

**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH and SCHOOL, ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA**

Sunday, January 24, 2010

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CLERGY & STAFF
January 24, 2010

Father Fred H. Tinsley, Jr., Rector	Father Michael E. Bertrand, Curate
Mary Vermaelen, Parish Administrator	Cheryl Chalah, Parish Secretary
Richard Gwartney, Music Director	Marie Durham, Organist
Tina Smith, Episcopellian Director	Cissy Galloway, Historian
Joe Roberts, Sexton	Reddy Dorn, Sexton
Sarah Frazier, Nursery Coordinator	Danielle Frazier, Nursery
Nell Deville, Treasurer	Trevor From, Head Verger
Anna Theus, Director, St. James Episcopal School	

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY
2009

Holly Dixon	Senior Warden	2011
Dr. Babson Fresh	Jr. Warden	2010
Ms. Nell Deville	Treasurer	ex-officio
Dr. Chad Norton	Vestry	2010
Mr. Ken Carstens	Vestry	2010
Ms. Elizabeth Deshotel	Vestry	2010
Ms. Theresa Louviere	Vestry	2010
Ms. Susan Provosty	Vestry	2011
Mr. Matt Woollett	Vestry	2011
Mr. Lawrence Searcy	Vestry	2011
Mr. Roy S. Rosenthal	Vestry	2011
Mr. James Weinzettle	Jr. Warden-elect	2012
Dr. Malcolm Denley	Vestry	2012
Mr. Michael Jurgensen	Vestry	2012
Mr. Andrew Texada	Vestry	2012
Ms. Frances Yeager	Vestry	2012

MINUTES OF 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Unavailable

ELECTION RESOLUTION

“BE IT RESOLVED that in an election where one vacancy is to be filled, the party receiving a majority of the votes shall be elected. Should a second ballot be necessary because no one receives a majority, then the two parties receiving the highest number of votes shall be on the second ballot, and the party receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in all elections where there is more than one vacancy to be filled, on the first ballot the party or parties having the highest vote, provided that vote is a majority, shall be elected to fill the office. If a second ballot is necessary, for each position to be filled, the next two parties receiving the highest number of votes shall be voted upon and the party receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to that position. Thus, if there are three positions to be elected and one party receives a majority of votes on the first ballot, then he or she shall be elected. For the remaining two positions, the next four parties receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall be in a run-off and on this vote, the two parties having the highest vote, whether or not it be a majority, shall be elected to the office. Thus, in each instance, there will be at the most only two ballots.”

Melanie Torbett - Sr. Warden Elect

I was born in Winnfield and reared and educated in Jonesville, Louisiana. My husband, Lindsey, and I have two children, Lauren and Will.

I am a graduate of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches and have 30 years experience in writing, editing, photography and publication management.

Community activities include: Past chair of Rapides Foundation Board of Trustees. Past board member, Handi-Work Productions sheltered workshop; past board member, Louisiana Governor's Mansion Foundation; past-president, Shepherd Ministries Inc.; member and former officer of Louisiana Press Women. Member and former president of Friends of the Alexandria Zoo. Former president of Central Louisiana Press Club. Board member of Krewe of Twelfth Night. Lay representative on Board of Trustees for Client Assistance Foundation of La. State Bar Assn. Previous volunteer work for Our Lady of Prompt Succor School, Holy Savior Menard Central High School, Bolton High School, United Way of Central Louisiana and Tom Peyton Memorial Arts Festival. Member of St. James Episcopal Church, service on Evangelism and Mission and Outreach committees and graduate of Education for Ministry curriculum.

Jimmy Hurt – Vestry

My family and I have been at St. James since 1993, and my wife and I were married in 1994. I am 42 years old with three children and two grandchildren. I was received into the church in 1994 after being in the Baptist faith since I was born. I have volunteered many times in the past when it comes to church functions. Such as VBS, collecting money for Wednesday night functions, also I use to help out on Sunday School when I was able. My wife and I had led a few classes on Wednesday night in the past. It has been a while since I had helped out due to health reasons, but I am better than I have been in a while and plan to do so again. I feel that it is everyone's duty to at least help out when it comes to church because St. James has always been there for my family when we need it, and in return we should be there for the church as well.

Paige Lawlis-Dixon - Vestry

As a new resident to Alexandria three and a half years ago, I was heartily welcomed into the St. James "family". For this I have been eternally grateful and feel the blessings of my new family each day. It is a church that allows me to not only continue my personal spiritual journey but to help me in this quest – I know this to be a unique offering in our modern day world. For that I try to support the church itself. That may be in prayer, financial support, serving in the traditional manner of lectoring, assisting with Altar Guild duties, polishing, cleaning up or participating in events or being a faithful supporter and example in the larger community, but it all is intended to be a representation of my love for the church and the people here who have embraced me.

T. Kyle Randall - Vestry

I was born and raised in Baton Rouge, attending St. James. I attended West Point and served in the U.S. Army as an Apache Helicopter Pilot in New York, Alabama, Germany, Iraq, and Fort Polk until 2009. I am currently employed by Pan American Engineers in Alexandria as a Project Manager. I am married to Elizabeth Randall.

My desire is to serve on the Vestry to bring my personal perspective and experiences to the team. I would like to focus on community outreach and children's ministries, keeping St. James close to those in our community that are in need, and developing our youngest members into lifelong followers.

William Shepherd - Vestry

Soon after moving to the Alexandria area six years ago, my wife, Tonya, and I began attending St. James. I received a Ph.D. in Entomology from LSU and work as a research entomologist for the U.S. Forest Service. Our son, David, was born in 2005 and was baptized here at St. James. Currently, I am an usher and a member of the St. James Finance Committee. I feel blessed to be a part of the St. James family and hope to have the opportunity to serve the church now and for many years to come.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

2010 has been a positive year for St. James. The parish responded enthusiastically to the Raise the Roof Campaign raising \$273,000, allowing us to replace the roof over the church. Our leaky school roof was also replaced.

The Parish Life Committee, chaired by June Hendrix, and the ECW, chaired by Kelly Texada, were extremely active in 2009 providing many fun activities for all ages. The summer programs, especially, provided an opportunity to come together in Christian community during this normally quiet time of our church year.

Happily the Red Mass came back to St. James, this year, providing support to our area's legal community.

Adult education classes were well attended on both Sundays and Wednesdays, including an inquirers class. Parents volunteered to keep the children's Sunday School active. Our Vacation Bible School was a success providing Christian education wrapped up in lots of fun for school age children from kindergarten through sixth grade. Our After School Tutoring Program continues to improve the reading skill of area third graders.

This year we experienced the passing of Fr. Jim Adams. He is greatly missed by all who knew

and served with him.

For 2010 we continue to have the challenge of spreading the ministry of Jesus Christ. Sadly the response to the pledge drive was not as strong as hoped. We need to ensure for 2010, and further, that the ministry of Jesus Christ remains who we are about.

God's Peace

Holly Dixon

JUNIOR WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2009 continued on as another year of the roof. Completed this year were: the Day School roof replacement, remediation work on the administration building roof and re-evaluation of the new flat roof over the kitchen.

Most importantly, the Vestry developed and approved fund raising for the church and chapel roof replacement. The final cost estimate for the roof project was just over \$263,000 plus any contingencies. The "Raising the Roof" campaign was launched and in a matter of six weeks, the majority of the funds were pledged. The roof was replaced without incident and, as of this time, there is no indication of any further leaks.

During this year, the Denley family made a memorial donation in memory of Mrs. Dee Denley for the purpose of design and construction of a plaza and walkway in the right front church property. With a wonderful design by Margaret Waring, this project will soon commence.

