

The Good News from St. George's



St. George's Episcopal Church

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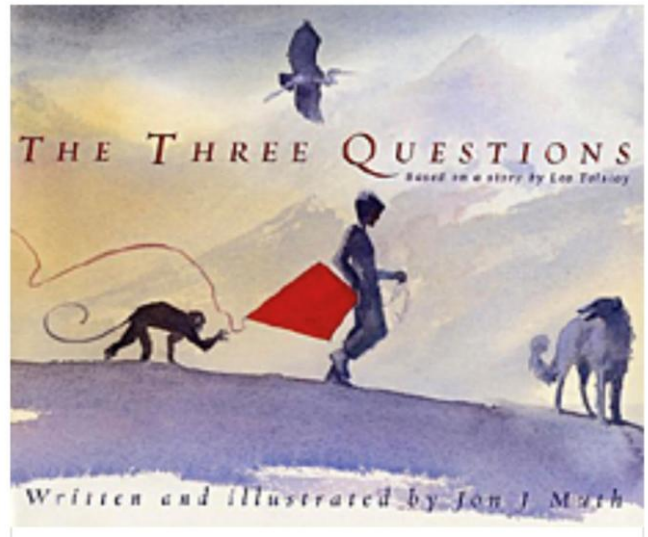
The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD, *Bishop*

The Rev. Terry Deokaran, *Rector*

Maestro Kermit Poling, *Organist/Choir Director*

The Three Questions

In the Summer Breeze session of August 24, I read aloud the children's book, *The Three Questions* by Jon J. Muth. This book is based on a story by the great Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy. It is a heartfelt work that reveals how important it is to ask the right questions, live in the present moment, and act on behalf of others. In the story, Nikolai is a boy who "sometimes felt uncertain about the right way to act." He believes he'll know what to do once he has answers to three questions: What is the best time to do things? Who is the most important? What is the right thing to do?



Upon the completion of our Summer Breeze session that morning parishioner, Carole Kolo, shared with me a memory that had come to her while listening to the story. In Carole's words:

Many years ago, a man asked my dad if he had a favorite child. He thought for a minute about his five children and answered, "Yes, I do."

Which one of your children is your favorite?

My Dad answered:

"The one who is sick, until he is well."

"The one who is away, until he comes home."

"The one who is troubled, until things get better."

I invite you to read *The Three Questions* and to discover, as Nikolai does, the answers to his three questions. In turn, you will discover that what was revealed to Nikolai is so very similar to the wisdom of Carole's father.

Enjoy the read! And you may come to know that asking the right questions, living in the present moment, and acting on behalf of others bring inner peace.



- Mother Terry +

There is a New Face on St. George's Finance Committee!

Stepping down from the Bookkeeper position after many years of service and dedication is Sandra Simpson.

Thank you, Sandy!



Stepping into the Bookkeeper position is Beth Ann Arnold.

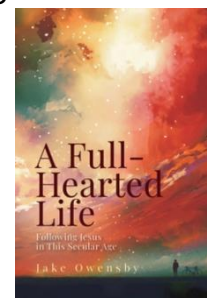
Thank you, Beth Ann!



SUMMER BREEZE

Thank you to all those who participated in the Summer Breeze sessions! A special thanks goes to Barbara Moore for her creative summer idea! And yes, we still have the “Summer Breeze” song of 1972 stuck in our heads!

On Sunday, September 7, the Adult Study group will resume their study and discussion of *A Full-Hearted Life* by Bishop Jacob Owensby. The group will restart with Chapter 7.



From the Sr. Warden

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is having a great summer! As usual, we haven't had a whole lot of things going on but a few notable events. One of the events we had was the Summer Breeze.



Thank you to everyone who took the time and participated! We also had a summer movie night hosted by Liane and Andrew in the Parish Hall. I'm told that it was a lot of fun!

Thank you all for all your hard work organizing and running these events! I hope everyone stays cool!

Jacob North
Sr. Warden



Meet Georgia, our St. George's mascot!
She recently found us and adopted us.
You can meet her in the courtyard!

