St. George's to refocus on mission and outreach to our community. I want us to deepen our personal relationships with our existing outreach partners by providing opportunities for St. George's to work with our partners side-by-side in ministry. Outreach is a vital part of every growing church, but personal relationships must be formed for it to be effective ministry.

We are called to be a missional community. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ. We are called to become a part of the fabric of our community. Join us as we share the abundant life of Jesus Christ with our community. ✝

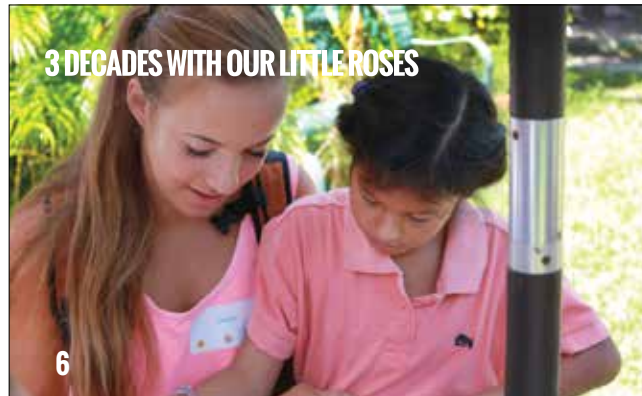


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OUTREACH

Restoring Broken Relationships With God and One Another

by the Rev. Dr. David Barr

From the very beginning of Scripture, we are taught that the brokenness of our world is rooted in broken relationships. One relationship in particular, determines the others—our broken relationship with God. After Eden, our relationship with God was no longer the same, and because of it we see broken relationships in our families (Cain and Abel), the earth (by your toil...), and in our communities (Babel and the flood). The fundamental problem, then, is not one of limited resources or indifference, but of broken relationships. Therefore, the answer to this problem is the restoration of relationships with God and with one another.

There are a whole host of ways that we might be tempted to focus our outreach efforts. Indeed, many churches and organizations strictly think of the problems that surround poverty in exclusively material terms. And as important as philanthropic efforts are, what Scripture tells us is that real solutions must aim to restore personal relationships. The materially poor sometimes remain stuck not just because a job is hard to come by, but because deep-seated shame and isolation drive cycles of poverty to occur again and again.

Philanthropists, then, can give and give, and still never solve the problem.

But within the Christian faith, our understanding of relational restoration involves both word and deed. Gifts and donations must be accompanied with personal care, ongoing friendship, and the recognition of our mutual human brokenness. Jesus came to restore our relationship with God by dying on the cross, and by healing and restoring relationships. He is our model and our source of hope here at St. George's.

Over the next few months one of our primary goals is to deepen the relational connectivity we have with our existing outreach partners, seeking to restore the broken relationships that hurt our lives. Just as Christ loved us and restored us into right relationship with the father, so we are his ambassadors to one another, striving for more of the wholeness and satisfaction that comes by being made sons and daughters of God (John 1:12).

A great example of how we can deepen our personal relationships with existing outreach partners is St. George's ROGUES Ministry. Led by the Rev. Richard Kew, "ROGUES" stands for "Retired Old Guys

Unpaid Executive Skills." This talented group of senior parishioners is working with Corner to Corner, a ministry that St. George's has funded through St. George's Social Enterprise Ministries (SGEM). Using our new facilities, the ROGUES are serving as mentors for Corner to Corner clients, helping them to develop small businesses in economically disadvantaged areas of Nashville. The opportunities for relationally engaged ministry in Nashville are many, and one of the main priorities at St. George's over this next season is to introduce our parish to as many of these opportunities as possible.

