



# Otey Notes



**LENT** A period of penitence and fasting before Easter has been observed in the Church from the earliest times. St. Irenaeus mentions it, and there are many references to it in the Church Fathers. It has been variously observed: everything from a strict fast of three days before Holy Saturday to the now familiar “forty days” of the Western Church. The “forty” comes from our Lord’s time in the wilderness and is rooted in the forty years spent by Israel in the desert with Moses. We are not certain when “Lent” became attached to this period of time, nor exactly what it means. I think it is best to take the obvious meaning of “slow”: a time of relative withdrawal from normal occupations, diversions, and habits of eating for the sake of greater time spent in meditation and prayer (“spiritual exercises”) and less time spent on the demands and needs of the flesh. Indeed, abstaining from the eating of flesh is the most commonly understood aspect of the season.

The season itself is one of abstinence, not strict fasting. The only two fast days of strict observance enjoined by the Prayer Book are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In fact, in recent years, an undue emphasis has been placed on what are called the “positive” aspects of the season – taking *on* something (spiritual reading) or concentrating on almsgiving and service. But to give up something one likes, to negate part of one’s ordinary life in this world for the sake of our eternal inheritance, is itself a positive thing, reminding us that the best part even of our earthly life is becoming “rich toward god”.

So the disciplines of Lent are *all* positive. We should fast from our sins every day, all year. So Lent should not be concentrated wholly on what is our

simple, plain duty as Christians at any time. One should give up or lessen dependence on a pleasure, an innocent but perhaps inordinate aspect of one’s ordinary life. I have written about my vain attempt to give up listening to music during one Lent, which made me so touchy and unpleasant that I was formally requested to abandon so foolish a rule. And Mr. Andrew Lytle certainly would not countenance anything so unnatural as giving up bourbon. That was an affront to companionability and decent society.

So be careful about what you “give up” and what you “take on”. It should be something within your power, but hard enough to make a test of you. To play on the word itself: something of you and of your time must be “lent” to something else: to your Church, or to your family, or to your community. But the most important thing in Lent is to clear away whatever distracts you from or obscures for you the central fact of your life – that you are created in the image of God and regenerated in the image of Christ. Do or don’t do whatever you must do to clear your perception of that and enable your participation in it.

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## TAKE NOTE

- ✓ Mar. 1 CAC Pantry Sunday
- CHRISTIAN FORMATION, SUNDAYS, 10 AM**
- Lectionary classes each Sunday review that day’s Gospel lesson**
- ✓ Mar. 1 Dr. Nick Roberts—”Peace In the Middle East”
- ✓ Mar. 8 Rector’s Forum
- ✓ Mar. 15 Reception honoring Robin Reed
- ✓ Mar. 22 Jennie Turrell—”Let Us Pray: A Little Kids’ Guide to the Eucharist”
- GUEST PREACHERS**
- ✓ Mar. 15 The Rev. Brian Alberti
- OTHER EVENTS**
- ✓ Mar. 18 *Otey Notes* articles due, 3 pm
- ✓ Mar. 19 Vestry Meeting, 6:30 pm, Adult Education Room, Claiborne House
- WEEKDAY SERVICES, RITE I**
- ✓ Mar. 20 St. Joseph, Holy Eucharist, 12:15 pm
- ✓ Mar. 25 The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Virgin Mary, 12:15 pm
- HOLY WEEK SERVICES, RITE I, 5 PM**
- ✓ Mar. 30 Monday
- ✓ Mar. 31 Tuesday

*The foregoing article was written by the Rev. Dr. William H. Ralston, in whose honor and by whose bequest the Ralston Listening Library was created, DuPont Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. He was not only graduated from Sewanee but returned as a beloved lecturer and mentor from 1962 to 1973, teaching theology and literature. Being ordained and having served in many illustrious cures from Toronto to Canterbury, he again assumed the pastoral vocation after leaving Sewanee, becoming rector of Saint John’s Parish, Madison Square, Savannah, until 1999. The Vestry resolution at his retirement reads, “For over 25 years, with God as his preventing guide, and good humor as his assistant, he has been teacher, advisor, counselor, persuader, coaxer, cajoler, and friend, and father to his sometimes difficult, but always devoted parishioners, who love him dearly, thereby bringing them closer to, with a greater knowledge of the Triune God.” I have been blessed by following his bright shadow all my ordained career, and his extensive writings are erudite, piquant, and scintillating now as ever.*

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**SMALL GROUP DINNERS**

***TO KEEP A TRUE LENT***  
**by Robert Herrick (1591-1674)**

IS this a fast, to keep  
 The larder lean?  
 And clean  
 From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish  
 Of flesh, yet still  
 To fill  
 The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,  
 Or ragg'd to go,  
 Or show  
 A downcast look and sour?