As the year closed, the carpet in the church moved forward as an increasingly worrisome problem. Due to age and wear, there are multiple areas that represent a fall risk. The Vestry voted to remove the carpet starting with the floor around the altar inside the communion rail. Imminent is removal of the carpet in the old choir area out to the lectern and pulpit and the steps leading to this area. All of this area will be sanded, re-stained and sealed next week. It is anticipated that, in time, this process will continue until the entire church is done. The incoming Junior Warden is already quite involved in this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Babson Fresh, M.D.
January, 2010

CURATE'S ANNUAL REPORT

It's hard to believe that we've been with Saint James for nearly two years. Over the course of this past year, Violet learned to walk and began developing a vocabulary beyond "NO!" and "MINE!" Parzival has grown in size and in independence- he can do many more tasks on his own now.

Lydia and I have had the opportunity to hire baby sitters and get out of the house without children on a few occasions. The supper clubs arranged by the Parish Life committee were especially fun, and we were glad for the chance to talk with grown-ups sans children.

The ministry at Saint James continues to be challenging, inspiring, and humbling all at once. The youth of the EYC completed a mission trip to North Dakota this past summer. We will be looking at putting together another trip for this summer very soon. That trip was a very good experience for me. I learned how to arrange transportation, lodging, and activities. I discovered that such trips can be very rewarding for everyone involved. I also learned that sleeping in your seat on a train can be rather uncomfortable.

Organizing Sunday morning Sunday school for the little ones has been a very positive experience. We have a really great group of adult volunteers who teach the children on Sunday mornings. Their devotion to the littlest of our parish is inspiring.

My Sunday morning class spent two months exploring the question, "why should we go to church?" We've also learned Gospel lessons from the *Simpsons* and revisited *Lost* and questioned whether survival at all costs is a good idea. I'm looking forward to taking one final look at *Lost* when the series concludes.

Father Jim passed away in September. I miss him. I'm certain you all do, too.

The year has been challenging in the best way possible. I am looking forward to what 2010 will bring.

Fr. Michael E. Bertrand
Assistant to the Rector

ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

We bake the bread, buy the wine, set the table, decorate the room, take care of the vestments, do the dishes, wash and iron the linens. All this is lovingly done by the Altar Guild to enhance your worship experience. We are dependent upon you to come to table and be fed each Holy Day. This year we were again called upon by the Bishop to serve at the Diocesan Convention Eucharist and to provide our Altar Bread for that event. Our own Roy Rosenthal provided the

flowers for the Diocesan Eucharist.

There were no weddings in 2009 in which Carla Beth and members of the Wedding Committee participated.

The Vestry administers the funds used by the Altar Guild to purchase altar wine, supplies for making Altar Bread, oil for the candles, laundry supplies, etc., needed to provide our services. The altar flowers, usually arranged by our talented members, are purchased with your donations for memorial flowers. We appreciate your donations. We also have a restricted Memorial Fund, invested at A.G. Edwards, from which we purchase needed altar linens and Eucharistic vessels or other items that enhance our worship space.

In 2009, Altar Guild Memorial Funds were used to purchase the following items to the Glory of God:

All-Purpose Corporal: In loving memory of Joe D. Smith

All-Purpose Corporal: In loving memory of John M. Yeager, Jr.

All-Purpose Corporal: In loving memory of Bill Goodwin

Six Purificators: In loving memory of Dorothy Cook

Six Lavabo Towels: In loving memory of Bill Goodwin, Dorothy Cook, John and Adoline Wafer, and Betty Sutherland

Altar Guild Members contribute to a Courtesy Fund. These monies are used to provide meals or flowers to Altar Guild members who are ill or have a family member who is hospitalized. We also use these funds as a contribution to the Memorial Fund in event of the death of a member or their family member. A Christmas remembrance is provided to our sextons with these funds.

With other generous contributions from Altar Guild Members we were able to provide food and gifts for a needy family of five, selected by the Shepherd Center.

Our Annual Luncheon and one meeting for the year were graciously hosted by member Sara Marshall.

Many of our Altar Guild members, assisted by our dedicated parishioners and ladies from Holy Comforter in LeCompte, continue to make the famous St. James Altar bread as needed for both our churches. Holy Comforter assists with the costs for baking supplies.

We remain indebted to our parish family for their support of our work and invite anyone who is interested to join us in our work. It has been a pleasure to serve you and our Priests.

Charlotte Sterling, Kathy Dungan
Co-Directresses

Wedding Committee: Chairperson

Hort Nolan
Ellen Inman
Tish Fresh

Carla-Beth Carlisle

Kathy Dungan
Cissy Galloway
Charlotte Sterling

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**Honored, Retired Altar Guild
Members**

Carrie Lee Fowler
Gladys Easterling

Phyllis Bloch

CANTERBURY HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT

Canterbury House, a separate corporation from St. James Episcopal Church and School, but strongly supported through ministry of the church and school, has maintained its level of service throughout the year despite a bad economy. We still strive to keep the house filled.

We continue to provide services to the elderly, and we feel we offer the best deal in town for independent and assisted living.

The aforementioned support through ministry is invaluable, and we invite more communicants to become involved in that ministry.

So spread the word, and be sure to come over and see us. We're just across the street. You'll be happy that you did!

Jim Leggett
Board President

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

See Curate's report.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN ANNUAL REPORT

The women of St. James hosted a variety of receptions this year for our parishioners. We continue to have good participation from our members.

The St. James Cookbook, our ongoing fundraiser brought in \$155.00 and Art Auction sales totaled \$1,030.00.

The ECW held the Day School Tea Party for the children and their siblings. Receptions were held honoring our Graduates in May and funerals throughout the year.

Canterbury House Birthday parties were held on the third Wednesday of each month and hosted by a different person each month. .

Easter and Christmas flowers and cards were delivered to the St. James homebound by our members.

Rental Gallery tables for the Tea Party: \$100.50
Canterbury Birthday Parties: \$199.00 was spent and reimbursed.
Reception Supplies: \$131.47

Respectfully submitted by
Kelly Texada
ECW President

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM)

No report submitted.

THE EPISCOBELLIANS ANNUAL REPORT

The Episcobellians have had a great year. We welcomed two new members, Ann Robichaux and Dr. Larry Menache. Dr. Menache is back after an extended hiatus. We were able to play during morning worship a few more times this calendar year, in addition to our regular Ascension Day Service, and the ever popular Carols by the Fire. Handchimes were a new experience for us this season. Many of us had never played the chimes before and we found them to be a unique and desirable sound. We look forward to using them more in the near future. We always enjoy our time together and welcome anyone who would like to ring in the new year by ringing handbells with us.

Tina Smith
Director, Episcobellians

EYC ANNUAL REPORT

In the past year, five members of the EYC and three adult sponsors completed a mission trip to North Dakota during the first week of August. During that trip, we did maintenance on a small mission church, painted a fence for our host church, and worked on a house in a reservation for Native Americans.

The EYC went canoeing in the spring. We played video games and watched movies in addition to completing a curriculum that explored the meaning of creation. The EYC also provided Christmas presents for a needy family.

In the coming year, the St. James EYC intends to continue to learn about Jesus and to cultivate His presence in their lives. EYC is planning on doing more mission work, both locally and outside Alexandria. We also intend to have fun as a community, and we want to reach out to youth.

If you are in grades 6-12, or you know someone who is, please have them contact Mrs. Ruth Weinzettle and/ or Fr. Mike, or encourage them to just show up on a Wednesday night. If you are interested in influencing the next generation of Christian youth at St. James, then please consider volunteering as a sponsor.

And as always, big thank yous to all EYC sponsors, both past and present. We appreciate you and value your time and effort. We couldn't do EYC without you!

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Evangelism Committee is responsible for New Member Ministry at St. James. Working on this committee in 2009 have been Jana Skinner, Dee Drell, Becky Elliott, Theresa Louviere, Melanie Torbett and clergy members Fr. Tinsley and Fr. Bertrand.

The committee sponsored a welcome reception for newcomers on Mother's Day in May in the Parish Hall, with assistance from men of the church. In addition, committee members participated in St. James Day in July, helping with nametags and a display of historical memorabilia.

Throughout the year, members of the committee prepare evangelism messages for the weekly announcements sent to the congregation. A Greeters' Ministry continues to operate under the auspices of this committee. To augment this ministry, we also send notes and prepare and distribute welcome gift bags to visitors to our services.

