

## Following Christ in a Ministry of Reconciliation



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*"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All of this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ." 2 Cor. 5:17-19a.*

The Cathedral took the bold move to become a member of the Community of the Cross of Nails. This makes us part of an international group of churches and agencies committed to the ministry of reconciliation in the world. We embrace the notion that we are to be a new creation recognizing that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. It also recognizes that in response to what Christ has done for us, we are given a ministry; that ministry is devoted to reconciliation.

As you remember November 14, 1940, was a memorable night for the people of Coventry, England. German bombers pelted the city with bombs. Coventry was (is) the Detroit of England. The lovely 14th century Cathedral of St. Michael was a casualty of this raid. There was nothing left but rubble and the walls. Provost Howard, looking upon this destruction at the hand of the enemy took a charred piece of the roof and wrote in charcoal, "Father Forgive." He did not write "them" for he recognized that there was enough blame to go around by all. After the war, teenagers from Coventry went to Dresden, equally bombed by the Allies, to help in their rebuilding. Youth from Dresden went to Coventry to do the same. This started the ministry of reconciliation that is the hallmark of Coventry Cathedral's ministry today. Provost Howard (Provost = Dean) also took three of the roof nails and formed a cross with them. This was the beginning of the Cross of Nails.

Fast forward to 1974, Provost Williams saw that an international community was needed to form interaction between churches and institutions devoted to the ministry of reconciliation and

social justice. This became the Community of the Cross of Nails. An international community of about 200 today. These communities are bound by three priorities: Healing the wounds of history; Living the difference and celebrating diversity; and building a culture of peace. This is done through prayer, especially the Litany of Reconciliation; study of the scriptures in small groups; and action, putting our faith into action to meet the needs of the local community. St. Mark's has been selected to be a Center for the Community of the Cross of Nails. Dean Witcombe came on March 10 and presented us with our cross of nails.

We are to be those whose minds are set upon this ministry. How do we follow Christ in a ministry of reconciliation? The answer for the Community of the Cross of Nails is threefold. First of all, we devote ourselves to prayer. The whole congregation has the opportunity to participate in this ministry. Prayer undergirds all we do. Each Sunday in the chapel at 10:20, the whole congregation is invited to gather for prayer seeking reconciliation. It doesn't take long, a couple of minutes. Come a bit early and undergird all we do with prayer. So important.

Secondly, we all can participate in the Ministry by adopting the mindset of reconciliation. Note that Dean Howard did not write, "Father forgive them;" he left it open ended recognizing that we all need forgiveness. We all need to set our minds upon forgiving one another and seeking forgiveness. We can renew our minds to this standard, in our interactions and our conversations.

Thirdly, we can seek to find ways to act upon this calling to seek reconciliation in the community in which we live. Right now, we are devoting ourselves to two opportunities. Once again all are invited to be involved. We are working with Purchased, Not for Sale, a ministry to women who are trying to exit human trafficking and prostitution. This is an important ministry for those who need reconciliation to the society in which they find themselves. It takes place every Wednesday from 10 to 4 (or any part of it). We also

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 6:00 pm  
Sunday Holy Eucharist

**JULY 7, 2024**

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 2:1-5      2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Psalm 123              Mark 6:1-13

**JULY 14, 2024**

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 7:7-15              Ephesians 1:3-14  
Psalm 85:8-13            Mark 6:14-29

**JULY 21, 2024**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 23:1-6          Ephesians 2:11-22  
Psalm 23                      Mark 6:30-34,53-56

**JULY 28, 2024**

**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 4:42-44          Ephesians 3:14-21  
Psalm 145:10-19          John 6:1-21

**AUGUST 4, 2024**

**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15      Ephesians 4:1-16  
Psalm 78:23-29            John 6:24-35

**AUGUST 11, 2024**

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:4-8            Ephesians 4:25-3:2  
Psalm 34:1-8                John 6:35, 41-51

**AUGUST 18, 2024**

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Proverbs 9:1-6            Ephesians 5:15-20  
Psalm 34:9-14              John 6:51-58

**AUGUST 25, 2024**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18      Ephesians 6:10-20  
Psalm 34:15-22              John 6:56-69

## BAPTISMS

**Eiza Camila Cerda, Thirza Jimena Cerda and Jakob Gael Cerda**, children of **Francisco Cerda & Marisol Mendoza**, on June 9, 2024.

