



The Messenger

St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

a community of faith seeking to serve as Christ in word and action

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HOLY LIVING, HOLY DYING

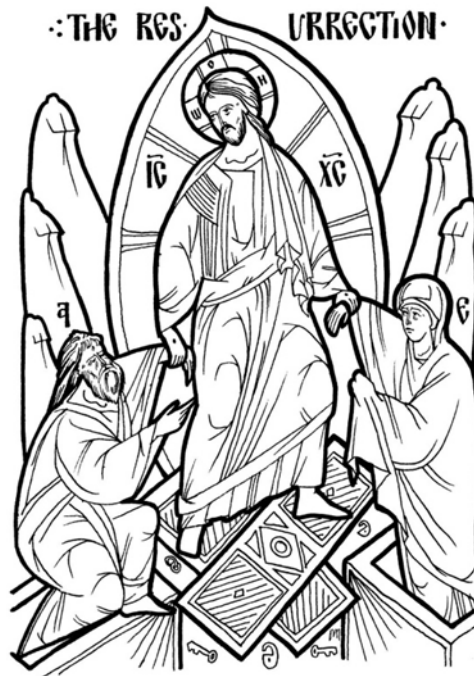
It is a great art to die well, and to be learnt by men in health

— Jeremy Taylor, *Holy Dying*

From what I have been told and occasionally witnessed, obituaries are one of the few areas not fact-checked by the newspapers. You have to pay for them so I guess they qualify as an ad of sorts. Of course, the obituary, like almost everything else associated with funerals, does not tend to get written until someone has died. So, family members typically spend hours attempting to remember extended family members and random accomplishments to stuff into a few column-inches of newsprint. Every now and again, you will find an obit that was clearly written by the deceased who wanted to have fun with a typically dry subject. Here is an actual obituary from a long suffering cancer patient who chose humor:

Debby Lynn Underwood Gross danced her way into heaven on Sunday, April 25, 2010. Celebration of life: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at the home of David and Toni Lewis in Fort Worth. Forgo the bad organ music and somber routine. Let's raise a glass, deliver our best jokes, tell some stories, stir it up and laugh. She expects old fashioned home cookin' funeral food! If you try to sneak chain restaurant brown gravy or powdered potatoes into the party, we will hurt you. Also, please don't ask us when you can pick up your covered dishes. We're keeping them! Dates are encouraged as long as you are not too closely related. Two-drink minimum. Smoke 'em if ya got 'em.

On Saturday, October 8 from nine until noon, we are going to attempt to joyfully engage the planning and preparation for a Christian death. We will have an attorney present to speak about wills and the legal preparation



needed. We will have a financial planner present to talk about how to allocate all of the things we leave behind. We will also have someone from the Episcopal Church Foundation present to share how you can remember the Church or other charitable foundations in death as well. Finally, clergy will be present to talk about planning the funeral. Trust me, the funeral is by far the easiest plan to make. 95% of it is written in the prayer book. We just need to know which readings you like and what music you want played!

The Book of Common Prayer directs the priest of the Church “to instruct the people, from time to time about the duty . . . of all persons

to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods.” (BCP p 455) I somehow think those instructions are lacking. Over 55% of Americans die without a will or any plan for the care of their family, much less writing a silly obituary!

On Saturday, October 8, we will gather to share in planning the end of our life. The amazing thing about this process is how much it grants us an insight into where we are now. Anglican theologian Jeremy Taylor believed that the only way to live a full life was to realize how incredibly brief our time here is. Without truly engaging that reality that time is against us, we cannot really set priorities about relationships, family, and God. Many will think it is depressing. The opposite is true. By thinking of all of our gifts and life and how to handle them, we discover how blessed we are! I hope to see everyone, regardless of age, on Saturday, October 8!

Bill Murray+
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Worship, Study and Fellowship throughout the Week

Everyone is warmly invited to join these ongoing opportunities. Please join us!

