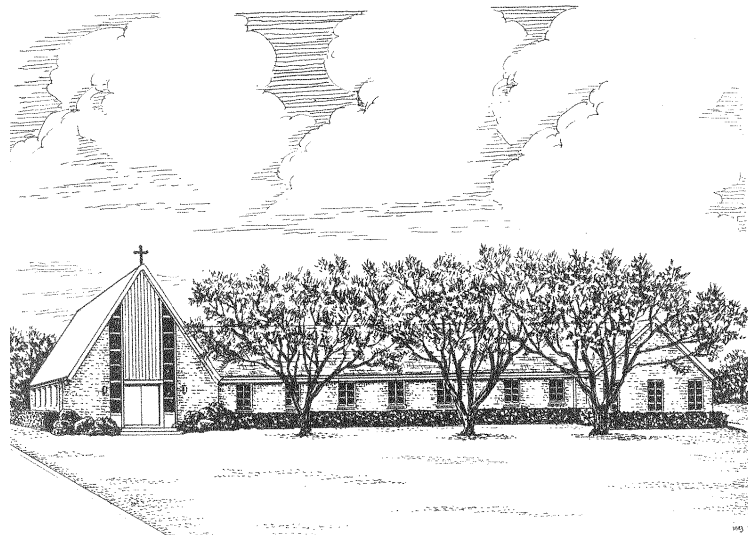


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**Sundays :**

**8:30A.M. -  
Holy Eucharist**

**9:30A. M. -  
Adult Study**

**10:30A.M. -  
Holy Eucharist**

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# The Good News

from St. George's



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The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD *Bishop*  
The Rev. Terry Deokaran, *Rector*  
Maestro Kermit Poling, *Organist/Choir Director*

### A Kiss Upon the Cheek of the Christ Child?

Here we are in the week after the Epiphany of Our Lord, and my thoughts are still wrapped up in the adventure that the Magi made into the unknown and the homage they gave to the Christ Child. The Magi were religious pilgrims who sought a deeper understanding of the mysteries of life. They were specialists in reading the heavens; they had discovered an exceptional star and they knew it heralded something spectacular. With a combination of curiosity, yearning of heart, and a conviction that there was more to life than they already knew, they were compelled to pack their most valuable gifts and venture in to the unknown, ready to welcome whatever they might find.

Did you know that Matthew is the only evangelist to mention the Magi?

After encounters with one of the world's greatest despots, and with priests and scribes, the Magi's journey led them to Bethlehem where they discovered the child and his mother. There they did what they had set out to do: They gave homage to someone about whom they knew nothing except that his star enticed them.

Homage. What is homage?

Matthew uses the word "homage" three times in the short story about the Magi. The Greek word Matthew used has a variety of meanings including to bow down, to prostrate oneself, to kneel before another and even to kiss. We easily picture them bowing or kneeling, but did you ever imagine the Magi kissing the baby? After all, it's a normal response to seeing a little child and a gentle, loving sign of acceptance and willingness to protect. Finally, to demonstrate their homage, the Magi presented their gifts. They returned home "another way," changed people who had humbly recognized what others refused to see.

Truly, have you ever imagined the Magi kissing Baby Jesus?!

The pilgrim Magi remind us that we too are invited to be humble enough to see something new. At the beginning of this new year 2025, I invite you to reread the narrative of Matthew 2:1-12. May the Magi help us realize that there is always more to discover in God's mysteries. May they suggest to our hearts that the willingness to venture into the unknown might even lead to the opportunity to kiss the face of God.

May this new year give you open eyes with which to see the Mysteries that are our God.

Happy 2025!

Mother Terry +

(Inspired by my Spiritual Director and the Magi)



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# January 2025

| SUN  | MON | TUE | WED                   | THU  | FRI | SAT   |
|--|-----|-----|-----------------------|--|-----|---|
|  |     |     | 1                     | 2<br>No CP or BBBS due to New Year's Holiday | 3   | 4   |
| 5:30 Holy Eucharist<br>9:30 Adult Study<br>10:30 Holy Eucharist            | 6   | 7   | 8<br>Vestry<br>5:30pm | 9<br>No CP or BBBS due to weather            | 10  | 11  |
| 12:30 Holy Eucharist<br>9:30 Adult Study<br>10:30 Holy Eucharist           | 13  | 14  | 15                    | 16<br>No CP<br>Noon/1:00 BBBS                | 17  | 18<br>90's Throwback Game Night<br>6:00 pm<br>Parish Hall |
| 19:30 Holy Eucharist<br>9:30 Adult Study<br>10:30 Holy Eucharist           | 20  | 21  | 22                    | 23<br>Centering Prayer<br>Noon/1:00 BBBS     | 24  | 25  |
| 26:30 Holy Eucharist<br>9:45 <b>Annual Meeting</b><br>10:30 Holy Eucharist | 27  | 28  | 29                    | 30<br>Centering Prayer<br>Noon/1:00 BBBS     | 31  |   |

**On the Cover**

**Yes, turn back a page.**

Beautiful, huh?! Stop by the Parlor to see our newly installed stained glass piece! This lovely stained glass art is given in memory of Marjorie Phillips by the Phillips family.

**From the Senior Warden**

Happy New Year everyone! The Annual Meeting is fast approaching! At the time of writing this newsletter we have 3 interested people who have come forward for the positions! Those 3 individuals are John Howes, Jim Nechvatal, and Cecilia O'Connor. Seeing how there's only 3 positions available, if nobody else shows interest by one week before the Annual Meeting, January 26th, they will be elected unopposed! So, if you or anyone you know are interested, please contact Mother Terry or myself at least one week before the Annual Meeting. Happy New Year everyone! We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

Jacob North



**The 90's Throwback Game Night**



The 90's Throwback Group will be ringing in the new year with a Game Night on Saturday, January 18, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Fun and fellowship to be had!

