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THECROWN

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Common Prayer

our common life together consists of our worship of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Common Learning

our common life together consists of teaching one another how to be obedient to Jesus in all things

Common Service

our common life together consists of loving one another and the world as Jesus loves us

Bishop Bill's Final Visit to All Saints

Bishop Bill Atwood has served as our bishop for the last fifteen of our twenty-year history. His leadership and ministry have made a long-lasting impact upon our congregation, and the words he has spoken over so many of our people during their confirmation continues to comfort and encourage. As Bishop Bill approaches his quasi-retirement this June—he still plans to continue some international work through the Diocese of the Southwest as an assisting bishop—we have the opportunity to enjoy one more episcopal visit from him on the weekend of April 20–21. Mark your calendars! We can expect a teaching session, an ordination service, the consecration of our new nave, confirmations, and a grand celebration. More details coming soon.

Catechism Class 2024

Our next Catechism Class will meet on the Saturdays of March 2, 23, and April 13 from 9:00 am to noon. While this is one of the required steps for receiving confirmation when our bishop visits on Sunday, April 21, we encourage anyone who desires a refresher on the foundation of our faith to consider attending. Scan the QR code to register.



Adult Formation Hour

Our Adult Formation Hour gives us time to slow down and prepare ourselves to encounter God through a time of community, learning, and prayer. We hope everyone will continue to take advantage of this opportunity afforded us by our new building. Here's the upcoming schedule for our reflection time during the Adult Formation Hour:

March 3 <i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i>	Dn. Nan Thomas The Ten Commandments
March 10 <i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	Josh Krebs Lenten Practices
March 17 <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	Sally Swanson Silence
March 24 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Chelsy Crawford Solitude
March 31 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	A Reflection on Celebration



Join in Our Common Life

Ladies Koinonia

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 | 6:00–8:00 PM
SHEILA WILLIAMSON'S HOME | 32 COUNTRY CLUB CV.

The ladies of All Saints are invited to gather together for a time of fellowship and meaningful discussion around the tv series, *The Chosen*.

Noonday Eucharist

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT | 12:00 PM
ALL SAINTS | NAVE

Join us for Noonday Eucharist every Wednesday during Lent.

Youth Encounter

MARCH 6 | 5:45 PM
ALL SAINTS | PARISH HALL

All students 6th–12th grade are invited to join for a time of teaching, fellowship, and food. Due to spring break and Easter celebration, we will not meet on March 13, 20, or 27.

Healing Prayer

EVERY TUESDAY | 12:00–2:00 PM
ALL SAINTS NAVE

Members of our Healing Prayer Crew are available to offer prayers to anyone in need. No appointment necessary, and feel free to invite others. Everything is confidential and done with care.

Morning Prayer

MON–THUR | 8:15–8:45 AM
ALL SAINTS NAVE

Considering going deeper into our practice of Common Prayer by joining us for Morning Prayer, Monday through Thursday at 8:15am in the Nave.

Centering Prayer

THURSDAYS | 9:00 AM
ALL SAINTS NAVE

A new weekly opportunity to practice centering prayer with others meets every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 9:30. You are invited to participate whenever you are able.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday

by Fr. Wes Gristy

Holy Week marks the final days of our Lenten season, preparing us for the Easter celebration. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He entered as a victorious King, though meek and humble, riding on the foal of a donkey, preparing to bring his victory not by taking the lives of others, but by giving up his own. We will observe Palm Sunday with the Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist on Saturday, March 24.

Maundy Thursday is the celebration of the Eucharist, when Jesus sat at table with his disciples during his last meal with them. He washed their feet and gave them a "Mandatum Novum," a Latin phrase which means, "new commandment." Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Maundy Thursday reminds us that if we are to become great in the kingdom of heaven, then we will have to be the servant of all.

Our Maundy Thursday service is many people's favorite service of the year as we practice foot washing and then the stripping of the altar, which reminds us of how Jesus was stripped of his garments when he fell into the hands of the Jewish authorities. This year, our own Lowe Finney will be delivering the homily. Our Mandy Thursday service will be on March 28 at 7:00 pm (Nursery Available).

Good Friday is the observance of Jesus' crucifixion. We gather for a solemn remembrance of the brutal and sacrificial death of our Savior. This year's Good Friday service will be a reflection on the "Seven Last Words of Christ" and will feature original piano solos arranged by Dr. Jordan Tang. Our Good Friday service will be on March 29 at 6:00 pm (Nursery Available).