No; 'tis a fast to dole  
 Thy sheaf of wheat,  
 And meat,  
 Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,  
 From old debate  
 And hate;  
 To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;  
 To starve thy sin,  
 Not bin;  
 And that's to keep thy Lent.

**A NEW GENERATION OF "SMALL GROUP DINNERS".**  
 Parish Life is pleased to announce guest dinners during the months of March and April. Below are the dinners that still have spaces available.

Sign-up sheets will include the dates and host families, the menu, and what guests are asked to bring. Unless noted, the dinners will be in the hosts' homes. These sheets will be on the dinner table in St. Marks for the next couple of weeks. Or call Lynn Stubblefield [423-838-8201](tel:423-838-8201).

March 8

Amy and Neil Patterson, children friendly, 6:00 pm

Lynn Stubblefield, 6:00 pm

Rachel and Mickey Suarez, 6:00 pm

March 15

Betty Carpenter, 6:00 pm

March 29

Pete Trenchi, 6:00 pm

April 11

Susan Holmes, 6:30 pm

April 29

Andrew Farrar (St. Mark's), 12:30 pm



***Bishop John Bauerschmidt Visitation***

**O**ur Bishop, The Right Rev. John Bauerschmidt, visits Otey April 12, the Sunday first after Easter Day. If you or those known to you are desirous of Confirmation [expected of all parish leadership traditionally], Reaffirmation [spiritually as recommitment to service], of Acceptance from another kindred denomination, preparation by clergy is available by arrangement. Please speak to Fr. Reeves or Frieda Gipson in this regard. The diocese will ask for a list of those so prepared by the end of March.



Bishop Bauerschmidt at Claiborne Parish House dedication in November.

**AND THE 100 MOST SEMINAL AND SIGNIFICANT BIBLE PASSAGES MIGHT BE...**

Here's a basic approach to reading through the Bible during the year.

Read two passages a week for 50 weeks and in a year you'll see the "big picture" of the Bible.