This spring we plan to publish a selection of opportunities on our website for any parishioner who might be interested in volunteering locally. This virtual dashboard will provide a list of ways for parishioners to show up, help, and establish relationships with those in need. We invite you to check our website for details and encourage you to sign up and lend a hand. Our Lord himself has restored us into right relationship with God. Let us now restore our lives with one another by giving up ourselves to his service, not only with our lips, but with our lives. ✝



3 APPROACHING
DECADES WITH
OUR
LITTLE
ROSES

by Patsy Curry





PARISHIONER ELIZABETH COX HELPS BUILD AND PAINT AT OLR YEARS AGO →

For over 30 years Our Little Roses (OLR) has rescued frightened Honduran girls from abject poverty, abuse, and human trafficking, and has raised and educated them in a loving and Christ centered home. In 1993, St. George's members went to Honduras to build a wall around their home and so began a relationship that is almost 30 years old! For almost three decades, groups of adults and youth from St. George's have traveled to OLR every February and June and church members send clothes, books, gifts, and sponsor girls. In 30 years, Our Little Roses has rescued over 250 girls and St. George's members have been part of their extended family.

Our trip to OLR in February of 2020 was particularly special with Valentine's Day activities, crafts, and the marriage ceremony of one of OLR's outstanding graduates. Little did we know that it would be our last in-person trip for some time. By the middle of March 2020 everything changed. With the specter of global uncertainty, Honduras locked the country down to stop the spread of COVID. Supporters made sure the girls had computers for their virtual education and the staff took necessary precautions to keep the virus out of the community home. All 60 girls were safe and able to continue their education but they certainly missed activities with visiting groups.

Undeterred by the many challenges, St. George's made plans for virtual mission trips! St. George's and six other churches sent funds for OLR to buy a VERY large screen and a computer system for Zoom visits. Sadie Zoradi and a team of folks designed five days of Zoom activities to

do with the girls during the week when we would have traditionally made our June mission trip. St. George's provided funds for the girls to have some traditional meals and activities that were hallmarks of our visits. The girls enjoyed a spaghetti dinner, a Chinese feast, and a cookie decorating activity. During the virtual mission week group members read stories, played games, led exercise sessions, and presented Bible stories. The girls sang songs, presented a drama, and loved seeing the faces of their many St. George's friends. What an amazing way to adapt to the challenges of this time.

But there was another challenge to come. In November 2020, Honduras was devastated by two powerful hurricanes. Although the OLR home only suffered water damage, many staff members lost their homes and possessions. Neighborhoods near the home were flooded and residents lost everything. To help their neighbors the girls made care packages for children living in shelters and several OLR graduates cooked meals to give to destitute families for many weeks. The OLR girls knew how to help others just as they had been helped, learning from the example of St. George's help over the years.

Our Little Roses and St. George's will continue our powerful relationship in 2021 and beyond, but the "how" for 2021 is still uncertain. Perhaps a small group will be able to return to OLR in June. However the connections are made—we celebrate that God led parishioners there 30 years ago and that he continues to strengthen and bless this special and important outreach ministry. ✝





SGEM'S Exciting New Partnerships Help Restore Relationships

by Calvin Lewis

Since its inception St. George's Enterprise Ministry (SGEM) has been proud to help some of Nashville's most innovative social enterprises. At its core SGEM strives to help our community by supporting and building up businesses that have a social impact. Simply put—we want to make a lasting difference by helping businesses and leaders who help others. Every year we are excited and energized by our partners. Maybe it's because 2020 has been such a bumpy ride—but we are particularly impressed by this group of tenacious, energetic, and savvy social enterprises. We look forward to getting to know them even better and to see the hope and love they spread in Nashville.

OUR 2021 SGEM PARTNERS ARE:

Crossroads Campus

Love heals, and powerful life lessons can be learned through caring for others—this is the root of the mission at Crossroads Campus. Crossroads Campus fosters trust and confidence through relationships between people and animals.

At-risk young adults are taught skills related to the care of animals through their grooming, retail pet store, and pet food businesses.

St. George's Sponsor:

Brad Thomason

Humphreys Street Coffee Shop

Humphreys Street is a social enterprise of Harvest Hands CDC and was born out of a desire to raise up leaders by creating jobs, providing mentorship opportunities, and teaching job skills that empower youth—such as customer service, marketing, and craftsmanship. Humphreys Street has partnered with SGEM in the past and we continue to be impressed by the mission and the ways in which this enterprise is changing the lives of at-risk youth.

