



Otey Notes



VISION DIVINE

One of the pivotal components of history is genius, especially inventors and inventions. The development of the plow and better harnessing of horse power, the cotton gin and the light bulb, and of course, penicillin – there are new creations and inventions by visionaries that change all our lives and the destiny of millions by affecting the course of history. You may recall Thomas Edison’s quip in response to praise of his genius: *Genius is one percent inspiration and 99% perspiration*. Perhaps. But that is a crucial one percent that is both rare and subject to the as-is of its context.

Within reason I have as many or more words available to me as Shakespeare, although he invented a lot I do have, but nevertheless, I cannot turn my word bank into anything approaching his compositions. There are only so many notes and tones, but were I more familiar than I am with them all, I would not expect to create the music of Handel. And whether such differences lie in that one percent or not, inventors and creators are inflamed with a celestial fire that only warms the rest of us. The overwhelming majority of us are simply recipients and beneficiaries of the geniuses who have gone before.

This is nowhere so touted as the political arena. We are constantly told voters are hungry for and enthralled by politicians who talk a good vision, eager for someone of extraordinary genius to see ahead and inspire us. In fact, one of the sure success traits for any politician is a clearly AND winsomely articulated **vision**. Mostly what we get instead are people who have a very clear vision of how to get elected and take power, but not the foggiest idea of what to do with it, besides try to stay popular.

But vision, inspiration, a genius to see a way that powerfully elicits devotion - that is important. In the Book of the Proverbs it is written, *Without a vision the people perish*. And a mature Holden Caulfield might legitimately append in our age of “phonies,” *without an honest vision, the children perish*. Thus whether in theological or cultural or political realms, vision – **that ability** to see beyond present reality to a greater, more brilliant future, and the creativity and inventiveness to call that into being – **is inspiration**, and magnificent even in the smallest quantity of 1%, Mr. Edison be correct.



The quality of inspiration that is real and rare and powerful can be either divine or demonic. Hitler’s name is iconic not only for his horrible, historic atrocities, but for the power of his vision which disturbs, embarrasses, but is undeniable dark fact. We can only hope to confront evil vision writ large across human life by being stimulated and animated by a more powerful vision: one from the visionary nature of God.

First Abram, before he has been re-baptized (Father) Abraham. His is the succinct beginning of a gigantic story, the re-birth of Creational order, in one man: *Go from your country....* Why? To become a great nation, a great name, ... *in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed*. The **extravagance** of that divine vision! one old man as the beginning of a line as numerous as the stars of heaven, as the grains of sand in the sea, and changing the history of **all** mankind?!? Abram could not possibly understand nor appreciate that enormous vision, ... but His God did.

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TAKE NOTE

- ✓ Feb. 1 The Rev. Dr. Chris Bryan preaches
- ✓ Feb. 22 The Rev. Ben King preaches

CHRISTIAN FORMATION, SUNDAYS, 10 AM

- ✓ Feb. 1 Dr. David Meola—*Human Rights Notions, Pre-Holocaust Germany*
- ✓ Feb. 8 Rector’s Forum
- ✓ Feb. 15 Ms. Cassie Meyer—*Interfaith Youth Care*
- ✓ Feb. 22 Rev. Bob Hughes—*Peacemaking Through the 12 Steps in Tanzania, Romania*

OTHER EVENTS

- ✓ Feb. 10 CAC Fundraiser—Sewanee Hearts and Grocery Carts, 5 pm—7 pm
- ✓ Feb. 16 Otey office closed, President’s Day
- ✓ Feb. 17 Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Supper Cravens Hall, 5:30 pm
- ✓ Feb. 18 *Otey Notes* articles due, 3 pm

FOTM

- ✓ Feb. 20-22 Winter Retreat

SPECIAL SERVICES

- ✓ Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday, 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm
- ✓ Feb 24 St. Matthew the Apostle, Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, 12:15 pm

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Similarly, the pious and benevolent Nicodemus is baffled by Jesus of Nazareth: God's vision that is incomprehensibly other than he can conceive. No matter his open-mindedness, his venturing to meet this controversial figure Jesus of Nazareth, no matter his maturity or learning, he was limited in how he saw things. Granted, Jesus' talk of being **born again** is perplexing. We have lived with that language thousands of years and it still daunts, vexes, and challenges the mind. To some extent it always will.