Holy Saturday is a quiet day. The disciples had hidden themselves away for fear that they too would be killed. We hide ourselves away, each in our homes, so that we can think and prepare ourselves for our highest celebration of the year: Jesus' resurrection from the dead!

Mission Saint James will once again be offering an Easter Vigil this year on Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 pm at Forest Heights Methodist Church. Our Easter service on Sunday, March 31 will be decked with fresh flowers and accompanied by a string quartet to help us celebrate the occasion! We will also offer an Easter Egg Hunt for our children after the service. Make sure they bring their Easter Egg baskets.





Just One Thing

Basil of Caesarea

by Dr. David Thomas

Theologians sometimes carry the reputation of being trapped in their heads: overly cognitive, removed from Scriptural practices of life in Christian community, arguing over how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. This is no doubt a valid critique for some. Let me suggest, though, that the most influential theologians have also been deeply engaged in the real-life work of serving and leading. They exemplify the engagement needed to bring mind, heart, and practices together in rough harmony. One example of that lived unity is Basil of Caesarea (330 – 379 AD).

Last month I wrote about Gregory of Nazianzus, one of the Cappadocian Fathers who had a central role in the development and acceptance of Trinitarian theology. Basil of Caesarea, another Cappadocian Father, was a close friend of Gregory and was similarly influential in the fight for Trinitarian commitment. Most

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notable was his clear articulation of the place of the Holy Spirit, demonstrating by the Scriptures and in church practices (especially the baptismal liturgy) that the Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son. However, Basil was also deeply concerned with living as a Christ-follower.

The fourth century was a crucial time in the church. Two fourth-century developments have shaped the church ever since, and Basil was at the heart of both. I have already mentioned the resolution of disputes over the Son and Spirit that culminated in Trinitarian theology. The second major development was the growth of asceticism.

During the fourth century older centers of rigorously ascetical monasticism grew as those who diligently sought Christ fled the cities to live solitary lives in the wilderness. Basil, seeking to live a devout life, visited these centers in Egypt, Syria, Palestine, and Mesopotamia. Although he practiced the solitary life briefly, in 358 AD Basil turned away from that and founded instead a community of monks. Basil also composed a *Rule* to guide the community. His *Rule*, more humane than the rigorous asceticism of the solitary monks, balanced work, study, and prayer. It became and remains the foundation for monasticism in the Orthodox tradition. It also deeply influenced Benedict of Nursia, who read Basil and followed his communal approach. Benedictine monasticism and *The Rule of St Benedict* became the foundation for monasticism in the Western tradition. Thus, Eastern and Western monastic communities alike look to Basil as a guide. Tylor Staton’s excellent book *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools* (2022)

suggests that some contemporary evangelicals are still within earshot of Basil, as well.


A decade after gathering a community of monks, in 370 AD, Basil was consecrated Bishop of Caesarea. Here, too, he demonstrated deep commitment to Christian community in service to others. In addition to regular preaching and the duties of bishops, Basil built a center for public care that included a poorhouse, hospice for the dying, care for travelers, and the world’s first public hospital. Christians had been caring for the poor since Christ, but Basil’s commitment greatly expanded what had been done before. Others followed and public hospitals spread through the Roman empire within the next century. Military hospitals predate this work, but the public hospital came from Basil’s commitment to Christian service. Danny Thomas’s work has fourth-century roots; St Jude’s is a descendent of St Basil’s.

Fourth century Christians gave the church surprising things of lasting value. Basil exhibits for us a range, depth, and unity which we might take as a model: deep investment in orthodox doctrine, a community of Christian practices, and paradigm-shifting service to the needy.

For More: Wouldn’t it be cool to write a book that is still being read 1600 years later? It’s almost as cool to read one that was written 1600 years ago. Contemporary English translations of *The Rule of St Basil*, *On the Holy Spirit*, and more are in print. A short biography, selected works, and letters are available free on-line at the Christian Classics Ethereal Library, ccel.org.

Paying Down Our Construction Loans

by Fr. Wes Gristy



Praise the Lord for the many hands and resources it took to build and complete our new nave! What a blessing it is to finally be worshipping together as one family in the beauty of this space. Our people have been incredibly generous over the last five years by already contributing \$1.92 million toward this project.

As you might recall, the cost for the remainder of the project was covered

by two loans. The first loan is our primary loan of \$3 million that we secured when interest rates were low. Nine months after we broke ground, our contractor informed us that labor and material costs had increased during that time by a whopping 25%! And so we made plans to be prepared to take out a second loan if needed, which we did for \$470,000, albeit at a higher rate.