St. George's Sponsors:

Dru Anderson and Govan White

Project Return

Project Return fights for successful new beginnings for people returning to our

Nashville community after incarceration. Since 1979 Project Return has grown to an expansive, employment-focused agency with an extensive array of supportive services, assisting hundreds of men and women each year. Ultimately the goal is to see these previously incarcerated individuals employed and making healthy contributions to the community.

St. George's Sponsors:

Jim Ezzell and Robert Stewart

These SGEM partners are actively helping people in our community live better lives—with dignity and grace. We are excited to partner with each one of them and hope you will join us in supporting Crossroads Campus, Humphreys Street, and Project Return. If you have questions or would like more information about any of our partners feel free to contact the sponsors. If you are interested in learning more about how SGEM works in the community, please contact Calvin Lewis at calvin.lewis@wellsfargofinancial.com. 



A CONVERSATION WITH
BARBY & GOVAN WHITE



“Amazingly, blessings of abundance have always come to us following our commitments to be responsible for what we, as Christians, are asked to do.”

Q. As long-time members of St. George’s you and your family have been involved in a variety of ways—what would you say has been your favorite or most memorable thing about your experience at St. George’s?

A. What a tough question! It is the experiences that have really connected us to the church and to the members that have meant the most. Being involved for many years teaching Sunday school when our children were young kept us very plugged in to the life of the church and what our children were learning. Govan’s two tenures on the vestry, and my time in women’s Bible studies and huddle groups, involvement with Our Little Roses and St. Luke’s have all been very meaningful. Throughout the years, joining together with our friends at St. George’s to meet and be inspired by the communities that we serve, that is what has both fed us and allowed us to serve others. Plugging into smaller group opportunities within our large church has been critical to feeling part of the whole body in a more significant way.

Q. You have chaired St. George’s annual stewardship campaign in the past and are key leaders for St. George’s capital recent building campaign—Living our Legacy. Obviously, these roles are born out of the consistent example you have set over the years. What is your message to your fellow St. Georgians about the importance of giving?

A. We have lived by the motto, found in Luke 12:48, “To whom much is given, much will be required.” All that we are blessed with is from God and so we are just giving back to him and to his work a part of what he has given to us. When we came to view life that way, it became an easier decision to stretch when stretching was required. Amazingly,

blessings of abundance have always come to us following our commitments to be responsible for what we, as Christians, are asked to do. And really that is the bottom line—we are asked by God as part of our faith to be generous with what we have. There is so much work to be done to help others in our lifetime!

Q. You are both known for your unfailing generosity—not just at St. George’s. Is this philosophy something that is rooted in your faith? If so, can you articulate how your faith informs your desire to give?

A. Again, our faith has rooted us to the idea that we are given gifts from God and it’s our responsibility to return these gifts by helping our community.

Q. There are many ways to give back—here at church and of course in the community too. Govan, you have recently been involved with St. George’s Enterprise Ministry. Can you tell us a little bit about your experience with Humphreys Street and with SGEM?

A. Because of St. George’s Enterprise Ministry (SGEM), in 2020 I (Govan) was introduced to one of our partners, Humphreys Street Coffee. This local non-profit business supports youth in South Nashville. What is significant about Humphreys Street is that it is not just a coffee shop but also raises up leaders by creating jobs, providing mentor opportunities, and teaching job skills that empower youth. One-hundred percent of the profits are reinvested into new programs and scholarships that support the students. Through St. George’s, I was introduced to a community dedicated to finding pathways to educate and mentor youth in a Christian environment. This has been a positive and very eye-opening experience for me. Through Humphreys

Street, I met a new community at Harvest Hands working to help youth in the J.C. Napier and Sudekum communities. They shared stories of hope through job creation. This group of very dedicated staff and students at both organizations are working every day for the betterment of youth in a neighborhood with many challenges. The experience also challenged me personally to consider how I can help more and share this story with others so they can participate too. The experience of serving with this ministry was far greater than I expected, and I look forward to continuing my involvement.