In both these cases, the vision was provided by God. Abram trusted in the Lord and did indeed become the father of a great nation, but at the outset who could see the many marvelous twists and turns that would bring? Nicodemus was intrigued and continued on the scene even unto what seemed the end, i.e., the shameful torture and execution of Jesus. Perhaps he remained at the fringes still struggling with that strange call and vision: be **born again**.



So what of these grand visions so baffling and inexplicable when they come? Just this to hold on to: GOD sees things in a way as far beyond our ability as is the east from the west. Unaided we see only dull, predictable reality, built out of the familiar resource of what we have already known; GOD sees beyond – what is to us horizon is to Him no more than a wisp within eternity. That is why God, in His Word as Jesus, in His Word through the Holy Prophets, is always calling us to things beyond our scope, new things, new birth, new life, and of such sort as our old vocabularies are ever woefully inadequate. But HE ever accommodates us in sharing with us words and wisdom that are at the threshold of our comprehension. Faith seeks more; Faith is granted more.

And though these words of mine state the obvious, they come, as well, as **warning**: a warning against the presumption of holding **only** to our cherished notions of ourselves or our causes and conclusions. A warning against leaving no significant room in our little lives for the mighty acts of GOD to shake us apart and put us back together, to draw from the settledness of life new born worlds and wonders for us to lift up our hearts and adore. Left to our own, our old devices, nothing; Abram could produce nothing; left to the familiar way to seeing things, Nicodemus could never obtain re-birth. We stand as they stood, with GOD beckoning us to the other and unexpected, which eclipses and overturns our own righteousness and right-thinking. In truth, it will always surprise, unless you are that prophet or seer, so rare and so exposed.

What a shame it would be to miss it ...because we already know the right way,... because we already know

what truth is and demands, in this or that person or situation. We are by far and away the major stumbling block in our own future with GOD, when we refuse to be open to be wrong or acknowledge that forever His Ways will be other and different than any we contrive. Self-confidence askew is a terrible disability, to which the brightest succumb first. Living with GOD's vision correcting and superseding our own, that's always the beginning of something wonderful. He can, has, and will call into being things-that-are-not; we all got our start that way! He even remakes old and tired lives after His own image into something amazingly marvelous but different. There is **not** eternal life but that which is **born again**.

Lift up your hearts beyond your familiar expectations and defenses into new [to you, that is] territory, which may mean looking back to ancient verities or even your inception. Lift up your eyes to His promise as incalculably lavish as the night sky fretted with the golden fire of innumerable stars. This so rich and strange promise is God's way out and God's way forward. Will you abandon yourself to that?

JLR

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN, MARCH 2



The first spring luncheon-meeting of ECW will be at noon in St. Mark's Hall of Claiborne Parish House. The program continues with stories of biblical women, based on the book by Katerina Katsarka Whitley. On March 2 Elizabeth "Lizzie" Duncan will present a monolog as Miriam.

Most Christians are familiar with the story of the infant Moses' being hidden from certain death by putting him in a basket and floating him down the Nile. Most also know of Moses as a man God chose to lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt to find the Promised Land. Less known is one who accompanied him on the journey---Miriam, his sister, who not only was a major influence on her brother, but also was the leader of all the women in the group.

Ms. Duncan grew up in Sewanee and, after graduating from Peabody, studied theater in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, and Spain. She has had many prominent acting roles in her career and, since returning to Sewanee, has frequently shared her talents throughout the community. She is currently Director of Alumni and Social Events at St. Andrews Sewanee.

All interested women of the area are invited to join in the spiritual opportunities and fellowship of ECW. Reservations for the \$10 catered lunch must be made by 6:00 pm Friday, February 27 by calling Peggy Lines at 598-5863 or e-mailing her at plines@sewanee.edu. A vegetarian meal will be provided if requested at the time of reservation.

LENT, BY GEORGE HERBERT

CAC

Welcome dear feast of Lent: who loves not thee,
 He loves not Temperance, or Authority,
 But is compos'd of passion.
 The Scriptures bid us fast; the Church says, now:
 Give to thy Mother, what thou wouldst allow
 To ev'ry Corporation.