**Jazlyn Michelle Gonzalez, Kristy Andrea Gonzalez and Donai Jr. Gonzalez**, children of **Donai Gonzalez & Cristobalina Ramirez**, on June 9, 2024.

*You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.*



## A Campus Update...

*by Lisa Love, Junior Warden*

- The Columbarium project has begun construction. As reflected in the renderings displayed in the Narthex of the Cathedral and designed by Clarence Babineaux, SGB Architects, the Courtyard Columbarium will contain 384 niches. Cynthia Anderson has been designated as Registrar of the Columbarium appointed by the Vestry, who shall maintain the records of the Columbarium including approved purchases of niches, internments and such other records as directed by the Vestry. Thank you for your patience while we are under construction. Purchase your niches now by calling or emailing Cynthia at [Cynthia@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:Cynthia@stmarkscathedral.net).

- Jan and Stuart Briscoe have generously donated some beautiful refurbishments to the seating area outside the Cathedral office in loving memory of Jan's parents, Virgie and Don Wallace.

- Sherri Skrivanos has graciously allowed us to display her watercolor paintings in the office seating area above the pews. Please stop by and enjoy them.

- We are also honored to display artwork of some other Cathedral artists in the Garden Room of the Ministry Center, including Judy Austin, Gigi Corley, Betty Hastings, Theresa Meldrum, Suzy Nelson, Pam Nichols, Mary O'Neal, and Sherri Skrivanos.

## Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

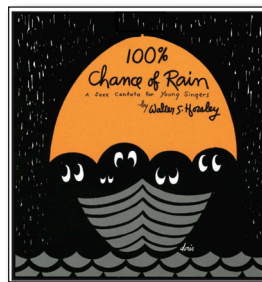
**Wednesday** 7:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist  
Chapel

**Fridays** 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist  
Chapel  
(The 5:30 service is an option for those who cannot attend Sunday worship.)



- St. Mark's Cathedral School Class of 2024 and St. Mark's Cathedral School Parents Club have generously donated new bleachers for the gym, which will include much-needed additional seating.

Blessings for all the work you continue to do for our Cathedral and School.



## It was Broadway at Church!

The 2024 St. Mark's Music Camp presented **100% Chance of Rain** by Walter S. Horsley at the conclusion of their camp week.

Thanks to instructors **Derrick Meador, Leslye Gilchrist and Theresa Johnson** and the dedicated crew, **Catherine Evans, Rob Gilchrist, Marilyn Kirkland, Anne Lasseigne and Aubrey Parkerson.**



## EfM: What You Put In Is What You Get Out

By Dee Peterson

When I first heard of EfM (Education for Ministry), an inner voice encouraged me to look into it more deeply in my quest to embrace my spiritual side. I was interested but was put off by the time commitment (weekly meetings during the school year with the understanding that those who signed up would stay on board throughout the four year curriculum). I am neither a Bible student nor a Bible scholar and have dedicated very little time to reading the Bible. A limitation on my part that I have felt the need to correct for a long time.

I signed up this past year along with my wife Carol finally yielding to that inner voice and would now say that joining the EfM community is one of the best things I have ever done. It is spiritually fulfilling and rewarding and the readings are interesting. Most important for me is the interaction with the group and encountering a full range of divergent opinions on scripture, sexuality, the nature of love and hate, digging deep beneath the surface to try to understand more fully our own relationship with Christ.

In EfM, you get out of it what you put into it. A lot of reading is necessary, but if family or other issues don't allow the time

to complete the reading one week or if you have to miss a meeting, then that's OK.

I've enjoyed all the readings and found one of the books, **THE CROSS AND THE LYNCHING TREE**, to help me better understand race relations from a black perspective and open

my eyes to the history and meaning of songs such as "Strange Fruit" by Billy Holiday. In **EXODUS**, when Moses receives the Ten Commandments, "thou shalt not kill" is handed down but a few verses later is addressed as "thou shalt not commit murder." Why, when we study the Ten Commandments, is the former rather than the latter in common use? What contradictions do we find in the Bible by the various writers and translators who have been divinely inspired to complete the books in the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament?

Beginning this September, we will move from the Old to the New Testament and I am already looking forward to the group conversations we will have about that. I cannot overemphasize how fortunate I am to find myself in the weekly company of a group of men and women ranging from young age to old guys like me who are kind, open

to others' opinions, tolerant, and intelligent. For me, the conversations and the growing relationships are the key.