Q. Finally, it’s been a long year for everyone! Hopefully, as this issue of *The Shield* is published, we find ourselves seeing the light at the end of the COVID tunnel. What are you most grateful for during this time? What are you most looking forward to when life returns to a semblance of normalcy?

A. What a year! There has been so much sadness and grief, and yet, of course, there are always silver linings. We have had an opportunity to be with our grown children so much more. We have gotten back to the basics of running our lives, logistically and otherwise. It has been a forced pause that has given all the members of our family a chance to reevaluate what they are doing, thinking, and believing, and most importantly, why. Sometimes things rush in to fill our lives and this year we have taken stock of that. And of course, every day we feel enormously blessed to have had good health. When life returns to normal, we look forward to freely being with friends and family. We miss socialization! We are looking forward to doing the most basic things without the ever-present stress level induced by COVID. There are daily joys of normal life that will never be taken for granted again! ✝



Daughters of the King

ST. GEORGE'S REACHES OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY & THE WORLD.

Most of us know that giving back to our community through outreach is an important part of our identity at St. George's. Each year, our outreach grants are funded by our vestry's commitment to tithe (which means to give 10%) our congregation's annual stewardship pledge revenues to God's work beyond St. George's. Our grants come directly from you! But, how do we determine who to fund in our community and across the globe in a time when there are so many worthy organizations?

When evaluating outreach partners St. George's considers the following:

- Congruence with the mission of St. George's to "receive, live, and share the abundant life of Jesus Christ"
- Emphasis on equitable relationships between the organization and those served
- Focus on long-term development, as opposed to short-term relief or rehabilitation
- Potential impact of St. George's contribution to the organization
- Robust relationships existing or desired between St. George's and the organization in ways other than financial support

In short—does the organization align with our core mission, are they fair and equitable, do they build up the community, and can we potentially develop an even deeper and more meaningful relationship? Our current outreach partners do all these things and more and we are proud to partner with organizations providing much needed help here in Nashville and around the world.

Many of our partners have one-time or ongoing volunteer needs in addition to the financial support provided by St. George's. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities or any other aspect of outreach at St. George's contact the Rev. Caroline Osborne at caroline.osborne@stgeorgesnashville.org.



Nation's Ministry Center



Light on Literacy



Episcopal School of Nashville



Loose Canons Preparing Food For The Community



Humphreys Street Coffee



Seeking those in need

Current St. George's Outreach Partners

4:13 Strong
 Alexandria School of Theology, Egypt
 Alive Hospice
 Anglican Frontier Missions
 The Branch of Nashville
 Brightstone
 Building Lives Foundation, Inc.
 Church of The Holy Trinity
 Cumberland Heights Foundation
 DuBose Conference Center
 Episcopal School of Nashville
 Faith Family Medical Clinic
 Harvest Hands Community Development Corporation

Helping Holy Land Christians
 Lambcroft Ministries-The Cookery
 Learning Matters, Inc.
 Legacy Mission Village
 Life for the Innocent
 Matthew 25, Inc.
 Medical Foundation of Nashville
 Mercy Multiplied
 Nashville Fellows Program
 Nations Ministry Center
 The Next Door
 Operation Andrew Group: United 4 Hope

Our Little Roses
 Preston Taylor Ministries
 Red Bird
 Reformed University Fellowship (Izzy Essary)
 Restore Small Groups
 Room in the Inn
 Safe Haven Family Shelter
 Scouts BSA Troop 78
 Siloam Health
 St. Luke's Community House
 Tennessee Kids Belong
 The University of The South, School Of Theology
 The Warehouse Trust



Preston Taylor Ministries



Room In The Inn Lunch From The Streets



Pantry Day Benefiting Jones Paideia



St. George's Generosity

At Work in the World

BY STACEY HANBURY

Stacey Hanbury is not only a past recipient of St. George's outreach funding, but also worked at St. George's assisting Children's Ministries for several years while pursuing her degree. She was a beloved member of our church family, and we are proud of the good work she is doing with children and families in need.