The humble soul compos'd of love and fear
 Begins at home, and lays the burden there,
 When doctrines disagree,
 He says, in things which use hath justly got,
 I am a scandal to the Church, and not
 The Church is so to me.

True Christians should be glad of an occasion
 To use their temperance, seeking no evasion,
 When good is seasonable;
 Unless Authority, which should increase
 The obligation in us, make it less,
 And Power itself disable.

Besides the cleanness of sweet abstinence,
 Quick thoughts and motions at a small expense,
 A face not fearing light:
 Whereas in fulness there are sluttish fumes,
 Sour exhalations, and dishonest rheums,
 Revenging the delight.

Then those same pendant profits, which the spring
 And Easter intimate, enlarge the thing,
 And goodness of the deed.
 Neither ought other men's abuse of Lent
 Spoil the good use; lest by that argument
 We forfeit all our Creed.

It's true, we cannot reach Christ's forti'eth day;
 Yet to go part of that religious way,
 Is better than to rest:
 We cannot reach our Saviour's purity;
 Yet we are bid, 'Be holy ev'n as he, '
 In both let's do our best.

Who goeth in the way which Christ hath gone,
 Is much more sure to meet with him, than one
 That travelleth by-ways:
 Perhaps my God, though he be far before,
 May turn and take me by the hand, and more:
 May strengthen my decays

Yet Lord instruct us to improve our fast
 By starving sin and taking such repast,
 As may our faults control:
 That ev'ry man may revel at his door,
 Not in his parlour; banqueting the poor,
 And among those his soul.

CAC recently celebrated 40 years of outreach ministry to the greater Sewanee Community. This ministry with its humble beginnings has grown and evolved over time, and today we are able to provide food and other assistance to many families and individuals who seek our help. We continue to live into the original vision to be a safe and caring place. One of the anchors and greatest strengths of CAC is the volunteer corps who faithfully and unselfishly gives of their time in so many ways. Without the help of volunteers CAC could not operate. There are so very many volunteer opportunities from positions on the board, grocery packing, office volunteer, mentor, Community Meal helpers, grant writing, visionary, driver, food pick-up/delivery and the list goes on. For anyone interested there will be a VOLUNTEER TRAINING scheduled for February 16 at 11:00 in St. Mark's Hall. This is a refresher course for the new and the old. Please consider becoming a volunteer for this amazing ministry. There is a place for everyone. We need you!



SAVE THE DATES

“Sewanee Hearts and Grocery Carts” sponsored by Kappa Omega Sorority. February 10, 5-7pm, St. Mark's Hall

April 25—“Hunger Walk” sponsored by Sewanee/ Monteagle Rotary. Registration coming soon online.

Jasper King got one of the Community Fund chicken coops and his hens have started laying. He brought in eggs to share.

Correction to picture in January's *Otey Notes* page 4. Elliot Benson was mistakenly identified as Elliott Puckette. Sorry Elliot!

Elliott Benson & Connie Gibson

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

Hymn 458 is one of my favorite hymns. If you read through the lyrics of the hymn, I think it will become one of your favorite hymns as well. Most hymnals use all seven verses of Samuel Crossman's poem; however there are a few books that use only six. It is a true depiction of the passion as almost a "love" hymn to Jesus Christ. It is a great hymn for meditation during the Lenten and Easter seasons.

The hymn tune to which the text is usually sung is LOVE UNKNOWN by John Ireland. It is set to the tune of RHOSYMEDRE or ST. JOHN (CALKINS) as well, but neither are as popular as Ireland's setting. Ireland composed the melody over a luncheon appointment at the urging of organist and fellow composer, Geoffrey Shaw.

The melody LOVE UNKNOWN has inspired many other musician's settings. Coldplay, a British rock band, wrote and recorded a piece called "A Message" which was inspired by the hymn. American composer Edwin Childs set this hymn to a new tune, "Gunnar", in 1999. It is a piece for four part choir and included in the hymnbook *Break Forth In Joyous Song*. The group Iona set this hymn to a new tune and Joanne Hogg (a Celtic Christian singer) released it on their album *Looking Into Light* in 1999. It has been included in a Piccolo Concerto by Paul Stanhope, set in several choral renditions, as well as many hymnal alterations.