We celebrate **Holy Communion** Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Our 8:00 service is a Rite I spoken service, 9:00 service is a children's service with Eucharist, and the 11:00 Rite II service includes choir, hymns and sung responses.

The Sunday Adult Christian Formation Class will resume our regular time from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on September 11th. Over the course of about six weeks, we will be exploring what it means to be Christian caregivers. See article on page 6 for more details.

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Bible Study**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing each Wednesday morning. The service is followed by bible study. This fall we will continue our study of the book of Acts. The author of Acts has written fully 20% of the New Testament between Luke and Acts.

Often called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit and the History of the Church, Acts reveals the deep and lasting history that the church still engages today! Come any Wednesday and share in worship and fellowship.

Healing Prayer Ministry has regular Healing Touch sessions from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of the month, and from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd Friday of the month. They are now offering sessions on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to schedule a session, please contact Cindy Eldridge.

Music Ministries

Parish Choir has resumed their evening rehearsals. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome to come. Regular weekly evening rehearsals are from 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Junior Daughters of the King

The Jr. Daughters of the King Chapter meets once a month on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 -3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact Michelle McLachlan or Judy Tucker.



Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm

Calling all animals! Those with fur, fins, tails and scales are invited to breathe free for the blessing of the animals on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather in the church for a service which celebrates the companionship and love God shows us through creation and our animal friends. Please know that stuffed animals are also welcome for a blessing!



St. Francis, pray for us

EpiscoPALS & EYC News

Sunday, October 9 from 1:00-3:00 pm (in the Parish Hall) we are going to join forces and **MAKE CROSSES!!** We will be painting ceramic crosses to sell at a later date to support our ministry. Come and bring a friend to express yourselves through creativity and art... but don't worry, you do not need to be an artist!!

EYC to the Mid-South MAZE!!

Saturday, October 29...AFTER the Trunk-or-Treat (around 7:30 pm), let's head to the MAZE at the Agricenter for a night of fun!! We have an amazing ALL ACCESS PASS just for us at St E's...everything for \$10.00 per person!! This includes the Haunted Maze, the Hayride, the Jumping Pillow and VIP entry, where we won't stand in any long lines!! You may want to bring some extra spending money for snacks, the corn cannon, etc. The Maze closes at 10:00...all youth will need to be picked up by 10:00 pm!! Please invite your friends and RSVP to Jennifer Smith.



Children, Youth & Family Ministries (CYFM)-Continued



EYC News continued

Pump it Up & Taco Bell with Philip...St. Philip!!

Invite your friends...the more the merrier!!

Remember: drop off at Pump it Up (4:00 pm) and pick up at Taco Bell (6:00 pm)!!

PLEASE RSVP ASAP to Jennifer Smith, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries at jenbren222@yahoo.com or by calling the church office, 372.2753

A huge THANK YOU...

to Andy and Lisa Graham for hosting the EYC Kick-off Swim party!! Everyone had a great time and plenty of delicious food to eat! The water was FREEZING...but that didn't stop any of the youth from jumping in!!





***St Elisabeth's
EpiscoPALS and EYC***

Mark your calendar!

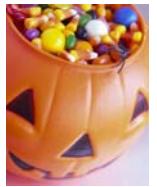
Save the dates!

Here's what's coming up for FALL...

- Saturday, Oct 1 St. E's Workday 9-12, 11-2 (sign up in the Parish Hall)
- Sunday, Oct 2 Blessing of Animals @ 2:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct 9 EpiscoPALS & EYC @ 1:00-3:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct 23 EYC in Parish Hall 4:00-6:00 pm
- Saturday, Oct 29 Trunk-or-Treat @ 5:30-7:30 pm and The Mid-South MAZE!!
- Sunday, Nov 6 EYC Pump It Up & Taco Bell
- Sunday, Nov 20 Church-wide Sunday school Advent Event
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- Sunday, Nov 20 EYC in the Parish Hall 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, No 27 NO Sunday school
- Saturday, Dec 3 Bartlett Parade
- Sunday, Dec 4 EYC in Parish Hall 4:00-6:00 pm
- Saturday, Dec 10 Breakfast with Saint Nicholas from 9:00-10:30 am
- Sunday, Dec 18 NO Sunday school or EYC
- Saturday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00 pm
- Sunday, Dec 25 NO Sunday school or EYC
- Sunday, Jan 1 NO Sunday school or EYC
- Sunday, Jan 8 First Sunday school class of 2012!!
- Sunday, Jan 8 First EYC of 2012 in Parish Hall 4:00-6:00 pm!!