The first loan has rolled into a conventional loan with scheduled monthly payments of around \$16,000. The second loan is an interest-only loan until August with payments that depend on the current balance. The Vestry is aggressively working to pay down that second loan, having already applied \$160,000 from our General Fund, so that we can give our full attention to the first loan as soon as possible. Here are where things currently stand.

Projected Income toward Debt Service for 2024

- anticipated capital pledges \$150,000
- from operating budget \$85,000
- **TOTAL \$235,000**

First Loan for \$3,000,000

- current balance \$2,919,680
- monthly payments \$15,921 x 12 months = \$191,052

Second Loan for \$470,000

- current balance \$295,000
- monthly payments interest only until August

As you can see, paying off our debt will be quite a challenge for us as a church, but one where we pray God will work in surprising ways—especially upon our hearts and our life together as a family. We hope to pay off this debt as soon as we can without hindering any of our ministries so that we eventually can move toward the next phases of our Mission Abbey vision as the Spirit leads.

And praise the Lord that we were able to hire additional staff this year who will continue to push us outward into our community. Furthermore, our Vestry was able to keep our Outreach budget at 12% of our overall operating budget (see pages 12–13). We are remaining true to our personality trait of being financial generous and responsible, and we call upon everyone to do likewise in their own lives.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions, and be sure to make our debt service a matter of regular prayer.

March Highlights

Ladies Koinonia

The ladies of All Saints are invited to gather together at Sheila Williamson's house at 32 Country Club Cove on Sunday, March 3 from 6:00–8:00pm for a time of fellowship and meaningful discussion around the tv series, *The Chosen*.

Men's Monkly

Men's Monkly is a new, monthly men's gathering aimed at cultivating those virtues that inspired men of old to pursue the monastic life, virtues such as obedience, service, simplicity, and prayer. None of us as men want to stay in the shallows in our Christian life. Rather we desire to move into deeper waters, to be men of virtue who love God and others well. Each month will be led by one of the men of All Saints (or small group of men), meet in a different location, and have a different focus.

Our next Men's Monkly gathering will be on Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 pm at Will Pinson's house at 75 Saddlebrook Drive. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and having a conversation about how his life and ministry can both upend our conceptions of evangelism as well as draw us out of loneliness and isolation. All men are welcome and encouraged to invite others. BYOB and \$10 to offset food costs.

Palm Folding

We will fold Palm Crosses on Saturday, March 23 for our Palm Sunday services the next day. If you'd like to help, meet at the church at 10:00 am and we'll show you what to do. We had a great crowd last year and hope for the same this year.

Easter Flowers

Each year during Easter, All Saints celebrates the tradition of donating flowers in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones for our Easter services. You may contribute toward the purchase of Easter flowers by clicking the link included in our weekly email or scanning the QR code. Dedications will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Thanks in advance for making our Easter celebration beautiful.



JOIN US for an IMMIGRATION UPDATE

APRIL 8, 2024
6:00–7:00 PM

212 McClellan Road
in the Parish Hall

Hear from our Board Chair and Director as we discuss our important work among the West TN immigrant community with Q&A to follow.



Planting Day

The Gardens Committee is excited to announce the next step in establishing the Gardens at The Mission Abbey. Through our participation in Tennessee Tree Day and the generosity of our parishioners, we will plant a total of 80 tree saplings on the grounds of our campus this spring. If you would like to be part of this project, please join us for a planting day on March 16 at 9:00 am here at All Saints. Please bring shovels, water bottles, and work gloves. We will also plan to make cages for new plants to protect them from animals and mowers so if you have a pair of wire cutters, bring those as well.

If you are purchasing trees for this project through Tennessee Tree Day, please remember to make your tree reservations by March 4 and pick up at your pre-arranged location on March 15 or 16. Remember to immediately put the sapling roots in water and keep them inside and out of the sun until you're ready to transport them to All Saints to be planted.

Outreach Designations

by Olivia Abernathy

In January, we celebrated twenty years of All Saints Anglican Church. We shared stories and reminisced on all that the Lord has done in this parish throughout two decades. Much has changed in 20 years, but All Saints remains grounded by five core principles central to our mission. One of those core values is our commitment to financial generosity and responsibility. Every year, we allocate a significant portion—no less than 22%—of our annual budget to initiatives beyond our church doors. This year, our Vestry and leadership allocated 12% of our budget, totaling nearly \$73,000, to local and international outreach efforts.