Samuel Crossman studied for the priesthood at Cambridge and later served the Cathedral at Bristol. This text was written in 1664. He is noted for a famous speech at Bristol Cathedral the day after the murder of King Charles I.

Now we will turn to John Ireland, a prolific and outstanding composer. John was of Scottish descent. He was the youngest of five children to an elderly father and younger mother. When he was 14 his mother died; his father died the following year. He was said to be "introspective, self-critical, and haunted by memories of a sad childhood". In 1893 Ireland began his studies at the Royal Academy of Music. He studied with Frederic Cliffe, Walter Parratt and composition with Charles Villiers Stanford. When he graduated he served as organist at St. Luke Church, Chelsea.

Ireland became famous for writing songs and chamber music. He lived in the Channel Islands until he was evacuated before the German invasion in WWII. From 1923 he taught at the Royal Academy of Music. He had several distinguished students, such as Richard Darnell,

Ernest John Moeran, and Benjamin Britten. Ireland married a young student, Dorothy Phillips, but the marriage ended two years later and Ireland remained a life-long bachelor. In 1947, Mrs. Norah Kirkby became his personal assistant and was with him until his death in 1962 at 82 years of age. When he retired in 1953 he lived in a converted windmill in the hamlet of Rock until his death of heart failure.

Even though Ireland was well schooled in Beethoven, Brahms, and the German classical composers, he also admired Ravel and Debussy. He became known as the "British Impressionist". His most famous composition was *The Holy Boy*. His most famous anthem was *Greater Love Hath No Man* which commemorated those lost in the War. Most of his work has been recorded many times. John Ireland was a major composer in Britain and left us many wonderful contributions to church music, as well as many other genres as well.

We will use *Love Unknown* many times during this season. Let the beauty of a great melody set to a wonderfully inspirational text speak to your heart with a love unknown only from our Lord.

Kathy Sturgis

SYMPOSIUM—W. BROWN PATTERSON'S BOOK

The Friends of the Library of the University of the South will present a symposium on "William Perkins and Elizabethan England" on Friday, February 27 in Gailor Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. The occasion of the symposium is the publication of W. Brown Patterson's book, *William Perkins and the Making of a Protestant England* (Oxford University Press, 2014).

James W. Dunkly, Associate University Librarian and School of Theology Librarian, will preside at the symposium. Benjamin J. King, Associate Professor of Church History, will introduce the program. He will be followed by J. Ross Macdonald, Assistant Professor of English, who will speak on William Perkins and Christopher Marlowe, and by Patterson, who will speak on William Perkins and Richard Hooker. James F. Turrell, Professor of Liturgics and Associate Dean of the School of Theology, will provide a commentary. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

The program will be followed by a reception in the foyer of Gailor Auditorium and a book-signing. The symposium is free and open to the public.

Penny Cowan, duPont Library

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

As we turn the corner into February, we celebrate the joy of Epiphany season. Our children and youth led us to find the Star of Bethlehem in a magical service on January 4, 2015. The Epiphany season officially began on January 6 with our celebration of the Magi visiting the baby Jesus. Since the Magi were not Jewish, this Feast Day is considered the first time Jesus is revealed to the Gentiles. In this season, we are called to live into the joy of Christ’s birth and His identity as “Emmanuel”—God is with us. The Epiphany season’s forty days are a time to reflect upon further revelation into *who Jesus is for us and our brothers and sisters* with the celebration of His baptism, as well as His first miracle at the wedding at Cana. While we search for, reflect upon, and receive Jesus’s light and love, we are then called to share that love, as Jesus did, in ministry and mission to the world. In the midst of this season, January 18-25, 2015, the World Council of Churches recognizes The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which calls Christians across all denominations to find unity in our relationships with God, others, and our selves. During this season, our Lectionary Class will explore these sacred texts in understanding Jesus’ revelation to us and all our brothers and sisters.