1. Creation—Genesis 1:1-2:25
2. The Fall—Genesis 3:1-24
3. The Flood—Genesis 6:5-7:24
4. God's Covenant With Noah—Genesis 8:1-9:17
5. Tower of Babel—Genesis 11:1-9
6. The Call of Abram—Genesis 12:1-20
7. God's Covenant with Abram—Genesis 15:1-21
8. Isaac's Birth and 'Sacrifice'—Genesis 21:1-22:19
9. Jacob and Esau Compete—Genesis 27:1-28:22
10. Jacob and Esau Reconcile—Genesis 32:1-33:20
11. Joseph Sold Into Slavery—Genesis 37:1-36
12. Prison and a Promotion—Genesis 39:1-41:57
13. Ten Brothers Go To Egypt—Genesis 42:1-38
14. The Brothers Return—Genesis 43:1-44:34
15. Joseph Reveals His Identity—Genesis 45:1-46:7
16. Birth of Moses—Exodus 1:1-2:25
17. Moses and the Burning Bush—Exodus 3:1-22
18. The Ten Plagues—Exodus 6:28-11:10
19. Passover and Exodus—Exodus 12:1-42
20. Crossing the Red Sea—Exodus 13:17-14:31
21. The Ten Commandments—Exodus 19:1-20:21
22. The Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-34:35
23. Joshua Succeeds Moses—Joshua 1:1-18
24. Crossing the Jordan—Joshua 3:1-4:24
25. The Fall of Jericho—Joshua 5:13-6:27
26. Israel's Disobedience—Judges 2:6-3:6
27. Deborah Leads Israel—Judges 4:1-5:31
28. Gideon Defeats the Midianites—Judges 6:1-7:25
29. Samson Defeats the Philistines—Judges 13:1-16:31
30. The Story of Ruth—Ruth 1:1-4:22
31. Samuel Listens to God—1 Samuel 1:1-3:21
32. King Saul—1 Samuel 8:1-10:27
33. David and Goliath—1 Samuel 16:1-18:16
34. David and Saul—1 Samuel 23:7-24:22
35. David Becomes King—2 Samuel 5:1-7:29
36. David and Bathsheba—2 Samuel 11:1-12:25
37. King Solomon—1 Kings 2:1-3:28
38. Solomon's Temple—1 Kings 8:1-9:9
39. Elijah and the Prophets of Baal—1 Kings 16:29-19:18
40. The Fall of Jerusalem—2 Kings 25:1-30
41. A Psalm of David—Psalm 23:1-6
42. A Psalm of Repentance—Psalm 51:1-19
43. A Psalm of David—Psalm 103:1-22
44. Words on Wisdom—Proverbs 1:1-4:27
45. Proverbs of Solomon—Proverbs 16:1-18:24
46. The Suffering Servant—Isaiah 51:1-53:12
47. Jeremiah the Prophet—Jeremiah 1:1-3:5
48. Daniel in the Den of Lions—Daniel 6:1-28
49. The Story of Jonah—Jonah 1:1-4:11
50. The Day of Judgment—Malachi 1:1-4:6
51. The Word Became Flesh—John 1:1-18
52. Gabriel's Messages—Luke 1:1-80
53. The Birth of Jesus—Luke 2:1-40
54. John the Baptist—Luke 3:1-20
55. Baptism and Temptation—Matthew 3:13-4:17
56. Sermon on the Mount-Part 1—Matthew 5:1-6:4
57. Sermon on the Mount-Part 2—Matthew 6:5-7:29
58. The Kingdom of Heaven—Matthew 13:1-58
59. The Parable of the Good Samaritan—Luke 10:25-37
60. Parables of the Lost—Luke 15:1-32
61. Feeding the Five Thousand—Luke 9:1-36
62. Walking on Water—Matthew 14:22-36
63. Jesus Heals a Blind Man—John 9:1-41
64. Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man—Mark 5:1-20
65. Raising Lazarus from the Dead—John 11:1-57
66. The Last Supper—Luke 22:1-46
67. Arrest and Trial—John 18:1-40
68. The Crucifixion of Jesus—John 19:1-42
69. The Resurrection and Appearing to the Disciples—John 20:1-21:25
70. Jesus Taken Up To Heaven—Acts 1:1-11
71. The Gift of the Holy Spirit—Acts 2:1-47
72. Peter's Ministry—Acts 3:1-4:37
73. The Testimony of Stephen—Acts 6:8-8:8
74. Philip and the Ethiopian—Acts 8:26-40
75. Cornelius and Peter—Acts 10:1-11:18
76. Saul's Conversion—Acts 9:1-31
77. Barnabas and Saul—Acts 13:1-14:28
78. The Council at Jerusalem—Acts 15:1-41
79. Paul's Journey Continues—Acts 16:1-20:38
80. Paul's Trial and Continued Journey—Acts 25:1-28:31
81. Life Through the Spirit—Romans 8:1-39
82. Fruit of the Spirit—Galatians 5:16-6:10
83. The Armor of God—Ephesians 6:10-20
84. Rejoice In The Lord—Philippians 4:4-9
85. The Supremacy of Christ—Colossians 1:1-23
86. Instructions from Paul—1 Timothy 3:1-16
87. Final Instructions to Timothy—1 Timothy 6:3-21
88. Good Soldiers of Christ—2 Timothy 2:1-26
89. All Scripture is God-breathed—2 Timothy 3:10-4:8
90. The Day of the Lord—1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
91. Love—1 Corinthians 13:1-13
92. Treasures in Jars of Clay—2 Corinthians 4:1-6:2
93. A Chosen People—1 Peter 1:1-2:12
94. James on Trials and Temptations—James 1:1-2:26
95. John on Love—1 John 3:11-4:21
96. John's Vision of Christ—Revelation 1:1-20
97. Words to the Seven Churches—Revelation 2:1-3:22
98. The Throne in Heaven—Revelation 4:1-7:17
99. The Defeat of Satan—Revelation 19:1-20:15
100. A New Heaven and a New Earth—Revelation 21:1-22:21



## ***A VIEW FROM CONVENTION***

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It was my great honor to be a delegate from Otey Memorial Parish to the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee Convention on January 23rd and 24th. Our delegation was composed of Fr. Jess Reeves, Deacon Elizabeth Carpenter, Marilyn Phelps, Jeannie Babb and myself. I had been a delegate in Florida several times, so I was anxious to see how Tennessee differed from the Diocese of South Florida. It actually was very similar in its proceedings. We met at St. Philips Parish in Nashville. The Hotel Preston was used for housing.

I was glad to see so many of our churches from the southern end of the diocese represented. I was surprised to see that the southern area had such sparse representation on committees, however. Most of the work is being done by people from Nashville, Franklin or Murfreesboro. I hope that will change in time.

We convened at 1 PM after Eucharist and committee meetings. The congregation of St. Phillips and their rector could not have been more hospitable. Lunches were provided to expedite the proceedings. New clergy were introduced and committee nominations were announced. The budget was presented for consideration. The Right Rev. Dabney Smith was our convention speaker. He is Bishop of the Diocese of SW Florida. His presentation was humorous as well as inspirational. The day ended with a reception. Everyone recessed for the day.

Saturday morning there was a rehearsal for the large Eucharist Service to be held before lunch. The morning was full of reports, election of representatives, and the Bishop's address. Two resolutions were up for consideration and the budget hearings were then held. Many of our line items were decreased on the new budget. Our diocesan pledge for this year is \$25,000. This is less than it has been in the past. I was told there was little in the budget for children's ministry because that was to be left up to each parish. The youth budget was minimal, but more than the children's budget. I am hopeful we will be more interested in preparing our children to be good church stewards.