Four years ago, I took a leap of faith into what I felt was a deep calling to move to Northern Ireland as a missionary working with families and children in need. With your help I've been able to open up a counseling center in the heart of a charming town called Antrim about 20 miles outside of Belfast. We offer family therapy, play therapy, adolescent counseling, parent support, and group counseling. Our counseling center serves families from local foster care systems, domestic violence shelters, schools, single-parent organizations, churches, and more.

Through the art of play, music, puppetry, drama and other therapeutic approaches, I've been able to care for over 120 vulnerable families. Many of the parents I see have been traumatized by the horrible events that took place in The Troubles which ended in the late 1990s.

Both the parents and children together have experienced dramatic levels of healing. It is my hope that these families recapture the joy and peace stolen by the bombings that took place during that period of unrest.

Recently I have become an advocate and partner with a foster and adoption agency called Home for Good whose mission is to see that every child is placed into a stable and loving home. We work to mobilize the church in the UK to respond to the needs of vulnerable children. We do this work with families stepping forward to foster and adopt children and churches supporting the family as a whole. We believe it is key for the church to influence wider society through advocacy and engagement to make fundamental and systemic change for these families.

Since moving here I've been on the frontline of mental health throughout the UK and I will continue to serve as long as the Lord leads me to do so. For now, I am humbled to work for the Lord in such a beautifully rugged history-filled country, and I am grateful for the past support of St. George's. †





NEWS & NOTES

from St. George's

① WELCOME REV. POLK

In January, the Rev. James K. Polk Van Zandt joined our clergy team as a Priest Associate. Polk retired from full-time ministry several years ago after serving as rector at churches in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee—most recently at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Murfreesboro. After a few years of traveling with his wife and enjoying the fruits of retirement he is ready to re-engage in ministry work. We are blessed to have him at St. George's and are excited to see how his ministry unfolds.

② WELCOME ASHLEY SULLIVAN

In December, St. George's was pleased to expand our administrative staff with the hiring of Ashley Sullivan as Administrative Assistant. Ashley and her family are long-time members of St. George's and we are thrilled that she is putting her skills to use as a member of our staff.

③ WELCOME ROBIN PURYEAR

In December, Robin Puryear accepted the invitation to join St. George's staff as our new Pastoral Care Coordinator. Robin and her family have faithfully worshiped at St. George's for many years and she has been a dedicated volunteer at St. George's and beyond. Our Senior, Healing, and Pastoral Care Ministries will be richly blessed by Robin's many talents.

④ TROOP 78 MAKES HISTORY

In February, Scout Troop 78 made history when two female youth were among the first to be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. In the last two years Troop 78 has more than tripled in size from five scouts to 17. One of the scouts, Emma Pierce, made and donated a vertical hydroponic garden system to The Williamson County Alternative Learning Center for students with special needs.

⑤ ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL MEETING

In January, St. George's hosted our Annual Meeting—virtually! While we would certainly rather meet in person, we were pleased with the (virtual) turnout and appreciate you tuning in to this important meeting where we discuss the business of the church and ratify the vestry slate.



REFLECTIONS

ON THE LIVING OUR LEGACY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

BY CAM SORENSON

With the construction of the improvements contemplated in the Living our Legacy Campaign largely complete, I thought it might be helpful for the parish to recall some of the milestones that led us to this point. While we began construction in August of 2019, the planning for these projects dates back to a point in time when a facilities planning committee was formed to consider the long-term needs for our campus. This committee's work was interrupted by the flood in May of 2010 and the subsequent Living Waters Campaign. Thus, the seeds for the projects we enjoy today were sown more than ten years ago!

