

The Good News from St. George's



St. George's Episcopal Church
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An Invitation to Summer Serenity

We usually look forward to summer for the opportunities it brings to disconnect from day-to-day working routines and responsibilities and to connect with nature and a slower pace of life. Indeed, there's nothing more freeing than dipping your toes in the sand, feeling the sun rays on your body or swimming in crystal clear waters.

No matter what kind of summer holiday you choose – you might just be going to your local park for a day in the sun or spending some summer days in a foreign port – these breaks always come as a welcome reminder of the need to slow down, stay close to nature, and appreciate the simpler moments in life.



During those moments of stillness and calm in the summer, we're also given the opportunity to take a step back from the daily running of our lives. This is the time where many of us have the luxury to press pause on errands, commutes, social responsibilities and work assignments. Having fewer responsibilities not only makes more time for relaxing and treating ourselves, but also for self-reflection.

Summer truly is a magical time and a unique opportunity to reconnect with both nature and ourselves. Its carefree spirit and slower pace will ultimately help you recharge and make a stronger comeback – all it takes is an open mind and the right questions.

Following are five questions to ask yourself while relaxing in a serene place of beauty (as on the front cover), while chillin' on your chaise lounge, or while strolling in your neighborhood...

1. What do I love the most about my day-to-day life?
2. How have I seen Jesus be a light in dark places?
3. What are some of the areas in my life that I need a break from this summer – and how can I improve them?

4. How do I extend God's love to others?

5. What are my goals for the next half of the year?

I invite you to turn back to the picture on the front cover, a picture of a lone canoe resting gently on the calm waters of a winding river. Rest with the image for a few moments. May its serene ambiance enhance the tranquility and beauty of your summer reflective moments.

May summer serenity and summer breezes captivate your soul!

(Be sure to look for the Summer Breeze Schedule in this Good News!)

Mother Terry +



Adult Sunday School will take a Break for the months of July and August and will resume on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

Our Summer Breeze Sessions (see page 11) will occur on Sundays between services during this time. We hope you are able to attend a few or all of these sessions.



Hello everyone, have you heard!? The ECW is hosting the annual bingo backpack fundraiser again! If you haven't attended before, let me tell you, it's one of my favorite events of the year. It's always a lot of fun with great prizes and fellowship with wonderful people! It's going to take place on July 12th. Thank you to all the

ECW ladies who make this event possible! And a special thank you to our bingo caller/DJ Gil Moore! Having said that all that, Independence Day is fast approaching. So, everyone be sure to have a happy and safe 4th!

Jacob North, Sr. Warden



*Kermit Poling &
Shetwan Roberison
enjoyed the
Shreveport Summer
Music Festival*

St. George's Episcopal Church presents the:
**5th Annual Backpack BINGO
Bonanza!**



Join us for 10 games of BINGO, prizes, and an enormous
ice cream sundae!

Proceeds go to the purchase of school supplies and backpacks for stu-
dents at Waller Elementary and R.V. Kerr Elementary in Bossier City.

Where: St. George's Episcopal Church,

Parish Hall

1959 Airline Drive - Bossier City

Date: Saturday July 12, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 for a single ticket or \$50 for a table of 6.

Purchase your tickets: Penny Harrison at
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Readings for July 2025

July 6, The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm: Psalm 66:1-8

Epistle: Galatians 6: (1-6)7-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9

Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 20, The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm: Psalm 15

Epistle: Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

July 27, The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm: Psalm 138

Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15(16-19)

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13







On Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the church. During the service as pictured above, Mother Terry lit 3 candles on a cupcake to celebrate. The candles relit themselves, representing the rejuvenation of the light of Christ in us.

Financial Summary of Last Month

Date	8:30	10:30	Contributions
6/1	14	20	\$3,093.00
6/8	16	17	\$2,036.00
6/15	12	27	\$3,235.00
6/22		19	\$680.00
6/29	17	20	\$4,255.00
Total	59	103	\$13,299.00
Monthly Expenses			\$16,000.00



A long overdue and formal welcome to new members on Pentecost Sunday! At 8:30 (not shown), we greeted Lynn & Sherri Holmes and Jesse & Louise DeSoto and Doug Smith. At 10:30 (pictured above), we welcomed Beth Ann Arnold, Steve Arnold, Cecilia O'Connor, Joby Bernis and Margaret Bernis, Robin Loucke, and Debbie McCaskill. Not pictured from 10:30 service: Manny Peters.