***All Hallows Eve
Trunk-or-Treat Spectacular***

**Saturday, October 29
(5:30-7:30 pm)**



Trunk-or-treating — also known as Halloween tailgating — is returning to St E's!

What is Trunk-or-Treat? It's when families in the church get together and open the trunks of their cars and kids come around to each car to "Trunk-or-Treat" like going house to house to "Trick-or-Treat". Cars are decorated in various creative ways! A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall, we'd love to have at least 20 cars!! We will also have music food and more!

Mark your calendar and come join us!!



MEMBER NEWS/UPDATES:**TRANSFER IN**

Elizabeth "Juanita" Myers
Cheryl Goodwin Tatge

MARRIAGE

Haley Sterling and Joshua Campbell
September 10, 2011

MEMORIALS

Marie Cornelius from Marion McAden, Barth-Sanders
Guild, Mr. & Mrs. Terry Dunn

Robert Smith from Mrs. Paul Bilger

William Lea from Betty Woodard

Jack P. Bugbee from Mr. & Mrs. Jack Nelson, Mr. & Mrs.
Terry Dunn

THANKSGIVINGS

Lila Lea and Mary Barton Lea from Betty Woodard

HONORARIUMS

Chris, Camille, Elizabeth and Helen Hadley from Ms. LaRose
Todd Coffey

UPCOMING CLASSES**Safeguarding God's Children**

Thursday, October 20, 2011: 6:00-8:30 p.m.

The next training will be held at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School (246 S. Belvedere Blvd., Memphis) in the cafeteria (entrance located on Lemaster St.). The school is located on the corner of Peabody Ave. and Lemaster St. Please enter on the Lemaster St. side of the building.

No refreshments will be provided. **Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.**

Please register by going to the Diocesan website: www.episwtn.org/resources/safeguarding-gods-children/

If you have questions, or need assistance, please contact Jennifer Smith, CFYM Director, at 372-2753.

Deadline for registration is October 20th at noon.

PARISH MEETING**STEWARDSHIP & OUR NEW BUILDING**

9:45-10:30 AM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Your Vestry has been hard at work this summer. They met in July to begin a new budgeting process which involves indentifying ministry needs first and then addressing ways of funding those ministry goals with our budget. Join us for a Parish Meeting where we will discuss those three goals and how they will impact St. Elisabeth's as a growing, thriving community of Christ. We hope to see everyone there on Sunday, October 2 during the Sunday School hour!

HOLY LIVING, HOLY DYING**ON WILLS, FUNERALS, & ETERNAL LIFE**

9 AM-12 NOON, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Did you know the *Book of Common Prayer* requires priests to instruct the people about wills? Page 445 speaks of "the duty...of all persons to make wills." "The Minister of the Congregation" is here directed "to instruct the people, from time to time about the duty . . . of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods." Having a will or other estate plan is so important a part of Christian faith and stewardship that it is explicitly addressed in our book of worship. Unfortunately, 50% of Americans die without a valid will and *allow the state courts to distribute their assets however the state thinks best*. This abdicates an important area of choice. We can choose to whom we wish to pass the "temporal goods" with which God has blessed us.