Readings for September 2025

September 7, The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Epistle: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

September 14, The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-11

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

September 21, The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1

Psalm: Psalm 113

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

September 28, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Day Star Wisdom

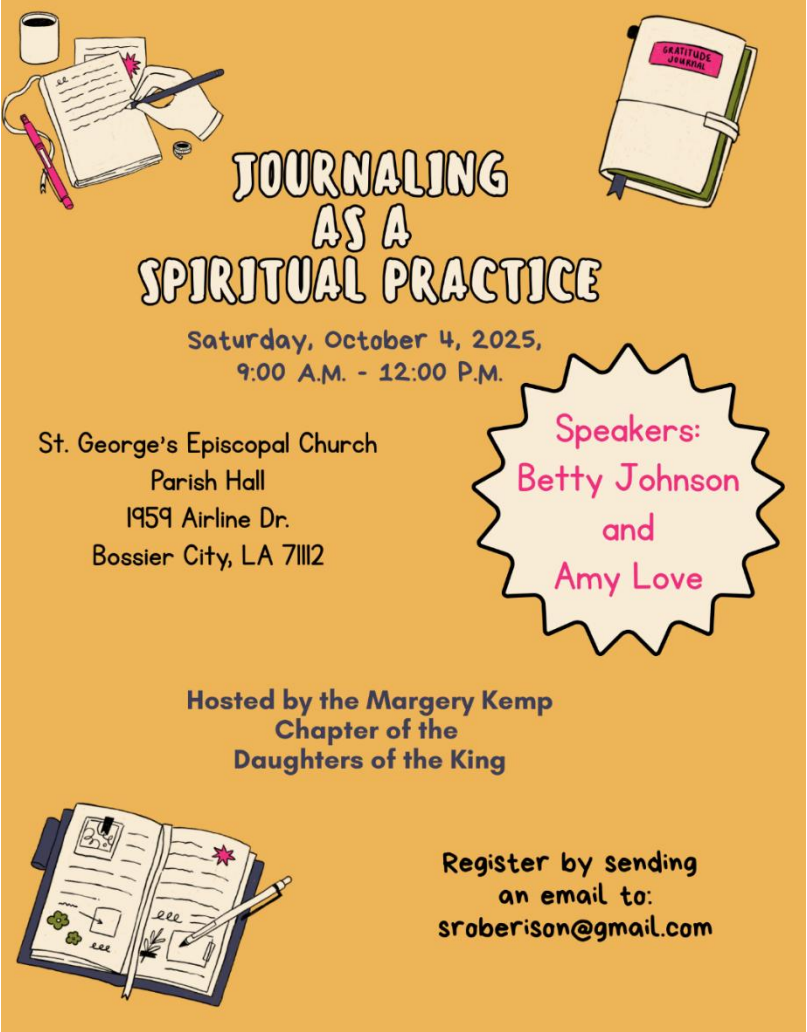
My Day Star Word is ONENESS.

I did not think too much about this word when I selected it.

But I thought about it quite a bit during a health challenge and hospital stay during the spring. *Oneness* is a synonym for *unity, harmony, connected*. During those days in the hospital, I felt the *Oneness* of God through my times of prayer and my times of anxiety. I felt Unity with the Holy Spirit through the many prayers of loved ones and friends. In fact, one of the nurses commented: "You must have many prayer warriors praying for you!" What a blessing to hear that!

I also think of our church family and our worship, fellowship, and service to our local community through the sharing of the many gifts and talents of our members working together in Oneness, Unity, and Harmony with each other. May we continue to work and support each other and our community through our Oneness with our Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,
Gene Smith
Parishioner



**JOURNALING
AS A
SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**

Saturday, October 4, 2025,
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

St. George's Episcopal Church
Parish Hall
1959 Airline Dr.
Bossier City, LA 70012

Speakers:
Betty Johnson
and
Amy Love

Hosted by the Margery Kemp
Chapter of the
Daughters of the King

Register by sending
an email to:
sroberison@gmail.com

The poster features illustrations of a hand writing in a journal, a pen, a notebook, and a spiral-bound journal.



You're Invited
ECW
MEETING
*Christmas Market
Edition*

Potluck in the parish hall
immediately after the
10:30 Service.