Day Star Wisdom

Enlightened

I stand here today as someone who has experienced a deep spiritual awakening — a kind of enlightenment that has changed how I see my life and God's presence in it. To be enlightened is to have your eyes and heart opened to the truth — and for me, that truth is that God has never left me, even in my hardest moments.

One of the most painful chapters of my life was the loss of my brother. That grief ran deep, and what made it even harder was the brokenness that followed — the loss of relationship with my sisters. It was a time of sorrow, loneliness, and questioning. But even in the silence, even in the heartache, God was there. I began to feel Him gently holding me, healing me, and helping me rediscover my identity and purpose through Him.

This journey has brought me to a place where I can trust His faithfulness and rest in His love. I now feel a calling to live with intention, to serve others, and to let my life reflect the grace and strength that God has shown me.

Most of all, I long to be part of a loving, Christ-centered community — a place where I can grow in faith, serve with joy, and walk alongside others who are also seeking God's presence and truth. I believe that healing often happens in this community, and I'm ready to be part of that kind of fellowship.

Beth Ann Arnold
Parishioner

SUMMER BREEZE

SUNDAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Shetwan Roberison—"Spiritual
Relaxation With Adult Coloring"

July 6 9:30am

Beth Ann Arnold—"The Woman at
the Well- Bible Lesson from The
Chosen"

July 13 9:30 am

Barry Dunford—"My Journey into
Retirement"

July 20 9:30 am

Kevin Kerney—"A Conversation
About the Influence of Social Media
on Church and our Lives-Good/Bad"

July 27 9:30am

Kathy O'Neal & Denise Flowers
-"Poems for the Soul"

August 3 9:30am

Kathy Kramer—"Speaking of Love"

August 10 9:30am

Gilbert Moore—"Johnny Cash-Faith
Through Music"

August 17 9:30am

Mother Terry—"Through A Child's
Eye"

August 24 9:30am

Barbara Moore—"The Lighter Side"

August 31 9:30am

Diocesan ECW Report

I hosted a Day retreat on Saturday, May 31st for our diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW) at St. Timothy's, in Alexandria. There were twenty-three women representing twelve churches, twelve cities, and two states. At the end of the retreat, everyone shared what their church's ECW was doing. My theme was rejuvenation. Mrs. Lisa Bortner, our National Episcopal Church Women President, was our guest speaker. She talked about the importance of ECW on a personal level. After lunch, she spoke on a spiritual level. She stated that the Daughters of the King (DOK), Church Periodical Club (CPC), United Thank Offering (UTO), and Altar Guild are all driven by ECW.



Ladies at the ECW Day Retreat in Alexandria

Mother. Terry, our new diocesan chaplain, discussed how our bright lights will get dim over time. She encouraged us to find time to rest and rejuvenate. Barbara Moore and Beth Ann Arnold shared the wonderful ways that the ECW of St. George's gives back to our local communities throughout the year.

I expanded on this by reminding them that the Lord said, "Where two or three are gathered, I am in their midst." This was the first time our diocesan ECW has met in over 5 years.

Thanks be to God for what he has done, is doing, and will do.

Respectfully,
Shetwan Roberison,
Diocesan ECW President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