In January, our Outreach Committee met to review this year's outreach budget and allocate funds to international and local organizations, as well as our Mission Abbey ministries. In order to act as good stewards of all we've been entrusted with, the Outreach Committee uses four parameters to guide the designation of funds:

- **Parish Involvement:** We prioritize organizations in which our members are involved and have relationships with on multiple levels (leadership, board, staff, volunteer, etc.).
- **Key Issues:** We prioritize organizations that align with our church values and address issues often neglected by the broader faith community (e.g., WRAP, Lane College).
- **Informed Practices:** We prioritize organizations committed to best practices in their field, actively evaluating the effectiveness of their ministry, and maintaining financial transparency.
- **Felt Impact:** We aim to make a tangible difference, prioritizing organizations with limited income streams and limiting the number of organizations we support to provide more substantial amounts.



We were able to evenly distribute funds so that International, Local, and Mission Abbey ministries all received \$20,000, leaving about \$13,000 undesignated for needs that emerge throughout the year.

Our aim is not only to contribute financially to these organizations but also to be a faithful presence of encouragement and support. However, our community engagement ministry as a church is not limited to just these organizations. We will continue to partner with organizations that align with our mission in creative and helpful ways, such as providing food and diapers to Young Lives or renovating office space for JACO.A.

Each month in The Crown, we will spotlight one of these organizations, providing more information about their work and how you can get involved as we *share in the life of God for the life of the world*.

2024 Designations

International

- Anglican Frontier Mission (Herb & Mary Hand)
- Love for the Least (Jerry & Stacy Kramer)
- Indigenous Outreach International (Brian & Cindy Denker)
- LAMB in Honduras (Suzy McCall & Amanda Scott)
- Honduras Mission (led by Jim Warmbrod)

Local

- Birth Choice
- Madison County CASA
- The Place
- WRAP
- Lane College
- Isaac Lane Elementary School

Mission Abbey

- All Saints Immigration Services
- Church Plant Fund
- Mission Saint James (Jackson, TN)
- Church of the Incarnation (Memphis, TN)
- The Blessing Place at the Mission Abbey

MARCH

at a glance

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Formation Hour 8:45am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Ladies Koinonia 6:00-8:00pm Birthdays Anniversaries	Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am Loyanne Cope Ben & Grace Ann House	Morning Prayer 8:15am - 8:45am Healing Prayer 12:00pm - 2:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm Angie Box
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17	18	19
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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Morning Prayer
8:15am - 8:45am
Noonday Eucharist
12:00pm
Youth Encounter
5:45pm

Joyce Heffernan
Dn. Barbara Reed
Walter Townsend

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Morning Prayer
8:15am - 8:45am
Grief Share
6:00pm

Rich Beitz

7

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Celecia Osborne
David Thomas

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Catechism Class
9:00am - 12:00pm
David Laird
Chris & Judy Doyle

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Morning Prayer
8:15am - 8:45am
Noonday Eucharist
12:00pm

13

Morning Prayer
8:15am - 8:45am
Grief Share
6:00pm

Rita Davis
Julian Williamson

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Morning Prayer
8:15am - 8:45am
Noonday Eucharist
12:00pm

Ella Williams
Ben & Nita Mehr

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Morning Prayer
8:15am - 8:45am
Grief Share
6:00pm

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Eleanor Beasley
Bruce Burch
Lynn Tatum
Carole & Rich Beitz

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Catechism Class
9:00am - 12:00pm

Melinda Jordan

23

Morning Prayer
8:15am - 8:45am
Noonday Eucharist
12:00pm

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Morning Prayer
8:15am - 8:45am
Maundy Thursday
Service
7:00pm

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Good Friday Service
6:00pm

Scott Huelin

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Easter Vigil
7:00pm
Hosted by MSJ

Kim Howerton

30

Morning Prayer
8:15am - 8:45am

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Morning Prayer
8:15am - 8:45am

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Give an Online Gift

We have transitioned to a new online giving platform called Pushpay. If you would like to give a recurring or one-time gift to the ministry of All Saints, you can do so by scanning the QR code below or by going to allsaintsjackson.com.

If you are currently giving online through Tithly, you will need to begin giving in the new platform by **March 19, 2024**. Thank you for your continued generosity to the ministry here at All Saints.



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<https://pushpay.co/WFKT3S8F3rG>



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