The work done by this committee was ultimately incorporated into an initial campus master plan prepared by the architectural firm Orcutt Winslow that was approved by the vestry in 2018. Even with that approval—the big questions still needed answers. How much would it cost? Could we get the plan approved? Could we raise the money? All important questions related to tangible aspects of the project.

As our parish begins to enjoy these new spaces, it is important to remember that clergy, staff, and committee members were consistently focused on the “why” behind these projects. As Fr. Leigh Spruill stated in a prior issue of *The Shield* “our vision must be to utilize our building projects to the glory of God rather than merely to expand our enjoyment of the facilities.” Be assured that guiding every choice made during the planning and execution of these projects was this question: “in what ways will we be empowered to receive, live, and share the abundant life of Jesus Christ by virtue of these new spaces?”

Responding to the question of cost, the Building Committee engaged with The Parent Company and Phipps Construction in the summer of 2018 to develop schematic budgets for the construction components of the proposed improvements. The initial budget for the collective projects was just under \$23.5 million (including the new organ and soft costs associated with the project) which established an ambitious goal for the Living our Legacy Capital Campaign. The church engaged a consulting firm to advise it on the likely outcome of a capital campaign for the proposed project.

The resulting study suggested that the probable outcome of the campaign would be in the \$15-18 million range. As we know, thanks to the overwhelming generosity and commitment of our parish family, Living our Legacy far eclipsed the most aggressive guidance from the consultant, resulting in pledges of \$24.5 million. With the initial budget established and the capital campaign set to begin in the spring of 2019, the remaining piece to the puzzle was variance approvals from the City of Belle Meade. After a series of meetings with neighbors to discuss concerns about the project and one deferral at the Board of Zoning Appeals, the project received approval from the City of Belle Meade in January 2019.

With the approval of the project completed, budgets finalized, and fundraising well underway, construction commenced in the summer of 2019 with the initial focus on creating additional parking. The plan has added approximately 100 new parking spaces to our campus. Other construction milestones include the following:

AUGUST 2019	Groundbreaking ceremony
DECEMBER 2019	Contract signed for new organ
DECEMBER 2019	75 new parking spaces completed
JANUARY 2020	Footings poured for Legacy Hall
APRIL 2020	Renovation of the Nave commences
NOVEMBER 2020	Nave reopens for worship
FEBRUARY 2021	New music rehearsal area opens
MARCH 2021	Legacy Hall opens for worship
SUMMER 2022	Organ installation and tuning

Our parish has been blessed to have two outstanding contractors working on our behalf. Please be sure to thank parishioners Johnny Phipps of Phipps Construction and Bob Sarratt of The Parent Company. These two companies have done a magnificent job for us. Additionally, please extend a hearty thanks to Laura Zabaski for her steady hand in this project. Her title, Parish Administrative Officer, doesn't begin to capture the significance of her contributions.

It has been a distinct honor for me to assist St. George's Church with the planning and execution of these projects and I look forward to a post-COVID world when our entire parish is able to return in large numbers to experience the blessings these new facilities might bring us all. ☩





Bradford Gallery OPENING at St. George's

FEATURED ARTIST Ted Jones

St. George's is blessed by an exceptional array of beautiful art in and around our building. As a part of our building project, we are pleased to announce the construction of the Bradford Gallery, generously given to St. George's by Lillian (Tooty) Bradford. Housed in the connector between Legacy Hall and the current church building, this exquisite space will be home to rotating visual art.