7 | **Bring Your
Ideas**
SEPT

If you can't make it and want to contribute,
please give me a call with your idea or
service you want to provide.
Penny Harrison 318-200-6380



August Clericus was held at St. George's.

**Don't hold to anger,
hurt or pain.
They steal your
energy and keep
you from love.**



Moments of a Lifetime!



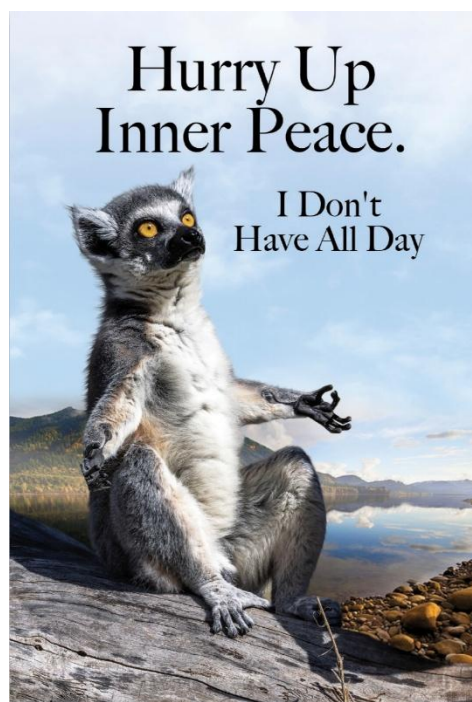
*Virgil Kotal's first day of kindergarten
Woonsocket, RI*



*Zora Hendrickson's (Mother Terry's granddaughter) first
day in the two-year-old classroom
Baltimore, MD*

Financial Summary of Last Month

Date	8:30	10:30	Contributions
8/3	15	23	\$2,775.00
8/10	16	21	\$3,215.00
8/17	17	20	\$1,747.00
8/24	14	20	\$1,655.00
8/31			
Total			\$9,392.00
Monthly Expenses			\$16,000.00

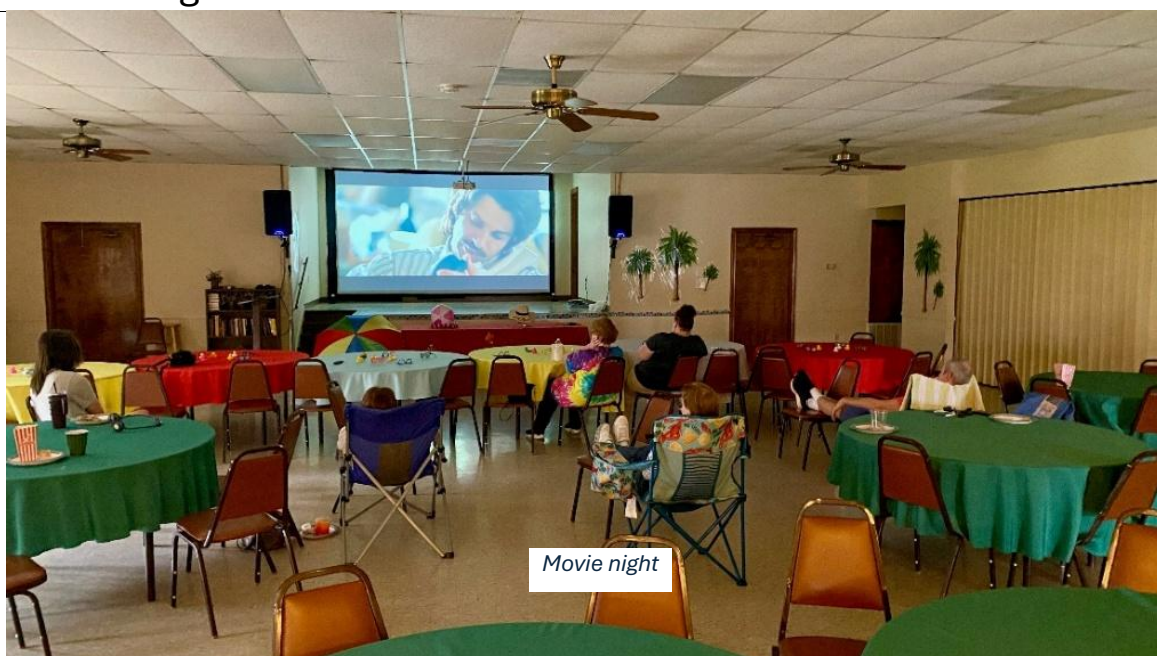


**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

9/1 John O'Connor
9/2 Eevee North
9/19 Penny Harrison
9/23 Jim May
9/29 Debbie Nechvatal
9/30 Keith Poling