On September 27, we hosted "Sidewalk Sunday" refreshments in front of the church after the 10:30 service. With preparation help from the EYC, we offered Christmas treat bags to attendees at the December 17 caroling event in the Parish Hall.

In 2010, our goals include preparing a map of the St. James church campus for newcomers, signage additions for the youth building, day school and Walker building, and a visitors' page on the St. James website.

We always welcome new members to the committee, as well as comments and suggestions.

MEMORIAL AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

In 2009 several projects were begun and should be completed this coming year.

Plans are underway for a patio and walkway extending from the office wing to the front of the church on Bolton Avenue. It will be partly funded by a memorial.

Among projects completed were the purchase of new American and Episcopal flags along with new rope and hardware.

A new Lenten set was purchased for the main altar which includes a fair linen, a corporal and six (6) purificators all given in memory of Quintin Hardtner Hartt. Also, an all purpose fair linen for the main altar was purchased and given in memory of Dixie Lee Ball Adams and William Samuel Adams.

We welcome any suggestions that would add to and enhance the church and its services. They will be discussed by the memorial committee, the Rector, and then approved by the Vestry.

All contributions to memorials are greatly appreciated and each helps obtain special as well as needed items for the church.

Kathy Dungan
Chairperson

MISSION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor. All who wish to attend are very welcome! Active members of the Mission Committee include Father Michael Bertrand, Susan Frey, Matt Woollett, and Graham McFerran.

On Friday, November 6, 2009, eight of us went on a weekend mission trip with the Church of the Annunciation in New Orleans: Berry and Graham Bateman, Father Michael Bertrand, Sarah Drell, Bill Henderson, David and Katie Lind, and Judge Tom Yeager. We headed out that Friday at 5:30 p.m., stopped at Trinity Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge for dinner, and arrived at Annunciation around 9:30 p.m.

Annunciation put us up in their dorm rooms that night and Saturday night. Three of us spent the morning distributing flyers in the Broadmoor neighborhood telling the neighbors about the church's efforts in neighborhood improvement and the upcoming Thanksgiving potluck. It was heartening to see all the progress that had been made at restoring the area. Meanwhile, the rest of the crew had begun painting the trim on a two-and-a-half story house on Napoleon Avenue. We joined them after lunch; by the end of the day the outside trim had been painted. St. James members are not afraid of heights! While we were working outside, the homeowner was sweeping up the construction debris and her two brothers were fixing the upstairs plumbing. The homeowner has been living at her mother's house since Katrina; she hopes to soon be able to rent the upstairs apartment out, then use the income to repair her own living quarters.

Saturday after the workday Father Mike led evening prayers, then we almost all headed off to the College Inn for dinner. I'm told several members of the team later watched the Saints game in the church's parish hall - but most of us were already asleep in our rooms.

Father Mike officiated at Annunciation's service on Sunday morning, then we all headed for home. Tired, inspired, and making plans to return. We hope to offer a slide show of the pictures and tell some of the stories on a Wednesday evening.

It has been a pleasure to begin serving as chair for the Mission Committee this year. We appreciate the extensive support received from the Vestry and members of St. James. We look forward to expanding our efforts "abroad".

Graham McFerran, Chair

MOUNT OLIVET PROPERTY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

During 2009, there were four burials in the historic section and two in the Singer section. Four lots have been sold in the Singer Street section

There is an ongoing problem with leaks in the mausoleum roof; options for repair are being sought.

The green space near the Main Street fence in the historic section to the left of the chapel has been divided into 34 new graves, costing \$1,000 each. There are also infant and children's graves available beside the Angel of Hope.

The Dabadie Correctional Institute continues to provide labor for the cleaning and maintenance of both sections.

Many trees have been lost though the years, and the committee is pursuing the donation of replacement trees for the historic section. A large white oak tree has been donated to the new section near the Angel of Hope and another has been purchased.

Elaine Hicks has given several cemetery tours to garden clubs, school groups, as well as the Kent House Mourning Tour.

The third annual Angel of Hope Vigil took place on December 6, 2009; we all wish to thank Pam Schroeder for her continued ministry. There was a very nice article about the Angel of Hope in the November/December 2009 edition of Louisiana Life magazine.

Cissy Galloway, Chair

Members:

Pat Carter
Ken Carstens, Vestry Representative
Milford Crumplar
Babson Fresh, Junior Warden

Frank Goodwin
Elaine Hicks, Administrator
Babs Leggett
Fr. Fred Tinsley, Rector

OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

Dear Friends,

Greetings from your Outreach Committee! We are pleased to report that this year's programs and in-gatherings were a big success!

In January, we collected paper goods to benefit Friendship House. These items are costly to Friendship House, and our donations help them stay within their budget while still providing great service to many elderly in our area.

In February and March, we collected twin bed sheets for our Sweet Dreams Drive. More than 100 sets of twin bed sheets now help to make our area shelters more comfortable for their clients. The committee, with the help of several volunteers, also prepared two meals for Community Health Works, a local clinic where doctors and nurses volunteer their time to treat the needy in our area.

In August and September, we Threw in the Towel on Summer, collecting nearly 200 towels to be divided among Hope House, Olive House and Turning Point. The congregation's generosity during this in-gathering was enormous!

In October, we joined forces with the Parish Life Committee to put on a Silent Auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity and Canterbury House. It was lots of fun participating in Oktoberfest and many agreed that the Silent Auction added another enticing activity to the mix. The Silent Auction raised more than \$1000! We also collected candy and stuffed treat bags during October. These treat bags were distributed to the children of our own tutoring program, as well as children at Hope House, Turning Point and CLASS.

In November, we teamed up again with Parish Life to host the Parish Thanksgiving Meal and Food Drive. In another astonishing display of generosity, the congregation donated almost 700 pounds of food to the Central Louisiana Food Bank!

In December, we sponsored 20 families as part of the Shepherd Center's Christmas Cheer Program. The deadline for delivery of all items was December 14, 2009 and, as far as the committee knows, all families have been accounted for.

As in years past, we also donated \$5,500 to the Shepherd Center for use in their various programs benefitting needy families in our community.

In January 2010, we will collect disinfecting wipes to benefit Seeds of Harvest, an area non-profit helping homebound senior citizens with daily health and housekeeping activities. The project is tentatively called "Wipeout" and we look forward delivering these items to Seeds of Harvest.

We send our thanks to everyone who has participated in our 2009 projects. As always, we give thanks for all the many blessings we enjoy as a church and for all the many opportunities to give of these blessings we've enjoyed over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Randall

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR

St. James parishioners and friends enjoyed a year filled with interesting and fun events and projects. Following are the events we enjoyed:

- 1/24/09 Episcopal Men's Chili Cook-off
Chili was sampled and voted upon
Ray Team Winners
Southwestern food and beverages
TexMex music provided

- 2/15/09 Peter Pan at Pineville High School
DQ treats afterward

- 2/24/09 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in Parish Hall

- 3/25/09 Potluck Supper – wild game

Pysanky Egg Workshop held in March

- 4/12/09 Easter Brunch – Easter Champagne Mimosa Brunch

Yoga classes began and continued throughout the year!

- 5/5/09 Cinco de Mayo – Parish Hall
Nacho bar, beef enchiladas were some of the great food we enjoyed!

- 5/30/09 Whiskey Chitto River Canoe trip
- 6/5/09 Alexandria Aces Family Night Out Bringham Field
- 6/11/09 Dinner and a movie in the Parish Hall
- 6/19/09 Ladies Night Out – dinner at McAlister’s and a movie at The Grand
- 7/16/09 Dinner and a movie in the Parish Hall
- 7/24/09 Couples Night – Bellino’s Italian restaurant
- 8/2/09 Build your own Sundae, Sunday in the Parish Hall
- 8/21/09 Ladies Night Out – Yucatan Mexican Restaurant
Dessert and coffee at the home of Sam and June Hendrix
- 9/11/09 Couples Night Out – Alexandria Country Club
- 9/13/09 Continental Breakfast to kick-off Christian Education at St. James
- 10/16/09 Oktoberfest in the Parish Hall and Patio
Great food, live entertainment, silent auction, door prizes and art auction
Fabulous!
- 11/5/09 Pysanky egg workshop
- 11/13/09 St. James Supper Club – Giamanco’s Suburban Garden
- 11/18/09 Thanksgiving Feast and Can Food Drive
Teamed with Outreach Committee
- 12/6/09 Rapides Symphony Orchestra Concert
- 12/11/09 Ladies Night Out – Tunk’s Seafood Restaurant

Parish Life is excited to start a new year and looking forward to another fun-filled year packed with our favorite events and projects and some new ones. Come join us!