Our “Blessed are the Peacemakers” series will also explore how our brothers and sisters are finding peace here and in other communities. We will welcome **Dr. David Meola**, (February 1) who will discuss notions about human rights prior to the Holocaust that set the stage for the Nazis’ mass murder of Jews, homosexuals, gypsies, and others; **Ms. Cassie Meyer** (February 15) will share her work with the “Interfaith Youth Core”, an organization which fosters the development of interfaith leaders on college campuses that encourage and empower a dialogue of interfaith cooperation; **The Rev. Dr. Bob Hughes** (February 22) will tell us, with his wife, Barbara about their planting seeds of peace by developing 12-Step Recovery Programs in Tanzania and Romania. Come join us each Sunday at 10:00 AM as we examine where, how, and with whom Jesus reveals Himself to be and what that means for us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

---Robin Reed

CHILDREN’S CORNER-EPIPHANY PAGEANT

On January 4, 2015, Otey Parish was blessed to celebrate the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem and the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles. Over 25 of our children and youth, told the wonderful story of Elizabeth, young Mary and the older Joseph who were willing to trust and follow God’s call to them. Children and youth, ranging in age from 3 to 17, portrayed sheep, animals, angels, shepherds, innkeepers, and the kings who were This year, a team of dedicated directors worked with our children. A heart-felt thank you to:

Amy and Neil Patterson (lines); Lisa and Sophia Hartman (staging); Kathy Sturgis and Tom Adamson (music); Brenda and Sophia Patterson (costume coordination). Thanks to our costume creation team of Jennifer Matthews, Ellie Fricker, and Sophia Hartman, our costumes were beautiful, plentiful. This year our costumes went from “Burger King paper crowns to a Broadway quality wardrobe!!”

Special thanks to Jill Mollica and family for a scrumptious reception in St. Mark’s Hall after the service so that the children and their families could enjoy the magic of this night. May we open our hearts so our children and youth may lead us to find Jesus in Bethlehem and the stable of our hearts. ---

Robin Reed



FOLKS AT HOME CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS



Folks at Home is offering a series of three workshops for family caregivers that is titled, “One Day @ a Time: Taking Care of Yourself While Caring for Others.” The workshops will be facilitated by Kathleen Banchoff, PhD, a writer and hospice volunteer based in Providence, RI.

The workshops will take place in Claiborne Parish House at Otey Memorial Parish, 216 University Avenue, Sewanee, Tennessee . The first was on Sunday, January 25; subsequent ones will be Sunday February 15 and Sunday, March 1 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Topics covered include: Communication dilemmas – Making Others Understand; Story-telling – Entertaining Ways to Ask for Help; Spirituality of Caregiving – Finding the Smile. Each session is a stand-alone workshop and will include Tips and Tools handouts. Participants may attend any or all of the three workshops.

For questions or reservations, contact Folks@Home at [931-598-0303](tel:931-598-0303) or folksathomesewanee@gmail.com . The cost of each workshop is a food donation to Otey’s Community Action Committee or a donation of 1.5 hours to the Folks@Home Timebank Program.

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Vestry Highlights from the January 15, 2015, meeting, 6:30 p.m. The minutes once approved at the next meeting are available in hard copy in Brooks Hall or online.

- ✘ New members greeted, and visitors.
- ✘ Officers elected: Steve Ford, Senior Warden; Doug Seiters, Jr. Warden; Beth Wiley, Treasurer; Ann Aitken, Clerk.
- ✘ Visitor: Neil Patterson, Youth Minister, was given the floor to delineate his views on youth ministry and budget decreases in that area. He proposed youth ministry fund raising events which the Vestry enthusiastically endorsed. Pete Trenchi, guest, spoke to increasing funding for youth work and not asking the youth to raise funds.
- ✘ In the Treasurer's report the 2014 year-end balances were presented: expenses exceeded revenues by approximately \$51,000, which was covered by reserves on hand. The largest areas of shortfall were underpayment of pledges, exceptional insurance expenses for outgoing and current clergy simultaneously, larger than budgeted utility expense. Establishing a final figure for pledge income for 2015 in order to present the bank a balanced budget, as we are obligated to do by the terms of our building loan, was discussed, as were means of soliciting further paid in revenue. Next month's meeting will be the expected time to make final refinements for the 2015 Budget before submitting it to the bank, as required.
- ✘ Reports were received from Christian Formation & CAC which will be included in the permanent log in Brooks Hall.
- ✘ The Search Committee reported the expectation of completing the parish profile this month and asking the Vestry to accept it at a special meeting called for Feb. 1. At that time the SC will also ask the Vestry to approve a salary package for the next rector, this having been researched and advised and approved by the diocese.
- ✘ Noting the forthcoming diocesan convention (Jan. 23-24), the interim clergy's week of continuing education (Jan. 26-Feb. 2), the observation of holy days this month and next, the Vestry adjourned at 8:48 pm with a benediction.