I would strongly encourage anyone interested in EfM to take the step as I did and sign up. You will find it interesting, rewarding, and knowledge and spirit building.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 1	Clyde Hargrove	Michelle Q=Petersen	Hines Vaughan	Caroline Cottingham	Elizabeth Tamplin
Tim Hart	13	Jane Shea	Kathy Hassell	Sarah Milner	Kay Hyatt
Austin Reed	Kate Davis	Marguerite Allen	Jennifer Beruvides	Grayson Ameen	Michaelann Nichols
Jean Border	Natalie Cole	Claire Thibodeaux	Marie Gardner-McIntyre		Alexander Childs
2	Chadwick Erie	26	Georgia Johnson	14	Liz Davis
Brenda Giles	14	Barbara Dossett	6	Matt Moss	
Daniel Clarke	Amy Lewis	Warren Graves	Ron Boutte	Pearce O'Neal	23
Amanda Clingan	Jennie Jamerson	Elizabeth Peterson	Mark Faries	Onyx Zhang	Scott Stroud
Kevin Payne	15	27	Catherine Green	15	Lee Berry
Penn Brightwell	Benny Popwell	Bob FitzGerald	Liam Alley	Sanders Hearne	Whit Davis
Emma Dailey	Marie Toles	Susan Falbaum	Laura Poljak	Emma Tamplin	Nelle Lloyd
3	Susannah Poljak	Kathy Lowe	Gray Knicely	Zoe Caldwell	Chuck Tubbs
Katherine Eagles	Christian Hall	Don Weir	7	Chris Zepeda	Natalie Nuckolls
4	Collier McElroy	Dicksey Sanders	Nanette Beach	August Knicely	24
Tom Needham	16	Clay Stroud	Jonathan Sealy	Trey Davis	Ron Roberts
Chris Aymond	Lynn Massad	28	Dale Anderson	16	Donnette Martin
Tom Reed	Lynn Massad	Pepper Lang	Vicki Kilcline	Bob Lafargue	Morgan Emmons
Kennon Comegys	Walker Woodham	Jack Berg	Susan Reeks	Chris Fitzgerald	25
McKenzie Pugh	17	Oliver Jenkins	Maura Pugh	Cindy Mack	Janis Thompson
5	William Hardtner	Lauren Ewing	Charlotte Holtsclaw	Mikey Carlisle	Cody Brooks
Edward Leatherman	Danielle Hilario	29	Jud Flores	Gerry Damlouji	Kayla Marinoni
Nola Hargrove	Katharine Knicely	Chloe Thompson	Claire Bowers	Scott Douget	26
6	Ellen Erwin	Tom Thompson	Emma Jones	Emily Smith	Julia Horne
Bickham Dickson	Stratton Erwin	Frank Harris	Lindsey Payne	Joe Jayroe	John Herzog
Dana Milner	Alex Hall	Diane Long	8	17	Lillian Randall
Robin Gore	18	Wes Arnold	Julia Scruggs	Amanda Fortiz	Nan Colgin
Leah Horn	Judy Storer	Tammy Arnold	Mark Sealy	Quinn Kennedy	John Patrick Bartle
7	Roger Hammett	Samuel Cooper	Alston Johnson	Michael Burford	27
Beth Allen	Thomas Poljak	Ann Nuckolls	Eliza Hargrove	18	Gene Hilliard
Ashley Nader	19	JJ Fortiz	Mary Beene	Ena Henry	Jon Bowen
Chris Cottingham	Darrell Rebouche	Chelsie Pugh	9	Eddie Jenkins	Isabel Carter
Michael Schimpf	John Atkins	30	Lettie Burwell	Susan Evans	John Allen Thomas
Sydney Smith	20	Jan Glass	Betsy Kirby	Steve Horn	Kendall Gibbs
Brittney Thomas	Clayton Simmons	Thomas Siskron	Harold Quinn	Karol Fontaine	Todd Thompson
8	Caitlyn Hinkie	Patrick Caraway	Parrish Brightwell	William Allen	28
Dodie Billingsley	Campbell Jones	Laura Boyd	CeCe Wilbanks	Piper Brightwell	Patsy Reeks
Bob Williamson	21	Jaden Allen	10	Blair Irion	Elizabeth Prince
Lloyd Comegys	Rob Gilchrist	Matt Woodard	Robert Cady	Kimberly McGlothlin	Jenny Weber
Vivian Pettiette	Laura McLemore	Robin Breithaupt	Pat Hilliard	Charlotte Fritze	John Ourso
9	Randolph Smith	31	Ross Nelson	19	29
Pam Comegys	Marissa McGinty	Rick Newell	Michael Q=Petersen	Emma Caraway	Bill Kalmbach
Mary Yancey	Ruby Hargrove	=====	11	Chandler Aaron	Anna Hardtner
10	22	AUGUST 1	Will Horne	Katherine Renda	Kristen Renda
Carol Peterson	Beverly Reeves	Brad Lepore	Rebecca Miller	Anna Marie	Gary Tubbs
Kelly Deupree	Gayle Labor	Larry Cunningham	Scott Wysong	Schoonover	30
Sherry Ward	Micah Strong	2	12	Allie Gillen	Larry Shea
Connie Emmons	23	Emily Nelson	David Duncan	Holly Hargrove	Timothy Brown
Joanne Russell	Ellis Prince	Tad Dicharry	Warren West	20	Emaree Wallace
Tina Strong	Bennett Herndon	Hannah FitzGerald	Susanna Van Norman	Hani Dehan	Gary Joiner
Elise Kowalewski	Parker Byles	3	Jason Waltman	Chris Carter	31
11	Susan Snyder	Stuart Briscoe	Trigg Erwin	Brody Peterson	Linda Allen
Lauren Florsheim	24	Anna Kate Childs	Payne Hennigan	Houston Brown	Hanna Gamble
Kellie Kilcline	Debbie Smith	Ben Davis	13	21	
Sam Powell	Rosalyn Fisher	Sindee Finch	Clare Nelson	Pete Blanchard	
Mollie Kate Morton	Stephanie Young	4	Carolyn Gray	Esther Thomson	
12	Margaret Badgley	Susan Cage	Annaclaire Taylor	22	
Robin Jennings	Teresa LeBleu	5	Caroline Ourso	Cherry Grosz	
LG Ameen	25	Minette Haynes			
	Lisa Hargrove				