On Saturday, October 8, we will gather as a parish to hear from Blanchard Tual, a Memphis-area attorney who is listed in *The Rolling Stone Encyclopedia of Rock & Roll*, about wills; Terri Mathes of the Episcopal Church Foundation about various estate planning options for giving to the church; as well as Bill Murray and Judith Foster Reese about service plans for funerals. We plan to begin at 9:00 am, hear about each of these three important areas, and then hopefully provide time to meet one-on-one with these experts to help plan important issues about our temporal life as well as our eternal life.

Outreach Opportunities

“Showing the face of Christ in what we do”

HOMESCHOOL HELPERS



Homework Helpers has resumed. This year's program began on Monday, Aug. 22nd.

More volunteers are needed to support this very worthwhile program—service to God at our own back door. If you can spare 2 hours one day a week, please consider joining our team. The rewards will be plentiful. You can reach Al Hayes at hayesva@earthlink.net.

5th Sunday Sharing

October 30, 2011

Our next **5th Sunday** will be October 30th and the Outreach Committee has designated Baby Steps with Centering Pregnancy to be the recipient of those funds. Meris and Shaun from Centering Pregnancy plan to attend all services on Oct. 30 to report on how the program is going now and how St. E's support has assisted them.

Emmanuel Center Needs Our Support, so... Keep those cans coming!!!



St. E's continues to assist Church of the Annunciation with their outreach project to assist the children supported by the Emmanuel Center. On August 20th three sets of new school uniforms were provided to 10 children from the Emmanuel Center with 3 additional children being fitted soon afterwards. On Sept. 17th new shoes were provided to all 13 of the children. Proceeds from the sale of the cans were used to help pay for these items.

Cans should be placed in **tightly closed** plastic bags just outside the Parish Hall back door.

Volunteers are needed to take the cans to Church of the Annunciation. If you would like to help in this area, please contact Cathy in the church office.

HANDS-ON OUTREACH W/ UNITED HOUSING! SATURDAY, OCT. 1

MORNING SHIFT: 9:00 A.M.—12:30 P.M.
AFTERNOON SHIFT: 11:30 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

We need your help cleaning, landscaping, and tearing out the old in order to prepare a house for resale through United Housing, Inc. If you did not sign up, but want to help, please pick a shift and join us. The shifts overlap so that we can all have lunch and fellowship together.

We will be working at 1648 Gowan, Frayser 38127, which is about a 20 minute drive from church. United Housing will provide supplies and tools. You should bring work gloves or power tools if you have them. There is plenty of work for different skill and strength levels. Everyone is needed to help!



BABY STEPS

If anyone would like to donate more baby items, a basket remains at church and the items will be delivered to the Hollywood Health Loop Clinic and MedPlex as needed.

We hope to collect enough items to donate one basket each month. There is a list of needed items in the basket at church, or you can help with anything listed below. Thanks!

Baby Steps Needed items:

- o Toiletries for the moms
- o Basic baby items (diapers, wipes, thermometers, diaper rash cream)
- o Gently used, clean, baby & toddler clothing
- o Gently used, clean, maternity clothing
- o Baby and adult hangers - no wire please
- o Breast pumps

St. Mary's Guild continues to collect hotel soaps, lotions, shampoos, etc. We are now donating these items to the Centering Pregnancy program. **Donations may be left at the back of the church, or in the office.**

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

ST. TABITHA'S GUILD

Our newest group for those who enjoy knitting/sewing/crocheting or for those interested in learning how is officially St. Tabitha's Guild!



In the Bible, Tabitha was known for making clothes for the poor. After she died, Peter brought her back to life in Jesus' name. We hope to make baby blankets, hats and booties to donate to Baby Steps.

Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary! We have had a great time at our first three meetings and look forward to more time spent together. **We will meet again on Sat. Oct. 29 at 10:00 a.m.** Bring your yarn and supplies if you have some and bring a friend!

If you want more information, please contact Jessie Murray at: jessicamurray79@gmail.com.