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

2009 was a year of growth, change, and improvements for St. James Episcopal Day School! With thanks to St. James Episcopal Church, we continued to improve our building with **MORE**

roof work, painting of the exterior trim, and bathroom remodels! These construction projects were met with great patience from families and teachers, and with great curiosity from our students! Topics in our classrooms expanded to include conversations about machinery, materials, change over time, **noise**, and community helpers. Three cheers to all the staff and parents who were very FLEXIBLE during the process! In December 2009, our day school board approved a major renovation plan for our three playgrounds. We hope to celebrate our new playgrounds with a ribbon cutting at our annual Lobster Boil on May 1st, 2010.

The day school currently has 20 staff members, 8 of whom are parents of St. James students or parents of St. James graduates. We also have a teacher who is an aunt of one of our students, and a teacher who is a grandmother of one of our students. One of our teachers is a day school graduate! Our 7 lead teachers' combined experience at St. James exceeds 70 years! The day school also partners with the Rapides Parish Library Reading Program. Essentially, a "classroom on wheels" the library provides weekly theme bags to support and enhance our work in the classroom.

St. James continues to offer a transition classroom for our younger students still mastering some school readiness skills. This has been a great asset to St. James, as we are able to accept a more diverse group of students. We have also opened our doors to Early Childhood Professionals in our community. Some of our students at St. James receive services including Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy. The day school is proud of our commitment to meeting the needs of all students, including medically fragile children and children with exceptional learning styles.

We continue to build and improve our Mother's Day Out Program! After moving into the Episcopal Youth Community room in 2008, we "borrowed" the office adjacent to the space in 2009. With this new "L" shaped room and an additional teacher's assistant, our Mother's Day Out can now serve 15 children a day -- 5 more than in 2008! We also expanded our hours and now offer a 5:30 full day option for our parents. With 25 different one year olds sharing this space over the week, we are busy, busy, busy!

The Day School is strengthened by its supportive families! We currently have 93 enrolled families for a total of 104 students. This includes eleven sets of siblings and four sets of twins. We serve families from Alexandria, Ball, Bunkie, Deville, Dry Prong, Effie, Forrest Hill, Lena, Pineville, Pollock and Woodworth. Our families help keep the day school connected with our community. Many of our families participated in our Fall Mission - A Holiday Dinner Basket drive for the Friendship House. Other families have volunteered time to bring monthly Teacher Appreciation breakfasts, put together new furniture, reupholster teacher chairs, and build beautiful safety gates.

In all, 2009 was another wonderful, growing, dynamic year for the day school! I would like to especially thank Father Tinsley and all of our board members; Amy Norton, president, Isabel Carriere, Nell Deville, Leigh Ann Kirsch, Trish Leleux, Misty Noland, Maria Olagues, Elizabeth Pate, Scott Raborn, Michael Scherer and Ryan Tracewitz for their hard work and commitment to

St. James Episcopal Day School.

Anna Theus, Director

St. James Episcopal School

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2009

Dec 31, 09

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1005 · Red River Bank

7,749.32

1007 · Savings- Red River

47,175.18

Total Checking/Savings

54,924.50

Accounts Receivable

1200 · Accounts Receivable

22,687.95

Total Accounts Receivable

22,687.95

Other Current Assets

1499 · Undeposited Funds

2,263.81

1505 · Prepaid workers comp

2,660.77

1520 · Employee Prepaid Salaries

317.86

2130 · School Office Equipment

2,334.72

Total Other Current Assets

7,577.16

Total Current Assets

85,189.61

Fixed Assets

2350 · School roof replacement

25,000.00

2355 · School improvements

11,835.43

Total Fixed Assets

36,835.43

TOTAL ASSETS

122,025.04

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

2010 · Accounts Payable

537.28

Total Accounts Payable

537.28

Other Current Liabilities

2200 · Payroll Liabilities

2208 · State Tax Withholding

403.17

Total 2200 - Payroll Liabilities	403.17
2306 - Prepaid registration 2009-2010	<u>4,549.98</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>4,953.15</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5,490.43</u>
Total Liabilities	5,490.43
Equity	
3000 - Fund-Raisers	69,767.15
3003 - Sally Foster 2009-2010	2,416.31
3900 - Retained Earnings	35,524.78
Net Income	<u>10,047.25</u>
Total Equity	<u>117,755.49</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>123,245.92</u></u>

St. James Episcopal School
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
June through December 2009

	Annual		
	Jun - Dec 09	YTD Budget	Budget
Income			
4000 · Operating Revenues			
4010 · Registration	11,560.02	8,750.00	15,000.00
4015 · Tuition			
4015.1 · 5daytuition	35,168.82	40,077.80	90,175.00
4015.2 · 2day2 tuition	1,080.00	2,980.00	6,705.00
4015.3 · 3day3 tuition	5,940.00	1,531.10	3,445.00
4015.4 · Mother's Day out tuition	19,412.50	13,914.45	31,307.50
4015.5 · 4 year old tuition	8,741.33	8,396.65	18,892.50
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Total 4015 · Tuition	70,342.65	66,900.00	150,525.00
4020 · Extended Care	26,982.64	19,702.20	44,330.00
4021 · Holiday Extended Care	7,950.00	3,250.00	6,500.00
4025 · Play Day	3,114.35	4,098.90	9,222.50
4030 · Early Bird	2,742.41	1,777.80	4,000.00
4050 · Drop-in Programs			
4051 · Play Day Drop-In	193.25	266.65	600.00
4052 · Extended Care Drop-In	808.50	311.10	700.00
4053 · Early Bird Drop-In	87.00	44.45	100.00
4056 · MDO Drop In	220.00	222.20	500.00
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Total 4050 · Drop-in Programs	1,308.75	844.40	1,900.00
4054 · Summer Tuition			
4057 · Summer School registration	1,700.00	2,125.00	2,125.00
4054 · Summer Tuition - Other	48,236.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
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Total 4054 · Summer Tuition	49,936.00	47,125.00	47,125.00
Total 4000 · Operating Revenues	173,936.82	152,448.30	278,602.50
4110 · Interest Income	308.12	700.00	1,200.00
4470 · Late pickup	60.00	44.45	100.00
4600 · T-Shirts	307.00	133.35	300.00
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Total Income	174,611.94	153,326.10	280,202.50
Expense			
5000 · Expenses			
5010 · Public Relations	783.33	583.35	1,000.00
5020 · Utilities	2,450.00	2,450.00	4,200.00

5022 · Workman's Compensation	1,870.48	1,790.85	3,070.00
5023 · Telephone & Internet	638.71	665.00	1,140.00
5026 · Postage	206.39	466.65	800.00
5030 · Bank Charges	1,245.94	933.35	1,600.00
5040 · Continuing Education, Training			
5041 · Continuing Education	0.00	444.45	1,000.00
5042 · Teacher Training	1,658.65	800.00	1,800.00
5043 · Licensing	78.00	111.10	250.00
5044 · Director - Continuing Ed	0.00	444.45	1,000.00
Total 5040 · Continuing Education, Training	1,736.65	1,800.00	4,050.00
5100 · Classroom Expenses			
5110 · Supplies			
5112 · General Supplies	2,942.79	1,777.80	4,000.00
5113 · Office Supplies	1,488.06	755.55	1,700.00
5115 · Teacher Allowances	1,451.51	1,750.00	3,500.00
5116 · Learning & Teaching Tools	196.04	444.45	1,000.00
5119 · Summer Supplies	860.56	800.00	800.00
Total 5110 · Supplies	6,938.96	5,527.80	11,000.00
Total 5100 · Classroom Expenses	6,938.96	5,527.80	11,000.00
5117 · Subscriptions	54.95	116.65	200.00
5120 · Snacks			
5121 · General Snacks	1,304.82	1,111.10	2,500.00
5122 · Summer Snacks	428.60	600.00	600.00
Total 5120 · Snacks	1,733.42	1,711.10	3,100.00
5150 · Special Events			
5151 · Art Show	0.00	44.45	100.00
5152 · Christmas	0.00	44.45	100.00
5153 · Easter	0.00	44.45	100.00
5154 · Graduation	26.97	44.45	100.00
5155 · Fall Festival	0.00	44.45	100.00
5156 · Mardi Gras	0.00	44.45	100.00
5157 · Misc. Gifts and Cards	0.00	44.45	100.00
5158 · Open House	24.00	66.65	150.00
5159 · Teacher/Board Gifts	0.00	44.45	100.00
5160 · Thanksgiving	0.00	44.45	100.00
5161 · Valentines	0.00	44.45	100.00
Total 5150 · Special Events	50.97	511.15	1,150.00
5200 · Furnishing/Equipment	40.88	444.45	1,000.00
5250 · Rental--Office Equipment	795.86	1,166.65	2,000.00

5300 · Maintenance			
5305 · Property Maintenance	5,141.24	2,041.65	3,500.00
5310 · Cleaning	4,691.09	2,625.00	4,500.00
5312 · Janitorial Supplies	1,465.10	1,000.00	1,949.00
Total 5300 · Maintenance	<u>11,297.43</u>	<u>5,666.65</u>	<u>9,949.00</u>
Total 5000 · Expenses	29,843.97	23,833.65	44,259.00
5011 · Professional Memberships	509.00	291.65	500.00
5012 · Advertising			
5017 · T-Shirts	0.00	204.15	350.00
5012 · Advertising - Other	218.47	233.30	400.00
Total 5012 · Advertising	<u>218.47</u>	<u>437.45</u>	<u>750.00</u>
6001 · Payroll Expenses			
5024 · Pension	822.24	842.90	1,445.00
6010 · Director	16,124.87	16,866.50	28,914.00
6012 · Office Assistant	5,501.87	6,374.05	10,927.00
6013 · Teachers	32,394.27	28,322.85	63,726.25
6014 · Assistants	11,783.25	14,369.04	30,875.25
6015 · Extended Care			
5350 · Late pickup payroll	16.50	22.20	50.00
6016 · Extended Care Payroll	9,138.15	10,771.00	24,226.00
6016.1 · Extended Care/Holiday	861.64	2,853.35	6,420.00
6016.2 · Ext Care Holiday-MDO	0.00	1,244.45	2,800.00
6022 · Extended Care Subs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 6015 · Extended Care	<u>10,016.29</u>	<u>14,891.00</u>	<u>33,496.00</u>
6017 · Early Bird	640.00	711.10	1,600.00
6018 · Playday	1,650.00	1,777.80	4,000.00
6019 · Language	250.00	1,000.00	2,250.00
6020 · Religion	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,250.00
6021 · Music	1,437.50	1,000.00	2,250.00
6023 · Morning Subs	2,180.00	722.20	1,625.00
6024 · Bonus	4,087.69	1,644.45	3,700.00
6026 · Spanish	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,250.00
6050 · Summer Payroll			
9051 · Summer Coordinator	3,600.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
9052 · Summer Teacher	15,205.00	15,245.00	15,245.00
9053 · Summer Assistant	5,137.33	7,360.00	7,360.00
9054 · Summer Ext. Care	10,358.66	7,095.00	7,095.00
9055 · Summer Teacher--MDO	1,140.00		
6050 · Summer Payroll - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 6050 · Summer Payroll	<u>35,440.99</u>	<u>33,000.00</u>	<u>33,000.00</u>

6055 · Payroll Taxes	9,664.28	10,150.00	17,400.00
6001 · Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 6001 · Payroll Expenses	<u>133,993.25</u>	<u>133,671.89</u>	<u>239,708.50</u>
Total Expense	<u>164,564.69</u>	<u>158,234.64</u>	<u>285,217.50</u>
Net Income	<u>10,047.25</u>	<u>-4,908.54</u>	<u>-5,015.00</u>

STEWARDSHIP REPORT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The 2010 theme for the stewardship campaign reminded us that our returning to God gifts of our time, talent, and treasure continues to be “heart work.” As long as we have a pulse, stewardship is doing everything we can with everything we have. It remains, day in and day out, the work of the church.

Drew Texada launched the 2010 commitment campaign with a letter addressed to the entire congregation outlining some hopes and dreams. He also outlined some specific need for the coming year. The response to Drew’s comments from the larger parish proved most positive. Please know that the members of the Vestry also did a terrific job in assisting with the follow-up to Commitment Sunday encouraging parishioners to support the life and ministry of St. James parish church and school.

For your information, a summary of this congregation’s commitment campaign results funding mission, ministry, and program here at St. James follows on the next page.

	Pledges 2010	Pledges 2009	Outstanding 2010
Total Pledges	\$590,936.00	\$570,831.00	8
Count	152	153	\$22,260.00
Average Pledge	\$3,887.74	\$3,730.92	
Increase/Decrease in Average Pledge 2010	\$156.82		
Median Pledge	\$2,09.00	\$2,000.00	

Pledges Increased 2010	Difference	New Pledges 2010	Pledges Unchanged 2010	Pledges Reduced 2010	Difference	Pledges Lost 2010
58		21	57	16		15
\$339,682.00	\$57,790.00	\$44,760.00	\$172,524.00	\$33,970.00	-\$17,721.00	-\$46,804.00

Data 2009

Pledges Increased 2009	Difference	New Pledges 2009	Pledges Unchanged 2009	Pledges Reduced 2009	Difference	Pledges Lost 2009
65		24	49	14		11
\$313,587.00	\$62,701.00	\$44,704.00	\$157,700.00	\$54,720.00	-\$20,320.00	-\$62,100.00

Rank Ordering of Pledge Results for 2010

Pledge Ranges	Households in Range	Percents of Households Pledging in Range	Percent of Total Pledged in Range
\$1.00 to \$699	28	18%	2%
\$700 to \$1,299	27	18%	5%
\$1,300 to \$2,999	34	22%	12%
\$3,000 to \$4,999	22	14%	14%
\$5,000 to \$6,999	22	14%	21%
\$7,000 to \$10,999	9	6%	11%
\$11,000 to \$19,999	4	3%	12%
\$20,000 and above	6	4%	27%

TUTORING PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

Now it its eighth year, the St. James Tutoring Program continues to make a difference in the lives of children and adults alike! This Reading Program for at-risk third graders from Rugg Elementary relies heavily on the one-on-one reading the students do with our volunteers. The individualized reading builds not only reading skills (pronunciation, vocabulary, and comprehension), but also, confidence in these children who often struggle to just keep up with their classmates. Goals are set each six weeks as to how many books they will read and test on, the overall percentage they must earn on the tests, and the number of months they think they can raise their reading level. At the end of the six weeks, those who achieve their goals enjoy an outing which in itself is a learning experience for most - bowling, rock climbing, hands-on at an airport to name a few. All this is made possible through the generosity of our church family - both in regards to money for snacks and the outings and in the time given by volunteers to build a better future for these children.

We have been blessed with more volunteers than ever before this year! You are the heart of our program - proclaiming God's love simply by being there to listen. Thank you.

USHER'S COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The ushers continued in faithful service in 2009. We continue to serve at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning service, at funerals and special services throughout the year. Anyone interested in serving as an usher may contact me and be assigned a week during the month to serve. We continue to have the support from those many who have served over the years, and I am thankful each week for their service. The usher schedule is posted on the St. James Web site to help remind each of us of our week of service.

Bill Henderson, Chair

WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Worship at St. James Episcopal Church continues to be at the center of our life as a parish.

The ministries that fall under the Worship Committee include Altar Guild, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Acolytes, Ushers, and Music Department. All have worked together with the clergy to provide a meaningful worship experience for the parish family and should be commended for the efforts they put toward the preparation for each service.

The death of our long-time Priest Assistant, Fr. Jim Adams, has been felt throughout our St. James family in recent months.

Anyone wishing to participate in a worship ministry should contact the chairperson of that ministry listed below, either directly or through the church office.

All our efforts are made easier by the untiring work of our Parish Staff, who with their spirit and humor have made this an enjoyable year.

The Worship Committee members are the Rector, Curate, Head Verger, and the Chair/Directors of the various ministries. Worship Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Contact list for Worship ministries:

Worship	Head Verger Trevor From
Eucharistic Visitors	Fr. Michael Bertrand/Head Verger
Acolytes	Acolyte Director Holly Dixon
Music – Choir	Director of Music Richard Gwartney
Organist	Marie Durham
Bell Choir	Tina Smith
Altar Guild	Co-Directors Kathy Dungan, Charlotte Sterling
Ushers	Head Usher Bill Henderson
Oblationers	Head Verger Trevor From

K. Trevor From, Jr.
Chair, Worship Committee/Head Verger

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Time flies when you are having fun! We, the staff at St. James, are fairly certain you will never hear us say we are bored and have nothing to do. Each day continues to bring new challenges.

Beginning my eighth year at St. James, I continue to give thanks for the blessings received each day as Parish Administrator. The support from parishioners of St. James is amazing, and we are reminded daily that our work is truly a ministry. Kind words and wonderful smiles help make each day a gift. Father Fred is a true joy to work for, listening with an open mind and heart, giving support when needed, and caring for the parishioners of St. James and the office staff. Fr. Mike Bertrand, Cheryl Chalah, Joe Roberts, and Reddy Dorn are delightful to work with and Sarah and Amanda Frazier are wonderful with your children in the nursery. I'm blessed to have such wonderful people to work with as we continue to do the ministry for St. James.

I am also thankful for Frank Goodwin, Harmon Dungan and Pat Carter for volunteering in the office, Nell Deville, Holly Dixon and Babson Fresh being so gracious to be "on call" to sign checks when needed and providing support and encouragement when needed. Judy Tinsley and June Hendrix were prayers answered throughout the year, providing much needed help and support for us. To those volunteers who help us in the office, thank you so much!

We ask that you continue to pray for our staff here at St. James as we do the work and minister for the Lord. In return, we keep each and every one of you in our daily prayers.

Mary Vermaelen

In
Memoriam

Booker Newton Hargis
Melody Hardy
Barbara Strader Downs
Quintin Hardtner Hartt
Elizabeth Jean Wallace Hill
Sherman Dale Van Bibber
Mary Duncan Crockett
Milford Weeks Crumplar, Jr.
Father James Franklin Adams
Marion Dear Weber
Kenneth A. Jurgensen

Almighty God, with whom still lies the spirit of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity. We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of Your Holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in Your eternal everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Rector's Statistical Report
to the
Annual Parish Meeting
St. James Episcopal Church
(Year Ending December 31, 2009)

1. Baptisms	5
2. Confirmations/Receptions/Reaffirmations (no visitation in 2009)	0
3. Marriages	1
4. Burials	11
5. Transfers In	
a. Communicants	9
b. Baptized Members	<u>12</u>
c. Total (a + b)	21
6. Transfers Out	
d. Active Status	2
e. Inactive Status	<u>7</u>
f. Total (c+d)	9
7. Service Record	
Sunday and Saturday Evening Eucharists	151
Week Day Eucharists	156
Private Communion	62
Other	9
Sunday Daily Office	0
Weekday Daily Office	4
8. Active Communicants	278
9. Baptized Members (not yet confirmed)	<u>86</u>
g. Total Membership (No. 8 + No. 9)	364
10. Average Sunday Attendance	153
11. Fund Balances	
St. James Ministry Fund Balance as of 12/31/09	\$1,186.57

Rector's Remarks to the Annual Parish Meeting, January 24, 2010

Some weeks ago, I preached a homily that addressed the issue of hope and that intimated that the church is a place of hope as expressed through its various programs, its mission to proclaim Christ – him crucified and raised from the dead – until the day of his coming, and through its ministry to any and all comers. In concluding that particular homiletic effort, I remember posing a question asking if we, at St. James, might consider this household of faith a church of hope to the people of God.

Many might regard the year past as one of the worst years in memory. In the scheme of things, while our 401K and 403B plans may have taken it on the chin early on, the end of 2009 certainly showed marked improvement of market funds and the global economy. While a full economic recovery may take more time, I regard where we came from in the waning months of 2008 to where we were in the waning months of 2009 as something hopeful.

Thousands across this land have suffered the misfortune and humiliation of becoming unemployed; however, if our local politicians have it right, we in central Louisiana seemed to have missed that bullet for the most part. I count that as hopeful.

How did St. James Church and School weather this rather tempestuous economic storm of recession and recovery? You may remember just a year ago now; the Vestry approved a deficit budget in excess of \$116,000.00 for 2009 with the expectation that we would have to subsidize the shortfall from our Earnings and Contingencies Fund. None of that seemed particularly hopeful at the time.

This congregation responded to the looming dilemma with faith that our journey together in Christ Jesus would continue to move forward from one horizon to the next.

Foremost, we must all acknowledge to tireless efforts of the program chairs and their committee members for continuing to present us with opportunities for evangelism, mission, outreach, parish life, youth ministry, and worship despite the gloom and doom with which we were inundated by virtually every media source, particularly during the first several months of the year. The hard work of all these people encouraged us in a time of discouragement and empowered us to do the work of ministry when others succumbed to feelings of powerlessness and frustration. Not only am I grateful for all these people who devoted so much of their time and energy to our care and feeding as a church family, I am also grateful to this congregation's response to their labors. I found that a most hopeful sign.

The Worship Committee keeps our hope, as revealed in Jesus Christ, before us by assisting the rector in planning and implementing a full schedule of worship opportunities. This one committee represents the unheralded labors of a significant cadre of people – members of the Altar and Flower Guilds, the Adult Choir and the Episcopellians, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors, Acolytes, and Lectors – who through their several ministries invite each of us into a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ who, for us, is the very Incarnation of

Hope.

During the waning months of the summer, I found myself particularly staggered by the manifestation of a flagging enthusiasm for raising the children of this parish church up in the way we would have them go at least as far as Christian education was concerned. To use the words of C.S. Lewis, I was *surprised by joy* when a group of parents volunteered to see to it that the children who came would, indeed, be greeted on Sunday mornings by eager adults who wanted to teach them the stories of Jesus. I found that a most hopeful expression of Christian responsibility to the children of this church family. That special ministry continues to this day and I am thankful.

This congregation and I continue to know the blessings of rock-solid leadership from those who serve on the Vestry. What a thrill to engage the challenges, the surprises, and the joys of ministry with a group of people who have the best interest of St. James Church and School at heart. The Wardens and members of the Vestry continue to inspire hope for us all.

In the darkest of economic times most of us have known in recent times, your Vestry and I continued to wrestle with the stark realities of facility maintenance that a structure pushing a century old demands, not least of which was the roof over the church and chapel. With a dour economic climate before us, we asked the people of St. James to walk with us to a place we would never have dreamed of going, to do something we would never have dreamed of doing – raise in excess of a quarter of a million dollars to repair and replace the roof of both church and chapel. As you are well aware, in less than ninety days more than 100 families pledged enough money for St. James to pay for the roof in full and avert incurring any debt. I perceive that to have been a profound expression of hope that St. James Church and School will continue to stand proudly as a beacon of light for the Alexandria/Pineville area bearing witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus for any and all comers.

All this brings me back to the perceived hopelessness of a significantly deficit budget. The vibrant, hope-filled, persevering spirit of this congregation in the fullness of every facet of its collective life and ministry brought us to the end of 2009 sporting a deficit of \$23,000 and some change – far less than anticipated \$116,352. As I am sure you have already discovered elsewhere in the pages of the Report to the Annual Parish meeting, your Vestry has also approved a balanced budget for the year 2010.