The Bradford Gallery will offi-

cially open in April and we are thrilled that our first featured artist will be Ted Jones of Hendersonville. In addition to numerous artistic accolades, Mr. Jones was an art professor at both Fisk University and Tennessee State University. Please save the date for April 16, 2021 when St. George's (observing appropriate COVID-19 safety measures) will open this Christ-centered collection. Watch St. George's communications for more detailed information or visit stgeorgesnashville.org/gallery. ☩



St. George's VESTRY

St. George's has repeatedly been blessed with capable, committed, and caring vestry leaders. The vestry is the "board" of the Episcopal church, which has material responsibility for the parish within a commission/committee structure. Once elected, vestry members serve a three-year term. Our commissioners each take responsibility for overseeing one of the three components of our mission statement, "receiving, living, and sharing the abundant life of Jesus Christ." We are pleased to introduce our 2021 vestry and hope you will take time to get to know them this year. †



Jan Callen
Live Commissioner



Suann Davis



Stephanie Gillmor
Clerk



Craig Laine
Senior Warden



Graham Meadors
Receive Commissioner



Kate Meriwether



David Moroney
Share Commissioner



David Silvester



Bob Van Cleave
Treasurer



Charlotte Ward
Junior Warden



Govan White



Kelly Worman

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:30pm Holy Eucharist*

Good Friday, April 2

12:00pm Good Friday Service*

6:00pm Good Friday Service*

Holy Saturday, April 3

7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter*

Easter Day, April 4

7:30am Holy Eucharist *note time change*

9:00am Holy Eucharist*

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BY MAIL

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St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike
Nashville, TN 37205.

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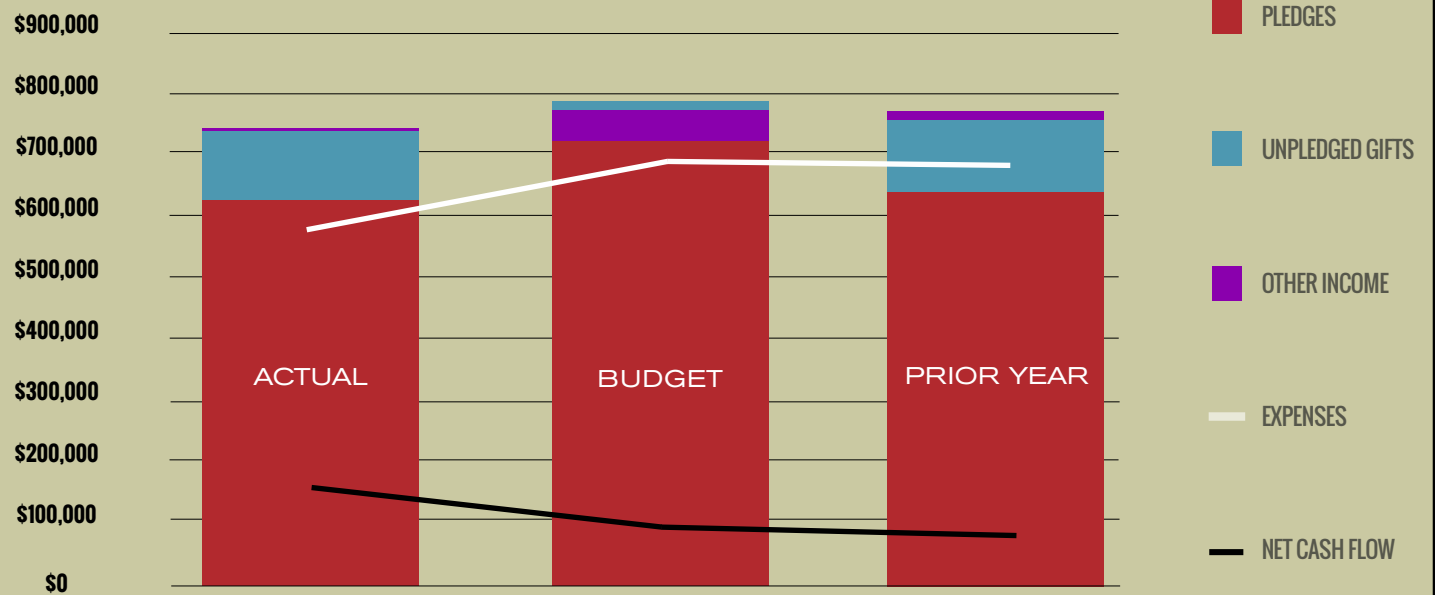
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INREACH

Do you need short term help?
Call Inreach. Volunteers serve as members of the body of Christ to assist with rides, tasks, running errands, or a few meals. Inreach reaches in to help smooth out temporary rough spots.