Happy Anniversary

9/11 Mitch & Carole Kolo



God's Child - Beth Ann Arnold

Recently, I saw Ben Fuller in concert at Red Rocks in Colorado. As I sat in the breathtaking outdoor amphitheater, surrounded by towering red rocks, his song "Who I Am" stirred something deep in me. I realized again how God uses music, beauty, and community to speak directly to our hearts.

Hearing the lyrics took me back to a moment in my twenties — the very first time I remember truly calling out to the Lord for help. In that moment of desperation, I declared: *"I am a precious child of God, and no one can hurt me."* That phrase became an anchor for me, so much so that I've carried it with me daily, even weaving it into the passwords I use. It has been a constant reminder of my worth and security in God.

When I returned home from Colorado, Mother Terry's sermon that Sunday was about being a child of God. Hearing those words confirmed for me that what God whispered to my heart 40 years ago is still true today. The comfort and strength that simple phrase brings is beyond explanation.

I am still — and always will be — a precious child of God.

"Who I Am" by Ben Fuller

*I stand in front of the mirror
But I don't like who's looking back at me
Wish I could see things clearer, oh
Like who I'm supposed to be*

*In every trial, lift me higher
Through the fire, hold me tighter
Remind me again that I was made for more*

*Who I am in the eyes of the Father
Who I am His love set free
Who I was I left at the altar*



"Who I Am" by Ben Fuller (continued)

I am Yours Lord, I believe

It's who I am (I'm a child of the most-high God and the most-high God's for me)

It's who I am (I'm a child of the most-high God and the most-high God's for me)

To hear this song on Youtube, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXFklH5A4jA>

Food Box News



St. George's Food Box has become known to more people in need as a place to go for assistance. To meet this need, we are working to set up several food drives throughout the year with assistance from local businesses and organizations. When we receive extra food, we can fill the food box more often. Please take a few minutes to read the flyer on ways to support the Food Box outreach. No donation is too small. One can of food may be the only meal someone eats for the day. Please contact Barbara Moore at 318-230-0804 if you would like to help or have any questions. Thank you for all your support!

St. George's Episcopal Church Food Box

318-746-2571



Ways to Donate:

Cash donation on church website	Go to church website “ https://www.stgeorgesbossier.org/ .” Scroll down to the “donate” button on the home page. Select payment method. Click on “write a note” to indicate the donation is for the “food box.” The food box team will shop for needed items.
Food donations at church	Shop for food items and donate them to the church. Drop off at Sunday service or during the week. Please call to make sure someone is in the office to receive the food. 318-746-2571.
Plan a food drive at your work/club/organization	Please let Barbara Moore know if you would like to have a food drive at your business, club, or organization. We will be happy to coordinate this with you or your group.
Coins for cans	Please let Barbara Moore know if you would like to organize a change collection drive at your business, club, or organization. Provide individual charity donation boxes for employees/members to collect spare change/dollar bills. We will be happy to coordinate this with you or your group.
Pantry donations when someone is moving/estate	Donate extra pantry items from someone who is moving or has an estate sale. (Please make sure food items are not expired).

Thanks to all who participated in our Bingo fundraiser! Backpacks were delivered to Kerr Elementary just before the start of school! Pictured: Robin Loucke, Kathy O'Neal, and Principal Madora Abney.



Cursillo #156
October 3-5, 2025
The Wesley Center
Woodworth, LA

Cursillo provides:

- an opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality
- a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we can serve Him.
- an experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community
- a continuing community that gives support and encouragement to help Christians carry out their Baptismal Vows.

-Shared Prayer **-Worship**
-Individual Meditation **-Study**
-Unconditional Love **-Fellowship**

Free to Attend

Visit our website:
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applications



View from the Pew

About 17 or 18 years ago, I looked up Episcopal Churches in Bossier. St. George's was the only one listed in the yellow pages. It was in the summer, June or July.