FOR WE HAVE BECOME PARTNERS OF CHRIST.....HEBREWS 3:14

The epistle to the Hebrews refers to Jesus as a high priest—our “great high priest” who offered himself as the ultimate and once only sacrifice so that death might be defeated forever. Yet, he is a high priest who took on our own human flesh and understands our every weakness. Of course, those who work and serve with a high priest are also priests; so, Hebrews reminds us that as Christians we “have become partners of Christ” and this partnership is a “heavenly calling” (Heb. 3:1). The writer of 1st Peter echoes this idea and calls Christians “a royal priesthood”. We become partners with Christ, members of that royal priesthood, when we are baptized. At our baptisms, we are joined with Christ's life, death and resurrection and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit that empower us to work effectively with our high priest. As Episcopalians, we affirm that heavenly calling and partnership with Christ each time we welcome a newly baptized person with the words: “Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and *share with us in his eternal priesthood*” (BCP, p. 305). So, as partners with Christ, we continue the work that he began in his earthly ministry.

One of the main aspects of Jesus' ministry was pastoral; he cared for people—for their bodies, minds and souls. So, if we are continuing his good work, we too will care for people, for bodies, minds and souls. In the church, we call this pastoral care; and, unfortunately,

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we've often relegated these ministries to our ordained clergy. But, as we've recently learned in our Sunday morning class, “Christian caregiving is the obligation of the baptized, not the privilege of the ordained.” So, we all should be involved in pastoral care.

When I first came to St. Elisabeth's, Father Bill and Sr. Warden, Shirley Bilger, expressed their hope and desire to take your Pastoral Care ministries to a new level—a level which will allow more people to become involved and use their own special gifts. More importantly, these efforts will extend the Pastoral Care ministries so that more needs might be met. Upon hearing their ideas, I immediately was interested in helping with this exciting work! So, that has been one of the goals for my time with you as your ministry intern, especially to help with the organization and computerization of the Pastoral Care ministries.

And I am happy to report that we are making good progress. The Rev. Ollie Rencher, Elaine Turner and the Pastoral Care Team from the Church of the Holy Communion have generously shared with us the computer program which they themselves developed. As a parishioner of Holy Communion, I was aware of how well their system works; so I am very grateful to Holy Communion for sharing this gift with St. Elisabeth's. Of course, that system will be tailored to meet St. Elisabeth's own special needs. One of the beauties of this system is that it goes beyond hospital and nursing home ministries; it includes those ministries, as well as Eucharistic Visitors, but it also invites people to be involved in other ways, for example, sending cards, preparing meals, telephoning—the possibilities are endless. It will help us to reach out to both children and adults at every age and stage of life. The system should be installed within the next couple of weeks and then the development phase will begin. Elaine Turner, one of the developers of that system, will be helping us get it up and running.

But, this great new program will be useless unless there are those who will offer their spiritual gifts to this expanded ministry. Not everyone is comfortable with hospital visiting, but there are lots of other ways to be involved in following Jesus' example of pastoral care and concern. So, I ask you to pray for the growth of the Pastoral Care ministries here at St. Elisabeth's; and, I encourage you, as a partner of Christ Jesus, to seriously consider how you might participate in this ministry of caregiving.

Grace and Peace,
Judith

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What's this in my IN BOX?

Have you seen an email in your IN BOX with "This Week at St. Elisabeth's" in the subject line? Have you wondered what it was? Suspected it was SPAM? Maybe even deleted it without opening it?

Well, here are the answers to your questions. First of all is **ISN'T SPAM!** It **IS** an important tool that the parish leadership is using to keep everyone informed and connected. Each week, parishioner Bev Shipley creates and sends out this mid-week electronic update on the latest parish news and events at St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church. If you've provided us with your e-mail address then you're probably already receiving it. Its purpose is to remind you of important events coming up, give you late-breaking updates on changes to schedules, provide new information about your fellow parishioners, and any other news that you may find useful.

Additionally, if you have some important information that you'd like to share with the parish you can email Bev and she can include it. Just be sure to get it to her by her deadline at the end of the day on Wednesday.