## DEATHS

*Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**Ralph Wayne Crank, Jr.**, husband of **Diane Long**, stepfather of **Emma Fargerson**, stepgrandfather of **Sage & Rhett Fargerson**, on May 25, 2024.

**Morgan Patrick O'Brien**, father of **Mary Morgan Jordan** and **Lindsay O'Brien**, on May 29, 2024.

**J. Baylor Boyd**, husband of **Daryl Tuminello**, son of **Laura Boyd**, brother of **Leslie Wilemon**, uncle of **Craig Wilemon**, on June 3, 2024.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## BIRTHS

**Louis Stephen Harrison**, on June 8, 2024. Parents are **Annelies & Seth Harrison**. Big brother is **Thomas Harrison**.



# Adult Christian Formation

9:30 a.m.

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are attending City Council meetings with the ministry of prayer during the meetings. The Council members do the tough work of seeking reconciliation and social justice in our community. They need our support in prayer. Our ministry is not to support any issues but to support those who are elected to do so and their interactions with those presenting the issues and themselves. (Every second and fourth Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in the Council chambers.) All are invited to join us in this ministry.

I am sure more opportunities will be forthcoming as each of us seeks to be reconciling agents in the Shreveport area and beyond. If you are interested, beyond praying on Sundays, please contact the Church Office or Father Paul Martin.

The members of St. Mark's have been blessed with this privilege to be about ministry under the auspices of the Community of the Cross of Nails. We are being called to this ministry through prayer, through our conduct, and through ministry opportunities. We would do well to find how we can best be about the work of the Gospel.

*"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself and has entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation." 1 Cor. 5:18*

9:30 a.m. **Christian Spirituality**  
*by Alistair McGrath* —  
Dean Alston Johnson  
Ministry Center Garden Room

9:30 a.m. **Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety**  
*by Henri Nouwen*  
— Fr. Thomas Nsubuga  
Library



## ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL VBS

**JULY 15-19, 2024**  
**9AM - 12 PM**

4yrs old (by 8/31/23) to  
rising 5th grade (grade entering in 2024 year)

All children **MUST** be potty trained.

**[Click HERE to sign up](#)**

For More information contact Amy in the church office. amy@stmarkscathedral.net

## ST. MARK'S WORK OUT

Come join a group that rises early to exercise in the mornings with short runs, barbell workouts, and calisthenics.

5:30 am - 6:15 am - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
Above 45 degrees - Workout outside.  
Below 45 degrees - Workout in the gym.  
Necessary equipment onsite.

**Call Dean Johnson in the office for more information.**

## Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

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