Although these notes are agreed to reflect the highlights of the most recent meeting, they are not the official record which is in Brooks Hall or published after approval online.

Next Vestry Meeting—February 19, 6:30 pm.

VESTRY—BUDGET ISSUES

The Vestry feels it is important for the congregation to be kept abreast of ongoing budget issues. Fiscal year 2014 ended with a budget deficit of over \$51,000. Annual pledged money received fell \$48,500 short of the \$320,000 budgeted pledge amount. In addition, there were some unanticipated increases in a few expense lines.

This budget deficit comes at a very bad time given that we have building debt to service and a new rector to hire. The Vestry had already tightened the 2015 budget, so no meaningful changes can be made for the coming year to compensate for 2014.

Annual financial statements are in the mail. We are asking all members to review their statements to be sure that pledged amounts were paid and credited correctly. Please contact the church administration in Brooks Hall if you have any concerns regarding your statements.

Steve Ford, Senior Warden, on behalf of the Vestry

FROM RAMONA AND REMINGTON ROSE-CROSSLEY

We are both Episcopal priests, and we have been offering spiritual direction to students at the School of Theology for the past five years. We would like also to offer it to members of Otey parish.

"Spiritual direction" is not about telling people what to do or where to go. Rather, it is about making suggestions about prayer and asking questions about a Christian's relationships with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Sometimes readings are suggested, often--though not always--Scripture.

As we know from our own experience, there are times in a person's spiritual life when he or she feels stuck, flat, out of touch. Sometimes life presents obstacles that seem to make prayer pointless or superfluous. Often people feel it's silly to tell God everything we fear and hope for because God already knows it all, right, so why be boring? Sometimes prayer lifts us so high we need to share our excitement with someone else. Perhaps any and all of these experiences are more vivid during Lent, which begins early this year, on February 18, Ash Wednesday.

The three goals of spiritual direction, we think, are encouragement, confidence, and joy. Conversations in spiritual direction are confidential, sometimes intimate, and require humility, truth-telling, and openness on the part of both persons involved.

If any member of Otey Parish wonders if beginning a series of monthly meetings focused on the spiritual life might be interesting and useful as we approach the season of penitence and preparation for the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord, please call us at 598-5215 or send us an e-mail to set up a time to get together. vrosec2@charter.net

Grace and peace-

FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE



Parish Profile: In anticipation of opening the nominations for a new rector, the Search Committee has been working on the Parish Profile and the information required for the Office for

Transition Ministry, the national church's program to assist clergy and parishes in discernment. (OTM replaced the Church Deployment Office with a more expansive and useful process.)

Canon Pamela Snare met with the committee in Sewanee on Jan. 12 to review an early draft of the profile and to discuss the OTM questionnaire. The Parish Profile will go to the Bishop and to the Otey Vestry before it is finalized and published; the committee hopes that this will be in early February. The profile will be published in paper form, and will be available on the Otey website.

Nominations: Nominations for a new rector will open upon the profile's publication, and remain open for approximately four weeks. There will be a form available for parishioners to submit nominations. Confidentiality is *essential* in this process. If you choose to submit a name for consideration, you will receive an acknowledgement that the name has been received; however, after that, you will not know anything further. Please do not tell anyone who you've submitted or discuss it with others: you could do the potential candidate great harm by discussing this, and you do the process a disservice by breaching confidentiality. Only the Search Committee conveners

ALL names are then sent to Canon Snare, who will check references and vet candidates for the next round of consideration. Canon Snare expects to send us the names of 15-20 qualified candidates who are interested in and willing to consider a call from Otey. There could be many reasons that someone nominated does not make it to this next level: the person is not interested in leaving their current position; the compensation package that Otey can offer; family and personal issues; and other considerations that we will never know. We understand that this part of the process can be a challenge: it will seem as if nothing is happening for a number some time. Please trust the process and have patience.