Her email address is byoungship@aol.com

If you aren't receiving the weekly update and would like to begin, just send Bev a quick email and ask to be added to the electronic mailing list.

And most important, the next time "This Week at St. Elisabeth's" shows up in your IN BOX, don't hit the DELETE button until you've had a look. You might just miss some really important news!

PRAYER BRACELET WORKSHOP PLANNED

The Barth-Sanders Guild will be having a
PRAYER BRACELET WORKSHOP
 on Tuesday October 4th at 10:00 a.m.
 in the Parish Hall
 (prior to the business meeting at 11:30 a.m.)

This is an open invitation to anyone interested in the making of PRAYER BRACELETS to come and help.

A second workday is scheduled for
 Saturday Oct. 8th - time TBA

These bracelets will be available for purchase at the BSG FALL BAKE SALE on Nov. 13th.



This prayer was written by the Spiritual Emphasis Committee of the Breaking Ground Campaign.

Prayer for the New Building

Heavenly Father, Source of All that is Good, you have called us to raise a new worship space for St. Elisabeth's. Grant that we open our hearts to the fullness of your vision.

As we go about construction of the physical space, may we remember to focus on the expansion of our spiritual space, for Christ has taught us to
"... seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well."

Equip us for this journey that we may follow your lead as we step forward in faith.

Give us Grace that we may honor you with every thought, word and action as we grow into our new creation in Christ. AMEN.

NEWS AND EVENTS

ST. MARY'S GUILD TO MEET

St. Mary's Guild will meet on Tuesday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Audrey Hager. We will recap the recent Women's Retreat and start making plans for our Annual Christmas Jar Sale.

Please read Chapter 22, The Fisherman, from our study book "*Alive and Loose in the Ordinary*".

All women of the church are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Rieman or Cathy Dunn.

BARTH-SANDERS GUILD TO MEET

The BSG will meet on **Tuesday October 4th** at 11:30 a.m. for their regular 1st Tuesday of the month meeting in the parish hall.

We will discuss our current PRAYER BRACELET project and finalize our plans for a FALL BAKE SALE already scheduled for Sunday, November 13th.

Anyone who is interested in joining the BSG is invited to attend this meeting.

(It will be Julie Pieritz's choice for lunch)

CHRISTMAS....Already ???



It is never too early to start planning...

St. Mary's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS JAR SALE

will take place on 3 consecutive Sundays in December

Dec. 4th....Dec 11th....Dec. 18th

More about the jar sale in the next issue of the *Messenger*.

MARDI GRAS 2012

COWBOYS AND ALIENS
are coming !!!



On **Saturday February 11, 2012...**

Mark your calendars and prepare to attend !!!

The St. Mary's Guild will celebrate

25 YEARS

of hosting MARDI GRAS at ST. E's.
(yes, it has been around a lot longer than that)

As Halloween approaches this will be the best time to look for that perfect costume accessory...

COWBOY or ALIEN ???

which are you going to be ???

Make plans now to attend.

J.U.L.I.E.T.S.

Just Unique Ladies Indulging Eating Talking Socially

The J.U.L.I.E.T.S. continue to go out to lunch on the third Saturdays of each month. Please contact Debbie Nelson for more information.

UNITED THANK OFFERING-UTO BOXES

Time for the little blue boxes! Many of you have seen the blue offering boxes but not everyone knows where the money goes. United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

Boxes will be available around the middle of October. We will gather all the boxes and money the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Join us in helping the larger church!

FINANCIALS, AS OF AUGUST 2011

	Month	Budgeted	Year to Date	YTD Budget
Pledge	\$17,643	\$26,174	\$201,860	\$209,395
Plate	\$ 716	\$ 917	\$ 9,860	\$ 7,332
Other	\$ 12	\$ 83	\$ 2,766	\$ 667
Revenue	\$18,371	\$27,175	\$210,454	\$217,394
Expenses	\$29,424	\$27,146	\$210,454	\$217,422

We are a little behind on pledges for the month of August, but I know we will catch up in September!!