What is Inreach?
It's a lay ministry of parishioners helping other members of our parish family since 1996.

How do I request help?

- Inreach Shepherds of the month are listed in *The Shield* and in weekly bulletins.
- You can call them directly.
- You can call the church office 615-385-2150.
- You can email, call, or text Inreach chairman Jeanne Gore jengalan@comcast.net or 615-604-9856 (C) or 615-371-9078 (H).



Upcoming SHEPHERDS OF THE MONTH

MARCH	
Judy Echols	615-335-6240
APRIL	
Leslie Overby	615-309-0612
MAY	
Robin Puryear	615-385-2150 x 247

TRANSITIONS

SPRING 2021

BIRTHS

Anderson Wakefield Coppeans
son of Ruth and Chopper Coppeans

Rose Watson Crook
daughter of Susan and Paul Crook

Booth Adams Durr
son of Brooke and Elliott Durr

Piper Paige Durr
daughter of Brooke and Elliott Durr

Frances DeBow Horton
daughter of Casey and Rob Horton

Harris Barton May
daughter of Lauren and Philip May

Willa Prentiss Nelson
daughter of Joey and Prentiss Nelson

Verity Grace Osborne
daughter of Caroline and Robert Osborne

Wallace Edward Palmer
son of DeDe and Wallace Palmer

Joshua Walker Uden
son of Shae and Jim Uden

Eloise Wright
daughter of Jillian and Arden Wright

BAPTISMS

James Dixon Dameron
son of Lia and Dylan Dameron

Helen Elizabeth Iler
daughter of Hayes and Weston Iler

Franklin Maxey Jarman II
son of Caylan and Anderson Jarman

Heath Major Landsberg
son of Hayley and Anthony Landsberg

Abigail Ryan Larence
daughter of Ashley and Eric Larence

Riley Joan Larence
daughter of Ashley and Eric Larence

Jack Benjamin Maxcy
son of Lindsey and Preston Maxcy

Constance Reade Meadors
daughter of Graham and Porter Meadors

DEATHS

Sandra Carter

Martha Cooper

Robert Covington

Beverly Gates

Faxon Payne

Dorothy Sarratt

Carter Wilson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

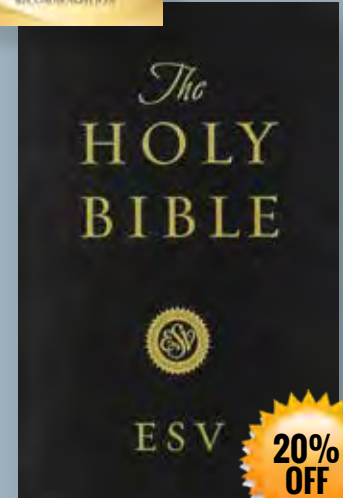
Stephanie Hendricks

Whit Mayo

Ellis Reed

McCuddy Scales

BOOK NOOK



THE HOLY BIBLE ESV

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The Bible is the world's most widely distributed book, yet at the same time is one of the least read. We encourage you to develop a devotional discipline, a key element of which is reading Scripture. There is an endless flow of English language translations, a selection of which can be found in the bookstore. Find one that works for you and then set about reading as much or little as you can digest daily. Set aside a particular time and place to do your devotions - I begin the day sitting in my favorite armchair with my English Standard Version Bible, a journal for my prayers, and a cup of tea. Reading and inwardly digesting God's Word is one of the best ways of growing in faith. Experiment until you find a pattern that works for you. This requires discipline, but in due course it will bear fruit in your life.

- The Rev. Richard Kew

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maudy Thursday, April 1

7:30pm Holy Eucharist*

Good Friday, April 2

12:00pm Good Friday Service*

6:00pm Good Friday Service*

Holy Saturday, April 3

7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter*

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