The Search Committee invites your comments and inquiries. You can reach us via email to <oteysearchcommittee@gmail.com>, through our box in Brooks Hall, or on our webpage (go to <oteyparish.org> and click on Search Committee in the left bar). Further instructions about submitting names will be forthcoming. We continue to seek your prayers, your patience, and your trust. Thank you.

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LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER!

Otey Parish Celebrates

Shrove Tuesday, February 17, Cravens Hall

This event takes close to 100 volunteers. Shelley Cammack (shelley@wardcammack.com, 615-289-2453) is in charge of volunteers.

Volunteers needed for:

- ◆ Talent
- ◆ Decoration
- ◆ Set Up
- ◆ Balloon blowing
- ◆ Serving
- ◆ Kitchen duties
- ◆ Cleanup



Please let Shelley know what you can do to help.

It takes a church to make this event happen!

Prayer List

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR PRAYERS: Laird Almy, Caroline Myers Baird, Paul Beich, John Bohannon, Jonathan Burnett, David Burnett, Robby Capel, Stuart Cook, Jackie Faircloth, Patrick Irwin, Bob Keele, Howell Lynch, Julie Marsman, Kenneth Moore, Cameron Sandefur, Catherin Sandefur, Mary Sears, J. Carlton Smith, Dessie Taylor, Edie, Suzanne, Michelle, and Anchi.

We pray for those serving in our armed forces and for their families.

The prayer list will be cleaned and refreshed on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015. Names for the prayer list will need to be submitted/resubmitted to Frieda Gipson at oteyparish@gmail.com.

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the March 2015 issue of Otey Notes is:

3pm Wednesday, February 18

Email submissions to:
oteyparish@gmail.com

Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.

CENTERING PRAYER AT OTEY AND BEYOND

Are you thirsty for spiritual practice? Faithful in worship, pursuing a life of service, but feeling that something is missing? You may find yourself drawn to Centering Prayer, a prayer of silence in which we open our minds and hearts to the indwelling Holy Spirit. A Centering Prayer support group meets every Monday night at 7 pm in the church. No prior experience is necessary, so feel free to try it out. More information can be found at www.contemplativeoutreach.org.

In February, there are two special opportunities to learn more about the practice. One is a one-day retreat led by the Rev. Tom Ward at the Center for Mindful Living in Chattanooga on February 14. For information and registration, see <http://centerformindfulliving.wildapricot.org/event-1824503>. Carolyn Goddard will be leading an introductory workshop at Christ the King in Nashville on February 21. For more information, contact Carolyn Goddard at [615-438-3216](tel:615-438-3216), or to register, please send your name to janis.lovecchio@holyfamilycc.com.

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| 3-Feb Elliott Duncan | 16-Feb Jane Holmes |
| 6-Feb Jett Fisher (Jay) | 17-Feb James Blythe (Jimmy) |
| 9-Feb Timothy Graham | 17-Feb John Fisher |
| 9-Feb Alexander Croom (Mac) | 18-Feb Justin Briggie |
| 9-Feb Augustus Croom (Gus) | 18-Feb George Dick |
| 9-Feb Freya Colvill | 19-Feb Amy Neubauer |
| 10-Feb Deborah Ball (Debbie) | 19-Feb Timothy Nelson (Tim) |
| 12-Feb Laurie Fisher | 19-Feb Maddie Van de Ven |
| 12-Feb William Cocke (Willie) | 22-Feb Jett Fisher |
| 12-Feb Beth Wiley | 23-Feb Marcus Briggie |
| 13-Feb Trudy Cunningham | 23-Feb Thomas Macfie |
| 13-Feb Brenda Matthews | 23-Feb J.T. Jenkins |
| 14-Feb Miree Wood | 24-Feb Elizabeth Camp (Liz) |
| 15-Feb Kelley Black | 27-Feb Hampton Mauzy |
| 15-Feb John Gatta | 28-Feb Bonnie McCardell |
| 16-Feb Jeannie Babb | |