-Carolyn Pruitt, Treasurer

AUTO-DEBIT AVAILABLE

If you have made your pledge to the Capital Campaign and would like to use our auto-debit system for your payments, please speak with Carolyn Pruitt or Jack Nelson.

**WEEKLY SUNDAY ATTENDANCE
SEPTEMBER 2011**

Since there are always questions about the numbers of new families, our growth, and interest in how many souls are coming to St. Elisabeth's, we are going to list our Sunday Attendance for each Sunday for 2011.

- SEPTEMBER 4, 2011 - 118**
- SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 - 130**
- SEPTEMBER 18, 2011 - 140**
- SEPTEMBER 25, 2011 - 130**



October Birthdays

- 1-Merlyn Munroe
- 3-Eleanor Jordan
- 3-Nancy Balestrini
- 3-Natalie Boxx
- 4-Irvin Fleming
- 6-Melisande McCall
- 6-Sebastien Tanner
- 7-Tom Rieman
- 10-Ophelia Borja
- 10-Debra Nichols
- 10-Sarah Long
- 10-Peter Long
- 11-Lucy Boulware
- 12-Dorothy Meeks
- 12-Gabe Ray
- 13-Ann Marie Morgret
- 17-Matthew Caldwell
- 19-Daniel Foster, Jr.
- 19-Savannah Posner
- 21-Janice Williams
- 22-Luke Carrington
- 23-Paula Sterling
- 23-Cynthia Quinn Gintz
- 25-Haley S. Campbell
- 26-Clayann Panetta
- 27-Julia McMillen
- 27-Peyton Tranas
- 31-Brenda Johnson



October Anniversaries

- 3-Matt and Carrie Paulo
- 12-Trip and Gretchen Gintz
- 14-Charley and Nila Carrington
- 16-George and Lucy Boulware
- 16-Kenny and Debra Nichols
- 27-Smitty and Penny Wiley
- 28-Mike and Victoria McCoy

Help keep our church records current

Please contact the church office at 372-2753, or email the office at: cathyd06@bellsouth.net, to add, delete, or make changes to the church directory or your birthdates and/or anniversary information.

Looking Ahead

Clergy & Staff

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Bishop of West Tennessee

Rev. Bill Murray
Rector

Judith Foster Reese
Ministry Intern

Jim Walsmith
Director of Music

Jennifer Smith
Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Cathy Dunn
Parish Administrator

Andrew Morgret
Debbie Nelson
Vergers

November

1-Barth-Sanders Guild
3-Healing Touch
5-Daughters of the King
6-Birthday Sunday
6-EYC
8-Building Committee, St. Mary's Guild
10-Outreach Committee
11-Healing Touch Ministry
12-Barth-Sanders Guild
13-Pledge Ingathering/BSG Bake Sale
15-Vestry Meeting
17-Messenger Deadline
19-Healing Touch Meeting
19-Diocesan Convention
19-JULIETS
20-Advent Wreath Event
20-EYC
24-Thanksgiving
26-Healing Touch Meeting
26-St. Tabitha's Guild
27-Advent 1/No Sunday School
EfM Classes 7, 14, 21, 28

December

1-Healing Touch
3-Daughters of the King
3-Bartlett Parade
4-Birthday Sunday, EYC
6-Barth-Sanders Guild
9-Healing Touch Ministry
10-Breakfast w/St. Nicholas
13-Building Committee
15-Outreach Committee
17-Healing Touch Meeting
17-JULIETS
20-Vestry Meeting
22-Messenger Deadline
24-Christmas Eve Services (5:00 & 10:30 pm)
25-Christmas Day Service (10:00 am)
31-Renewal of Wedding Vows

EfM Classes 5, 12, 19

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Notices and articles can be put in Cathy's box or E-mailed to: Cathyd06@bellsouth.net

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