**Annual Meeting**

The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, at 9:45 am between services in the Parish Hall. Annual reports will be given and the three 3-year-term Vestry positions will be filled. Breakfast snacks and coffee will be provided. Everyone please do come!





**ST. GEORGE'S  
READING WITH THE  
WILDCATS AT  
WALLER ELEMENTRY  
SCHOOL**

**Bishop's Visit**

Bishop Jacob Owensby will be visiting St. George's on Sunday, February 16. Please note that there will be only one service that day at 10:00am. Bishop Jake will be receiving two new members into the Church. There will be a Pot Luck Brunch immediately following the service. If you will be attending, please bring a brunch food item to share. Hope to see you there!

**Class for Newcomers - Journey in Faith**

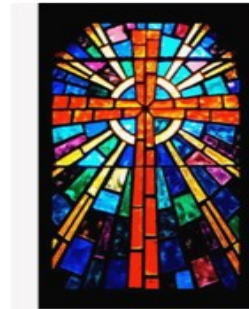
Classes for newcomers or anyone interested in refreshing their faith will take place on January 12, 26, and February 9 after the 10:30 service. Each class will be approximately an hour in length and will briefly cover the beliefs, history, worship and practices of the Episcopal Church. Those attending, please meet in Mother Terry's office.



- 1-1 Robert and Jan Cook
- 1-8 Dennis and Theresa Willingham



- 3 John Goodwin
- 4 Kevin Kerney
- 13 Braxton Thomas
- 14 Kathy O'Neal
- 16 Mitch Kolo
- 19 Kevin O'Neal
- 22 Sherri Holmes
- 26 Beth Ann Arnold



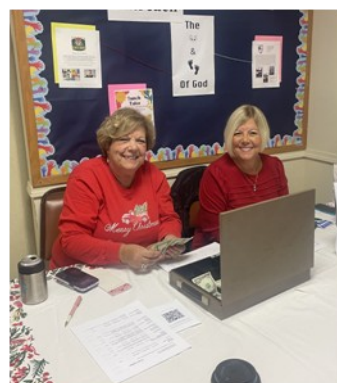
**Scripture for the Month of January**

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| <p><b>January 5, The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b></p>                                      | <p>Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14<br/>Psalm: Psalm 84:1-8<br/>Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a<br/>Gospel: Matthew 2:1-2</p>     |
| <p><b>January 12, The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b></p> | <p>Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7<br/>Psalm: Psalm 29<br/>Epistle: Acts 8:14-17<br/>Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</p>                 |
| <p><b>January 19, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b></p>                                      | <p>Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5<br/>Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10<br/>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11<br/>Gospel: John 2:1-11</p>           |
| <p><b>January 26, The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b></p>                                       | <p>Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10<br/>Psalm: Psalm 19<br/>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a<br/>Gospel: Luke 4:14-21</p> |
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The ECW Christmas Party on December 7th was well attended. When it was time for the gift exchange and swap everything went well until Donna Page "stole" Denise Flowers' Santa. Donna was so excited until Denise Brady stole the Santa from Donna. The coveted Santa has a new home at the Brady house!

ECW Christmas Market  
November 23, 2024  
\$2,427.54 raised



**What is Happening at St. George's**

**Weekly:**

**Sunday** - 8:30 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist

**Thursday**-11:00 Centering Prayer

12:00 Brown Bag Bible Study

**Monthly:**

**3rd Tuesday** Hope House lunch

**3rd Sunday** at 11:30 Daughters of the King



Wendi, Dennis and Virgil Kotal are moving in February to Woonsocket, Rhode Island. We certainly will miss them here at St. George's! Many blessings upon their move and new home.



New address (and new house!)

Carter and Sarah Hamm  
4007 Timberwood Drive  
Nacogdoches, TX 75965

The next ECW meeting will be held February 22, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

As of January, our 2nd Sunday Breakfasts have been discontinued due to lack of interest and lack of attendance.

"To everything there is a season..."  
- Ecclesiastes 3:1

| Date                    | 8:30 | 10:30   | Contributions      |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------------------|
| 11/24                   | 11   | 27      | \$10,065.00        |
| 12/01                   | 11   | 22      | \$ 1,562.00        |
| 12/08                   | 14   | 32      | \$ 5,752.00        |
| 12/15                   | 8    | 29      | \$ 1,545.00        |
| 12/22                   | 12   | 29      | \$ 8,935.00        |
| 12/29                   | 10   | 17 + 47 | \$ 2,240.00        |
| <b>Total</b>            |      |         | <b>\$30,099.00</b> |
| <b>Monthly Expenses</b> |      |         | <b>\$16,000.00</b> |

### Children's Liturgy For Christmas



### The Vestry Christmas Party

Those Vestry members not pictured are Jacob & Kayla North and Kevin Kerney & Alice Wilson.



Santa and his elves delivering toys to Benton Head Starts and Lauve's Pediatric Day Health Care

### A Little Epiphany Humor...

I drove through a small southern town and there was a Nativity Scene that showed a lot of time and skill had gone into making it. One thing that bothered me was the three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. I couldn't think of any logical reason why that would be, so while getting gas at the edge of town, I asked the attendant lady behind the counter about the helmets. She exploded at me -"Ya'll stupid Yankees never do read the Bible!!!" I told her that I did, but I didn't remember anything about firemen in the Bible. She huffed and pulled her Bible from under the counter, ruffled through the pages and finally jabbed her finger at a passage, shoving it in my face and said, "See? It says right here 'the three wise men came from afar'".