7/1 Gene Smith

7/6 Mikaelah McPhearson

7/7 Rita Poling

7/9 Mike Anderson

7/9 John Howes

7/12 The Rev. Terry Deokaran

7/13 Kermit Poling

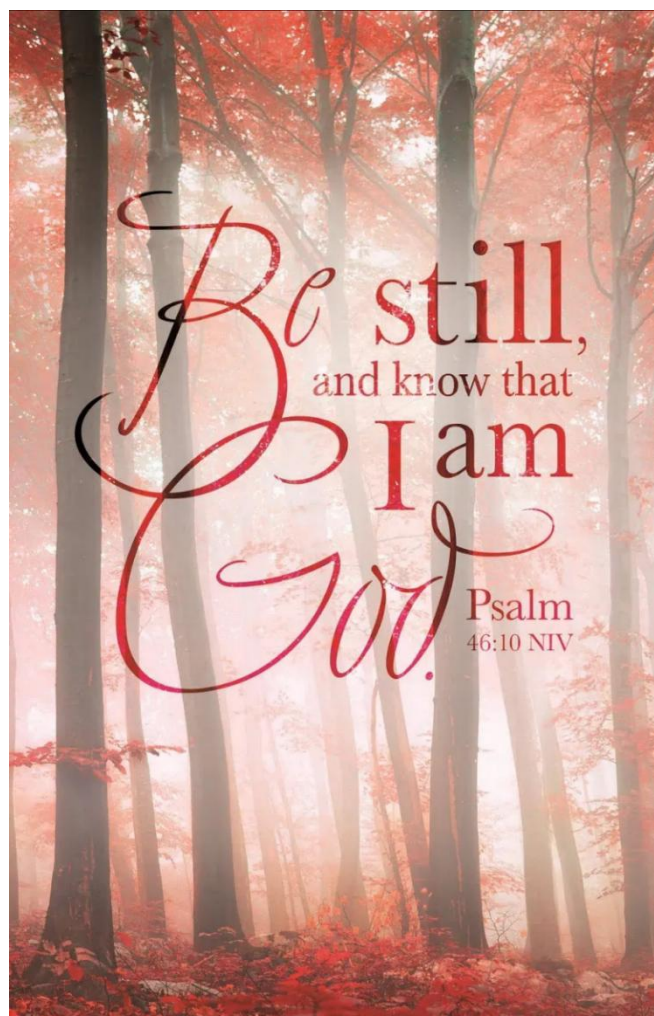
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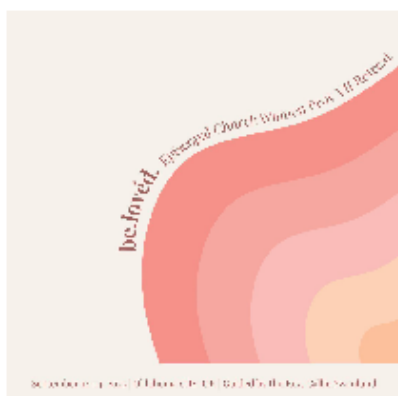
Happy Anniversary

7/10 Jim & Nancy May



Our own Kathy O'Neal was inducted into the C. E. Byrd Teacher Hall of Fame at their recent 100th Anniversary Celebration. Congratulations, Kathy, and thanks for sharing your gift of teaching at our Adult Study Class on Sunday mornings!





Be.Loved September 13

Province 7 ECW Fall Gathering

St. Paul's Cathedral

(127 NW 7th, Oklahoma City, OK)

Guided by The Rev. Callie Swanlund

Special Guest: Lisa Bortner,

National ECW President

Take time to hear how Be.Loved you are.

Join us for a day of reflection, renewal, and connection as we explore what it means to be God's beloved—and to truly *be loved*. Through joyous connection with others, meaningful reflection, and time spent in peaceful prayer, we'll deepen our sense of belovedness, renewal, and community. Come as you are and leave refreshed, encouraged, and embraced by God's love. Meet other women from around Province 7 and be refreshed in spirit together.

Saturday, September 13, 8:30-4, followed by Eucharist.

ECW Prov. 7 Social time and Board meeting, open to all, Friday, September 12, 4PM.



Keynote Speaker Callie Swanlund is an Episcopal priest, retreat leader, spiritual companion, and coach who helps others know their belovedness and find their Spark. Callie lives in Philadelphia with her co-dreaming partner Jeremy, their two tween/teen children, and a rescue pup named Rufus.

Special Guest Lisa Bortner has been involved in women's ministry for over 20 years, at parish and Diocesan levels in Province 7. Now as President of the National Episcopal Church Board it is her hope that through the National ECW, people we meet will be touched by God and that they in turn, may encourage others to grow in the spirit of God.



Registration opens July 1 at <https://ecwfallbeloved2025.rsvpify.com> or QR code

Register by August 5 at the Early Bird price of \$60.

After August 5, registration will be \$70. Registration closes September 5.

Registration includes an event baseball style t-shirt.

If you need scholarship assistance, contact your diocesan president.

Full info, including Lodging options, is on the website:

<https://provinceviiicw.wordpress.com/>



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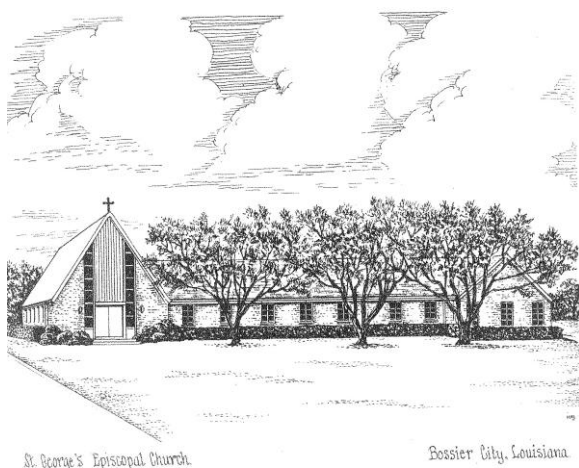
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Sundays:

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Adult Study

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist