



St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

"The Messenger Newsletter"

Our purpose is to be faithful and inviting community focused on the worship of God, growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ, and sharing His life in all that we do."

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Almighty God,
whose loving hand
hath given us all
that we possess:
Grant us grace
that we may
honor thee with
our substance,
and, remembering
the account which
we must one day
give, may be faith-
ful stewards of thy
bounty, through
Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

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"Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

Dear St. Margaret's Parish Family:

It is a great honor and privilege to be able to write to you my first newsletter article as your rector. Lisa, Benjamin and I have had a wonderful first few weeks at St. Margaret's, and we are very grateful for the hospitality that you have shown to us.

As a recently ordained priest, it is also an honor and a great responsibility to be entrusted with the care of souls as a minister of the Gospel. We live in a world today that needs to hear the message of repentance, reconciliation and salvation that can be found in Jesus Christ. He expects all of us, not just the clergy, to be out there proclaiming the Gospel message in the world. As your priest, I will do my part in ministering to the community, because being ordained does not relieve me of my baptismal vows, but my primary role is to ensure that you are taken care of spiritually, and that you are being challenged to grow in your knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. That way, you all, as disciples, can minister on the front lines in your community and bring others to know Jesus, thus building up the body of Christ, His church.

A wise old Bishop friend of mine, +Alden Hathaway, shared with me a story, and I'd like to pass it on to you. A group of good ole' boys owned a hunting camp, and this one old man would always pull up to the dock with his aluminum boat full of fish. One of the owners of the camp, who was also the local game warden, had an idea of what might be going on. In order to make sure, the game warden asked the old man the next morning if he could go fishing with him. The man said "certainly," and the two of them jumped into the boat. About halfway across the lake, the man dropped his anchor, pulled out a box full of dynamite, lit a stick and threw it into the water. A few seconds later, BOOM! Then several fish, stunned by the blast, would float up to the surface. He collected the fish, and then he moved the boat into another part of the lake. The game warden, once he collected himself, threw his badge in the old man's face. "That's illegal! You can't do that. That's dynamite." The man lit a stick, handed it to the game warden and said, "You're darn right that's dynamite. Now, are you going to just sit there, or are you going to fish?"

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In a lot of ways, the Gospel message is just like that stick of dynamite. The question we have to ask ourselves is, are we just going to sit around, or are we going to fish? The gospel can have stunning power in the lives of others. Jesus expects us to fish, and I believe with all my heart that this is what God is calling us to do. So how do we do that?

First, we must be equipped in order to do the fishing – we must know how to light the fuse. One of my main focuses as your rector will be to provide educational opportunities to the parish where we will all be able to continue growing in our faith. It is my intention to do this during the week, since we, as Christians, are *not* called to live out our faith only on Sundays. In addition to Christian education, I want St. Margaret's to be a place where people can come together in Christian fellowship and have fun together, enjoying each other's company and fostering an environment where Christian brotherhood and sisterhood can develop, while we are all growing together.

I believe that God is calling St. Margaret's to some very exciting things in this community, and I am very blessed to be a part of it. I look forward to getting to know each of you better, and I look forward to ministering with you in the mission field that is Baton Rouge, Louisiana. May God bless you all!

Fr. Townsend

Baby Shower!

***Welcome Party/Baby Shower
for Lisa Waddill
Sunday, Aug. 10th, 3pm
at St. Margaret's Parish Hall***

All St. Margaret's women are invited.

Lisa is registered at Babies-R-Us

sponsored by St. Margaret's ECW

RSVP : Jan Riche' @ 767-1783; janriche@yahoo.com or church @ 766-8314.



"Welcome Back!"

Annie Pecue has returned to work as our Nursery Director. We are delighted to have her back. If there are any persons interested in assisting Annie with our growing nursery, please do not hesitate to let her know. Again, we are thankful and grateful for her return and ask that you continue to pray with her as she takes care of our little ones.

REMEMBER THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
 Where: 12663 Perkins Road—Baton Rouge, LA 70810
 When: Monday August 4, 2008 at 6:30PM



CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES!

Wednesday August 20, 2008 at 7:30pm

All mid year contribution statements are ready. If you haven't picked yours up in the narthex, please look for it in the mail!

K. Foster, Treasurer



As our scholars and students prepare to return to their schools and institutes of higher learning, please keep them in your prayers.



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O eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Check out the updates on St. Margaret's Web Site.
 Fr. Townsend has added a great welcome and his past weeks' sermons.
 Also, don't miss the opportunity to join him on 'Face Book'!

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as we begin another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen His trust in your goodness all the days of his life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO: Clay Benedict 8/12—Dave Foster Aug 12—Jay Weber 8/18

A Special Birthday Blessing To:

Mrs. Gertrude Greaves celebrating 100 Years Old!

“August 2008”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Pentecost 12	4 Men's Fellowship Meets @ 6:30PM	5 AA Meets: 6:30PM	6	7	8	9
10 Pentecost 13	11	12 AA Meets: 6:30PM	13	14	15	16
17 Pentecost 14	18 VESTRY MEETS @ 6:00 PM!	19 AA Meets: 6:30PM	20 CHOIR RESUMES PRACTICE @ 7:30 PM!	21 SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!	22	23
24 Pentecost 15	25	26 AA Meets: 6:30PM	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost 16						

"St. Margaret's Service Schedule August 2008"

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
LEM	8:00 Dave Foster 10:00 Jay Weber 10:00 F. Hamilton	8:00 D. Cassidy 10:00 D. Westphal 10:00 Bill Leblanc	8:00 Peter Barrios 10:00 F. Hamilton 10:00 Jay Weber	8:00 Dave Foster 10:00 D. Westphal 10:00 Bill Leblanc	8:00 David Cassidy 10:00 Jay Weber 10:00 F. Hamilton
LECTORS	8:00 Herb Dyer 10:00 S. Newton	8:00 Dave Foster 10:00 D. Westphal	8:00 Wayne Barnett 10:00 Mary Tackmey	8:00 David Cassidy 10:00 S. Newton	8:00 Dave Foster 10:00 R. Leblanc
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	8:00 Herb Dyer 10:00 S. Newton	8:00 Dave Foster 10:00 D. Westphal	8:00 Wayne Barnett 10:00 Mary Tackmey	8:00 David Cassidy 10:00 S. Newton	8:00 Dave Foster 10:00 R. Leblanc
ACOLYTES	Demi Newton Olivia Bridges	Chad Edwards William Johnson	Demi Newton Jordan Weber	Chad Edwards William Johnson	Olivia Bridges Jordan Weber
USHERS	8:00 Foster 10:00 H. Hamilton	8:00 Barnett 10:00 Lawrence	8:00 Foster 10:00 Bridges	8:00 Barnett 10:00 H. Hamilton	8:00 Foster 10:00 Lawrence
HOSTS	8:00 TBD 10:00 Bridges	8:00 TBD 10:00 Kathy Curtis	8:00 TBD 10:00 Coffee	8:00 TBD 10:00 Bridges	8:00 TBD 10:00 Kathy Curtis
ALTAR GUILD	Ruth Leblanc Grace Brown S. Henderson	Marguerite Gaines Irma Jackson Patty O'Malley	Kathy Foster Doris Weber Ryan Weber	D. Westphal Marie Smith H. Westphal	Ruth Leblanc Grace Brown S. Henderson
LAWN TEAM	Randy Smith Jay Weber		Kevin Dyer		TBD
CLEAN-UP	Hughes	Jackson	Weber	Hewitt	Hughes
FLOWERS	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

If you can not serve at your scheduled time, please arrange for a replacement and notify Jay Weber – jyweber@yahoo.com

“Lord hear our Prayers”

Prayers of the People

Charmaine
Jim
Donna
Wade
Beatrice
Chad
Brannon
Liz
Mr. Rene
Randy
Dottie
Carol Hewitt
Jean Withers
Emma
Andre', Jr.
Howard, Jr.
Fr. “Flip” Bushey
Sue Bushey
Hank
Bob
Jan
Byron
Gail
Katie
Cheryl
Andy



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St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00am.....Holy Eucharist
9:00am.....Christian Education
10:00am.....Choral Eucharist

Nursery Available

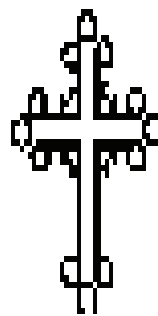
-CHURCH STAFF-

Shelia Gilds..... Secretary Ext. 203
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Annie Pecue.....Nursery Director

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9:00am-3:00pm Mon—Fri



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The Rev. Cynthia Obier.....Deacon

VESTRY

David Cassidy—Sr. Warden
Jay Weber—Jr. Warden
Ashley Bridges—Jr. Warden
Susan Dill—Secretary
Peter Barrios
Patty O’Malley
Dick Truman
Fee Hamilton
Jennifer Christian