In all, I would have to say that St. James can affirm without reservation that this household of faith has been, is now, and will remain a church of hope.

Before I conclude these remarks, I would be remiss if I failed to mention my colleagues in ministry with whom I share the day to day work of this church. Michael Bertrand, Mary Vermaelen, Cheryl Chalah, Richard Gwartney, Marie Durham, Tina Smith, Anna Theus and the faculty and staff, Reddy Dorn, Joe Roberts, Sarah and Amanda Frazier all serve this church and school steadfastly and faithfully. I am blessed to find myself surrounded by folks who view their work as vocation.

Last, but certainly not least, I continue to hold up to you the patient and steadfast ministry of my bride, Judy, to, with, and for this church and school. She, by her encouragement, support, friendship, companionship, and love, continues to make me a better person and priest than I could possibly be otherwise. For that I am most grateful and I hope you are as well.

I thoroughly enjoy being the rector of this church and school – without a doubt and by the grace of God, places of hope for all.

God's peace and blessing, FHT+

St. James Episcopal Church
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2009

Dec 31, 09

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1005 · Red River Bank checking	52,416.68
1010 · Church Checking - Regions Bank	74,680.22
1012 · The Ministry Fund - Red River	1,186.57
1015 · Day School - Red River Bank	56,749.87
1020 · Petty Cash	300.00

Total Checking/Savings	<u>185,333.34</u>
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Other Current Assets

1202 · Prepaid expenses	
1205 · Prepaid Workers Comp Ins	3,768.32
1206 · Prepaid Automobile Insurance	2,087.06
Total 1202 · Prepaid expenses	<u>5,855.38</u>

Total Other Current Assets	<u>5,855.38</u>
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Total Current Assets	<u>191,188.72</u>
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Fixed Assets

1400 · Fixed Assets

1402 · Land & Buildings

1412 · Parish Hall & Office Buildings

1412.5 · Parish Buildings Major Improvem	1,174,120.00
1412 · Parish Hall & Office Buildings - Other	941,200.00

Total 1412 · Parish Hall & Office Buildings	<u>2,115,320.00</u>
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1414 · Day School Building

1432 · Day School Building & Property

1432.5 · School Roof	68,925.61
1432.6 · Gym Air Conditioners	23,085.00

Total 1432 · Day School Building & Property	<u>92,010.61</u>
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1414 · Day School Building - Other	636,400.00
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Total 1414 · Day School Building	<u>728,410.61</u>
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1416 · Other Real Estate	175,000.00
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1418 · Church & Chapel

1418.5 · Church Major Improvements	273,079.64
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1418 · Church & Chapel - Other	<u>3,125,500.00</u>
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Total 1418 · Church & Chapel	3,398,579.64
1420 · Office & Ground equipment	56,800.75
1430 · Albert Street - Buildings	140,000.00
Total 1402 · Land & Buildings	<u>6,614,111.00</u>
Total 1400 · Fixed Assets	<u>6,614,111.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>6,614,111.00</u>
Other Assets	
1504 · Notes Receivable	
1504.1 · Note Rec. - Canterbury 2002	125,000.00
Total 1504 · Notes Receivable	<u>125,000.00</u>
1508 · Investment - Wachovia	827,767.41
Total Other Assets	<u>952,767.41</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>7,758,067.13</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2010 · Accounts payable	86,994.38
Total Accounts Payable	<u>86,994.38</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
2200 · Payroll Liabilities	
2208 · State Withholding Taxes	226.57
Total 2200 · Payroll Liabilities	<u>226.57</u>
2310 · Prepaid Pledges 2010	38,350.00
2312 · Prepaid Parish Life 2310	118.50
2504 · Rector prepaid dental	570.00
2506 · Prepaid Advertising	2,160.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>41,425.07</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>128,419.45</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>128,419.45</u>
Equity	
2050 · St. James Episcopal Day School	56,749.87
2901 · Church Equity	
2901.1 · Church Equity - Cash	34,134.58
2901.2 · Church Equity - Other	6,611,237.08
	<u>6,611,237.08</u>

Total 2901 · Church Equity	6,645,371.66
2902 · Permanent Fund Balance	
29020 · Mt. Olivet Cemetery Funds	
29020.2 · Mt. Olivet - Endowment Fund	219,790.88
29020.3 · Gamburg Endowment Fund	36,572.59
29020.4 · Mt. Olivet Mausoleum & Col. Fun	28,793.92
Total 29020 · Mt. Olivet Cemetery Funds	<u>285,157.39</u>
29023 · St. James Endowment Fund	
29023.2 · Endowment -	218,699.55
Total 29023 · Endowment	<u>218,699.55</u>
29026 · Klock Music	
29026.2 · Klock - AGE	8,944.08
Total 29026 · Klock Music	<u>8,944.08</u>
Total 2902 · Permanent Fund Balance	<u>512,801.02</u>
2904 · Restricted Fund Balance	
2900.2 · Earnings & Contingencies - Investments	200,841.13
29022.1 · Cap Improve - Cash	<u>-52,431.58</u>
29024 · Memorial	
29024.1 · Memorial - Cash	
29024.4 · Dee Denley Memorial Park	45,532.25
29024.1 · Memorial - Cash - Other	13,199.78
Total 29024.1 · Memorial - Cash	<u>58,732.03</u>
29024.2 · Memorial -Investments	55,019.28
Total 29024 · Memorial	<u>113,751.31</u>
29025 · Mission & Outreach Fund	
29025.2 · M & O - Investments	21,629.80
29025.6 · Car Fund	9,194.82
Total 29025 · Mission & Outreach Fund	<u>30,824.62</u>
29027 · Wilson Contingency	
29027.2 · Wilson Cont - AGE	4,470.30
Total 29027 · Wilson Contingency	<u>4,470.30</u>
29029 · McCormick-Smith Concert Fund	
29029.1 · McCormick -Smith Fund- Cash	5,838.19
29029.2 · McCormick-Smith Fund - Investments	59,979.12
Total 29029 · McCormick-Smith Concert Fund	<u>65,817.31</u>
29035 · The Ministry Fund	

29035.1 · Ministry Fund- Cash	6,030.00
29035.2 · The Ministry Fund - Red River	1,186.57
Total 29035 · The Ministry Fund	<u>7,216.57</u>
29040 · EYC Youth Fund	
29040.1 · EYC- Cash	3,174.99
29040.2 · EYC- AGE Investments	5,343.49
Total 29040 · EYC Youth Fund	<u>8,518.48</u>
29047 · ECW-Episcopal Church Women	
29047.1 · ECW-Cash	5,031.78
29047.2 · ECW- AGE Investments	3,700.00
Total 29047 · ECW-Episcopal Church Women	<u>8,731.78</u>
29049 · Altar Guild	
29049.1 · Altar Guild - Cash	
29049.4 · Courtesy Fund	173.09
29049.5 · Flower fund	365.52
29049.6 · Memorial fund	369.46
Total 29049.1 · Altar Guild - Cash	<u>908.07</u>
29049.2 · Altar Guild - AGE	16,415.80
Total 29049 · Altar Guild	<u>17,323.87</u>
29065 · Sound account	15,058.95
Total 2904 · Restricted Fund Balance	<u>420,122.74</u>
3900 · Retained Earnings	-15,056.63
Net Income	9,659.02
Total Equity	<u>7,629,647.68</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>7,758,067.13</u></u>

St. James Episcopal Church
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
 January through December 2009