Over the years at St. George's, my life has been enriched beyond my expectations with sermons, Sunday School lessons, Brown Bag Bible Study and various other activities such as soup days and ECW.

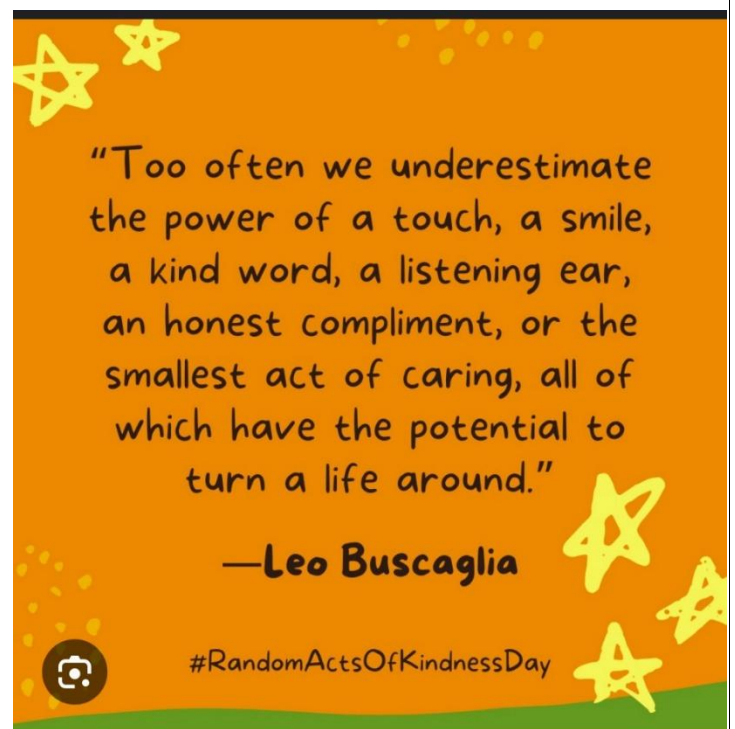
What does this have to do with the View from the Pew? I will tell you.

As I sit on the back row at the 8:30 service, the first thing I notice is the people. Every Sunday, I give thanks to our God for bringing these people into my life. Dear friendships have evolved with many of you.

Another thing I notice from the pew is the stained-glass windows and the stories they tell. It is the quiet time during church and the sense of love that I notice each Sunday that stays with me.

So, thank you dear ones for bringing joy into my life.

Carole Kolo
Parishioner



Peace Prayer

God of all creation, send us your Spirit
to guide and help us, that through us,
your Spirit will fill the world
with beauty, wonder and peace.

Let us live in the gift of this moment
and look for the good in others.

Remind us that it is not enough to
simply wish for peace or believe in
peace -- you call us to work for peace.

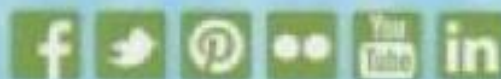
Give us the courage to be true to your call
to be people of peace. Open our minds and
hearts to the message of your Gospel.
May each one of us be a blessing of peace to others.

Amen.



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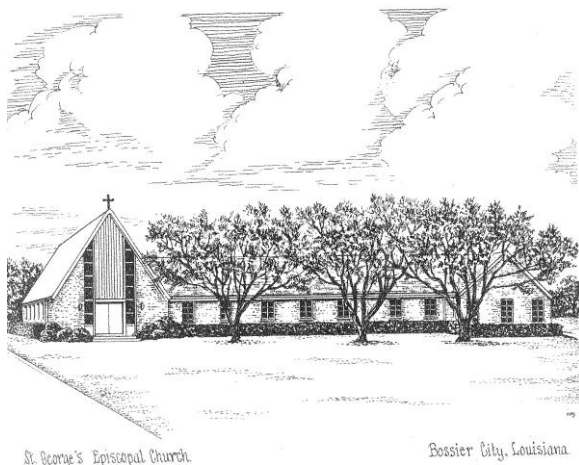


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Sundays:

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Adult Study

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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