

February 2, 2022

From Fr. John

I am a fan of the blues. I'm really a fan of music of many different genres. But the blues has a special place in my heart. While I was working in my office this week, listening to music (as I usually do), Mississippi Fred McDowell came on, playing *You Gotta Move*. It's one of my favorite Delta Blues songs. In it, Mississippi Fred sings:

"You may be high. You may be low. You may be rich, child. You may be po'. But when the Lord gets ready, you got to move." There is a very deep truth in the lyrics of the song. When the Lord gets ready, you've **got to** move, or you had better get out of the way.

I believe that the Lord is getting ready to move at St. James. The feeling around the church, both in worship services and in my conversations with people, is one of budding joy and anticipation. I think that we are all waiting to see what God has in store for us as we move forward in this new year. Keep your ears open. But more important, keep your hearts and minds open. Pray for discernment and willingness to follow the God who is on the move. When the Lord gets ready, let's be ready to move too.

Peace,  
Fr. John+

## Join Us Tomorrow Night

Louisiana Interfaith is an organization dedicated to bringing worship communities together, in an effort to see what common ground there is between denominations, **with regard to helping those who need our help the most**. The Cenla chapter of Interfaith is planning a meeting at which we will hopefully open dialogue between all of the local worship communities. The Cenla meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2022, at 6:00pm at Congregation Gemiluth, 2021 Turner St. Before that meeting takes place, there will be a **meeting of Cenla Episcopalians**, to discuss what things in the community are important to our denomination. **That meeting will be tomorrow, February 3, 2022, at 6:00pm, here at St. James, in the parish hall.** If a Godly response to the social problems of our community interests you, you are welcome at either, or both meetings.



UPDATE

## Church Directory

Time for a new Church Directory! So much has happened in the year with so many new faces that we decided to update the directory a little earlier than usual. So please send the church office updated information, if any, regarding address, phone number(s), and email(s). Also a current picture would be appreciated.

## January Ministry Fund

Thanks to your generosity and a generous donation from Deacon Michael's Discretionary Fund, St. James was able to work with **26 families** to provide **\$7045.23** for utility and rental assistance. Unfortunately the need is great. There are currently 13 families on our waiting list. Please remember that the first Sunday "loose plate" collection (cash) is designated for the Ministry Fund, and we welcome donations by check as well - please make checks payable to St. James with Ministry Fund written in the check's Memo section. Thank you!



## Worship



February 6th  
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
In-person Worship @ 10:30 AM  
Childcare is available!

[Click here for the readings.](#)

February 6th

Evening Prayer  
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077  
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)



## Prayer

### Parish Prayer List

**Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:**

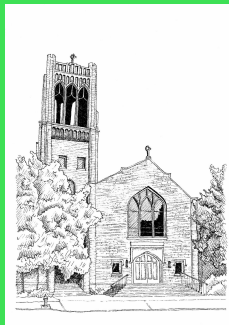
*Wayne McBride, Charlotte Sterling, Tim and Alexis Heflin, Henry Blake, Matthew Fontanille, Jaxsom McElwee, Bonnie McCartney, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Dixie Leigh Platt, Ty Cedars, Stacy, Kristie Fresh, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Sawyer, John, Bernard Parker, James Sinclair, Johnnie Hart, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Mesta Bain, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Rita Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Betty Anne Close, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Pat Carter, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.*

**For those in the military:**

*Samuel Hayes, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Steven P. Lemoine, Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.*

**For those celebrating birthdays in February (day):**

*Carl Close (1), Sara Fuhrer (1), Brik Hazel (2), Morgan Brewer (4), Emerson Milliner (5), Bruce Jordan (6), Chad Norton (6), Pat Carter (10), Lawrence Searcy (12), Emma McCartney (15), Rita Clancey (19), Tommy Brasher (22), Henry Blake (23), Brady Brown (24), Bernard Parker (25), Lee Couvillon (26), Melanie Jurgensen (26).*



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