	2009	2009	2010
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income			
4000 · Revenues			
4010 · Plate Offerings	7,482.60	6,000.00	7,000.00
4012 · Pledge Offering	527,000.63	542,851.00	590,936.00
4019 · Special Offerings	60.80	0.00	0.00
4110 · Interest Income	47.41	0.00	35.00
4112 · Endowment Account Income	20,015.01	20,015.00	17,780.00
4120 · Faith & Fellowship Income	3,358.12	0.00	3,000.00
4210 · Rental Income - Payless	16,500.00	16,500.00	16,500.00
4212 · Rental Income - Church/PH/Gym	200.00	600.00	400.00
4213 · Mt. Olivet Cemetery Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
4214 · Mt. Olivet Endowment Income	22,066.02	22,066.00	18,864.00
4215 · Non-Pledged Income	55,938.00	35,000.00	20,000.00
4217 · Earnings & Contingencies transfer	33,265.60	0.00	0.00
Total 4000 · Revenues	685,934.19	643,032.00	674,515.00
Total Income	685,934.19	643,032.00	674,515.00
Expense			
5000 · Expenses			
5001 · Mission & Outreach Expenses			
5008 · Outreach expenses			
5008.1 · Tutoring Program	1,127.59	1,500.00	1,500.00
5008 · Outreach expenses - Other	5,616.38	9,000.00	7,000.00
Total 5008 · Outreach expenses	6,743.97	10,500.00	8,500.00
5009 · Mission Expenses	100.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
5010 · Diocesan Assessment	53,958.00	53,958.00	61,460.30
5016 · Seminary Support	4,320.00	4,320.00	4,432.02
Total 5001 · Mission & Outreach Expenses	65,121.97	70,578.00	76,192.32
5100 · Mt. Olivet Expenses	19,132.86	21,000.00	20,000.00
5200 · Program Expenses			
5210 · Altar Supplies	1,296.99	1,400.00	1,300.00
5212 · Vestry and Special Events	1,636.35	1,500.00	1,800.00
Total 5212 · Vestry and Special Events	1,636.35	1,500.00	1,800.00

5213 · Christian Formation			
5214 · Adult -Christian Formation	1,587.43	2,200.00	1,500.00
5216 · Youth - Christian Formation	383.79	1,500.00	1,000.00
5217 · Episcopal Youth Community Exp	873.78	1,500.00	1,000.00
5218 · Children - Christian Formation	1,859.70	5,000.00	2,000.00
Total 5213 · Christian Formation	4,704.70	10,200.00	5,500.00
5220 · Stewardship	414.35	1,500.00	750.00
5222 · Parish Life	5,046.94	5,000.00	3,500.00
5224 · Worship	7,413.40	7,000.00	7,000.00
5226 · Worship - Music	3,581.16	3,350.00	2,500.00
5227 · Hand bell Choir	719.95	500.00	500.00
5228 · Evangelism	704.47	3,000.00	2,000.00
5232 · Pastoral Care	0.00	500.00	250.00
5236 · Nursery Expense	0.00	200.00	200.00
5238 · Faith and Fellowship expenses	2,892.00	500.00	3,000.00
Total 5200 · Program Expenses	28,410.31	34,650.00	28,300.00
5300 · Church Operating Expenses			
5611 · Church Insurance - Prop & Auto			
5612 · Insurance - Property	33,875.00	32,000.00	35,000.00
5613 · Business Automobile Insurance	2,711.34	2,750.00	2,850.00
Total 5611·Church Insurance - Prop & Auto	36,586.34	34,750.00	37,850.00
5620 · Maintenance			
5621 · Day School	4,021.92	4,000.00	3,000.00
5624 · Property Church	14,699.94	17,000.00	14,000.00
5626 · Major Repairs	0.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
Total 5620 · Maintenance	18,721.86	25,000.00	20,000.00
5628 · Advertising	2,321.65	3,500.00	3,500.00
5629 · Bank Service charge	916.21	500.00	900.00
5630 · Office Supplies & Copy	6,053.31	5,500.00	7,000.00
5631 · Office Equip & Maintenance	9,851.65	10,000.00	7,200.00
5632 · Postage	1,729.49	3,500.00	2,500.00
5634 · Prof Services - Accounting	0.00	3,500.00	1,750.00
5636 · Professional Services - Special	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5638 · Van Expenses	437.73	750.00	750.00
5660 · Telephone	4,351.87	4,500.00	4,500.00
5670 · Pest Control	1,904.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5672 · Utilities- Church	36,125.39	33,000.00	36,000.00

5676 · Utilities -School	14,490.69	18,500.00	15,000.00
5680 · Security	1,375.02	1,500.00	1,500.00
5690 · Janitorial Supplies	6,317.80	5,500.00	5,500.00
Total 5300 · Church Operating Expenses	141,183.01	153,000.00	146,950.00
Total 5000 · Expenses	253,848.15	279,228.00	271,442.32
6000 · Salary and Wages (Staff)			
6010 · Salary - Organist	11,077.20	10,710.46	11,780.00
6011 · Salary - Instrumentalist	5,100.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
6012 · Salary - Music Director	14,965.08	14,965.00	15,414.00
6014 · Salary - Parish Administrator	35,573.20	35,573.00	36,640.00
6016 · Salary – Hand bell Choir	3,519.00	5,047.00	5,198.00
6122 · Wages - Sextons	31,280.07	31,400.00	32,342.00
6124 · Wages - Nursery	5,919.54	7,300.00	7,519.00
6126 · Wages - Secretary	23,501.28	23,400.00	24,102.00
6127 · Extra help	136.33	500.00	500.00
6151 · Employers - Lay Pension Plan -	3,039.06	6,000.00	4,240.98
6153 · Continuing Education - Parish Admin	0.00	300.00	300.00
6154 · Insurance - Workman Comp	3,781.16	4,500.00	4,500.00
6155 · Employers-Medical Insurance	6,449.62	5,510.00	6,833.00
6560 · Payroll Expenses	10,258.03	12,000.00	11,000.00
Total 6000 · Salary and Wages (Staff)	154,599.57	162,405.46	165,568.98
6300 · Clergy Compensation - Rector			
6302 · Clergy Compensation- Rector			
6305 · Housing Allowance	25,997.14	25,000.00	25,000.00
6310 · Self Employment Tax	6,139.00	6,139.00	6,139.00
6315 · Rector's Annuity	12,166.64	12,000.00	14,492.00
6320 · Rector -Stipend	39,923.88	39,924.00	39,924.00
Total 6302 · Clergy Compensation- Rector	84,226.66	83,063.00	85,555.00
6400 · Clergy Expense - Rector			
6405 · Rector - Medical	19,876.08	19,104.00	20,628.00
6410 · Rector - Disability Insurance	1,392.00	1,392.00	1,392.00
6415 · Long Term Care Insurance	2,587.54	2,740.00	2,740.00
6420 · Rector - Pension Plan	14,981.28	14,981.00	15,399.90
6425 · Rector - Dental	581.00	500.00	500.00
6430 · Rector - Accountable Reimbursable Exp	10,353.05	10,000.00	10,000.00
6435 · Clergy Continue Education	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total 6400 · Clergy Expense - Rector	49,770.95	50,717.00	52,659.90

6500 · Clergy Compensation – Curate			
6505 · Stipend - Clergy	43,516.84	42,225.84	31,462.66
6510 · Housing Allowance -	25,650.00	25,500.00	18,000.00
6520 · Self Employment Allowance	6,426.02	6,485.39	4,097.34
Total 6500 · Clergy Compensation -	<u>75,592.86</u>	<u>74,211.23</u>	<u>53,560.00</u>
6600 · Clergy Expense - Curate			
6605 · Med/Life Insurance	37,893.00	38,047.08	32,088.00
6610 · Pension Plan	13,165.03	14,040.00	9,640.80
6615 · Continuing Education	0.00	500.00	500.00
6625 · Accountable Expenses	1,858.95	3,195.00	2,500.00
Total 6600 · Clergy Expense - Staff	<u>52,916.98</u>	<u>55,782.08</u>	<u>44,728.80</u>
6700 · Clergy Comp-Priest Assistant	4,220.00	6,180.00	0.00
6800 · Compensation - Clergy Supply	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Expense	<u>676,275.17</u>	<u>712,586.77</u>	<u>674,515.00</u>
Net Income	<u>9,659.02</u>	<u>-69,554.77</u>	<u>0.00</u>

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