

October 12, 2023

## From Fr. John

Have you seen any of the TV ads that end with a black screen and the words, “He gets us. All of us.”? This ad campaign is a way to get Jesus’ message to the masses, by means that might break through the defenses of the unchurched and those who have fallen away.

One of the videos, entitled “Love is Louder,” is a great example. The images that flash across the screen are of people yelling at each other, pushing each other, punching each other, and otherwise being angry with each other. Then it changes to images of people laughing and playing together, helping each other, and just experiencing joy. Over all of this, is narration that says:

*“Hate is loud. It uses all its breath and then some, to shout its selfish causes and to spew its vile venom. It’s obsessed with division and distress. With its gain and its success at another one’s expense. Hate is loud.*

*But love ... is louder. It is patient, it is kind. It is gentle, but it is strong. But it is a different kind of sound. It doesn’t shout or raise its voice. It’s love’s whisper that is loud. A whisper like a song or a like the rushing of the wind. It reverberates and resonates and amplifies within. Love is louder.*

*Jesus loves louder. He gets us. All of us.”*

When there are wars and rumors of wars all around us. When our nation’s leaders cannot stop yelling and sniping at each other long enough to do something constructive for our people, it is important for us to remember that Love is Louder – Jesus’ love is louder.

Make some noise for Jesus.

Peace be with us all.

Fr. John+



Join us **THIS Saturday**, October 14, from **10:00 a.m. - noon** to hear the remarkable story of Rev. Avery Hamilton and Mr. Dean Woods, two men from different backgrounds who have come together to honor the legacy of the Colfax Massacre. The massacre, a shocking event in American history that occurred in 1873 in Grant Parish, Louisiana, resulted in the deaths of over 60

Black men who were asserting their constitutional rights. Up until now, it has largely been forgotten in the retelling of our history.

Rev. Avery Hamilton, a Black man and the great-great-great grandson of Jesse McKinney, the first man killed in the massacre, is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Colfax. He grew up in Colfax without knowing about his family's past or the events that took place there. Dean, a white man in Houston and the great-grandson of Bedford Woods, a man who participated in the massacre, grew up in Louisiana without knowing about his family's connection to the event.

Avery and Dean's talk will highlight how they have worked together to establish the

Colfax Memorial Organization (<https://www.colfaxmemorial.org/>) to correct a false historical narrative and offer a place of remembrance and reflection. They will also share their vision to continue to make a difference in their community and the world and provide a model of transformation and healing across racial and historical divides.

All are welcome to participate in this informative and inspirational event!  
Questions? Contact Joy Owensby ([joy@epiwla.org](mailto:joy@epiwla.org)).



## Adult Christian Formation

Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 on Sunday mornings as we continue our study of the story of Moses from the Book of Exodus. Bring a cup of coffee, or your favorite beverage, and sit in. There is no preparation needed to join in the discussion.

## Coffee Hour

Coffee hour provides a great opportunity for fellowship on Sunday mornings following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. A wonderful time to visit and catch up on what is happening within our church family.



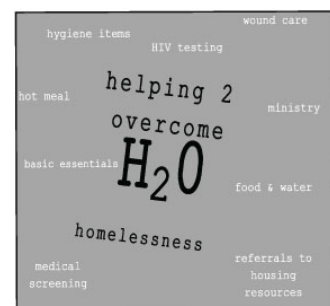
If you would like to help either with refreshments or as a server for this ministry, sign up in Parish Hall or call Susan Frey at 318-449-8501.



## HALLOWEEN at ST. JAMES 5:00 - 8:00 PM Church Steps

We will gather on October 31st for Trick or Treating on the church steps. Please join us from 5 - 8 pm and wear a costume if you like. We will greet children and pass out candy and have a really great time. If you are unable to join us, please consider **donating bags of individually wrapped candies** to be distributed to the ghosts and goblins that visit us that night.

On the 4th Thursday of every month, our three Episcopal churches work together to serve over 100 homeless people. If you feel called to help with this ministry, please bring any items that you would like to donate to the church office labeled H2O or put in blue crate. Deacon Brian will pick those things up near the end of the month.



### Clothing for Men & Women:

Gently used clothing & shoes

Belts,

Socks (white only)

Logo type t-shirts

Men's boxers (NOT white) - size large & x-large

Women's underwear size 5,6,7,10

White T-shirts - large & x-large

### Hygiene: Food Stuff:

Toothpaste Gatorade/drinks (small bottles)

Soap Peanut butter crackers

Deodorant Chips (small bags)

Shampoo Conditioner Granola bars

Razors Water

Wash cloths

Hand Towels Special Requests:

Bathing wipes Batteries size AA & AAA

Band-aids Dry or canned dog food

# WORSHIP

*"For many are called, but few are chosen."  
Matthew  
22:14*

**October 15th**

**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click on this link to join the 10:30 AM service.](#)

[Click here for the service bulletin.](#)

**October 15, 2023**  
**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 & reading.](#)



## Prayer

### Parish Prayer List

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

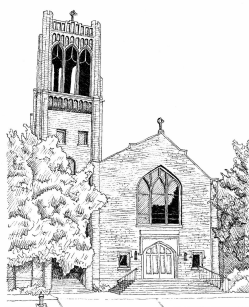
*The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Minnie Mikell, Edward Butler, Marietta, John Upton, Rita Clancey, Jackie LaCour, Linda Ittner, Gwen Jones, Sophia Frey Bradford, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Heather Craig, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Bobbie Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Lawrence, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip Hogue, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Beth Hebert, Jimmy Hurt, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Massi Jordan, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Chase Barnfield, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Wayne Moorehead, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Jane Tyson, and Mehre Hajighassem.*

**For those in the military:**

*Kyle Jordan, Samuel Hayes, Franklin Watson, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.*

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

*Teddy Malone (3), Ann Hall (4), Jim Chancey (7), Maci McCone (8), Ruth Weinzettle (8), Abbie Dubois (12), Alex McCartney (15), Melanie Torbett (15), Jim Weinzettle (15), Daniel Manuel (16), Rebecca McBride (16), Frances Yeager (16), Dustin Longmire (17), J. T. Norton (17), Mike Mikell (18), Martha Bolton (19), Dick Crowell (19), Elliot Milliner (20), Robert Ratcliff (20), Amy Andrus (24), Roy Rosenthal (26).*



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