The resolution on excessive force was totally rewritten and reset in a more Christian responsive language. Both the budget and the resolutions passed. I would be glad to share any of that information with anyone interested in seeing the materials.

The convention service was beautiful. The banners were stunning. Our banner is fragile and is to be updated. There is a committee already appointed to tend to that. I hope we have it by next year, so we can be in the banner presentation. Bishop Smith delivered the sermon. Our own Deacon Elizabeth Carpenter read the Gospel. It was a wonderful, joyful gathering. After lunch, reports from various ministries were heard. Also, they had an informative group of exhibitors: Thistle Farms, the University of the South, Episcopal Relief and Development, Cursillo, and several others were represented.

The last order of business was the election to the Bishop's Council from two of the four areas. Don Clayton from St. Paul's Murfreesboro was elected from our area. They announced that the 2016 convention will be held at St. George's Parish, Nashville on January 22 and 23. Convention was adjourned at 3:30 and all headed for home.

It was a wonderful experience. I met many fellow Episcopalians from all over Tennessee. We spoke of other ideas for things we could do for outreach. We worked and prayed as we enjoyed the fellowship of others. If you have never represented our parish, I urge you to offer to do so in the future. Dear friends can come out of those shared experiences. Give it a try!

***Kathleen Sturgis***

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## ***KATHLEEN STURGIS ELECTED TO AAM***

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In 1966 the Association of Anglican Musicians was established. Its mission is to recognize and foster music in liturgy in the Anglican communion. It aims to do this by elevation, stimulation and support of music and allied arts as it relates to liturgy in worship. The group also fosters respect and communication between clergy and musicians. Conferences and Conventions support the improvement of skills in preserving the strong tradition of music in the church.

Membership in this group is by invitation only and requires several recommendations from clergy and musicians to be considered. We are proud to announce our organist, Kathleen Sturgis, was elected to membership in the AAM. She was notified in January 2015.

**Congratulations, Kathy!**



**MESSAGE FROM ROBIN REED**

*Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow....*

As I prepare to move to Florida, I am most appreciative and grateful for my time at Otey Parish. Otey Parish has been my beloved church home since 2007. I have been honored to serve as Director of Christian Formation and to work with so many wonderful, creative folks. I have cherished knowing each of you and listening with you for God's call to us to serve the world in Sewanee and beyond. The journey has not always been easy, but God has been very present and very faithful. Thank you for all your support and well wishes. I ask your prayers for this transition in my life. I will keep Otey Parish in my prayers for continued healing, forward movement, and the election of a compassionate pastor.

With gratitude for our life together and for future chapters,

*Robin Reed*

**THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION HONORING  
ROBIN REED ON MARCH 15, 10 AM,  
IN ST. MARK'S HALL.  
  
WE ARE ALL GOING TO MISS HER!!**

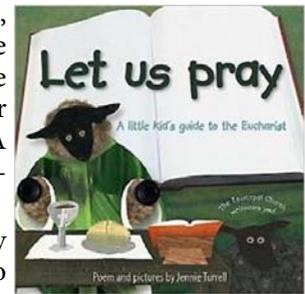
**LECTIONARY CLASS**

The Lectionary Class meets each Sunday at 10:00 AM in the Reception Room. Facilitated by Peter Trenchi or another facilitator as arranged, we cover the Gospel reading for that Sunday, including any relevant context. We are open to any and all interested persons, all adults and youth who are interested in attending. Typically, the class begins with an applicable Collect followed by a volunteer reading the week's Gospel lesson. The facilitator then offers a brief history, exegesis, and contemplative thoughts followed by group discussion. Free coffee is available. Please join us at your convenience.



**YOUNG FAMILIES CORNER**

On Sunday, March 22, 2015, Ms. Jennie Turrell will be addressing our "Blessed are the Peacemakers" series on her recent book: "Let us Pray: A Little Kids' Guide to the Eucharist."



All are invited, especially parents and grandparents, to come hear Jennie talk about how her son, Will (now 6 years old), taught her about how children can be present, aware, and sharing in the Eucharist. From Will's experiences, Jennie has created a little book for "little hands" to follow with kid-friendly and age appropriate language about how young children can participate in the Holy Eucharist.

Prior to the program, Jennie will be sending questions for church staff, parents, grandparents, and all parishioners to consider when examining how children experience the sacrament of Holy Communion. After the program, Jennie will be available to sign copies of the book. The Christian Formation Committee plans to purchase five copies to have in our sanctuary for the little ones.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on March 22, 2015 at 10:00 AM in St. Mark's Hall.

*--Robin Reed--*

**EASTER LILY MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS**



Anyone wishing to donate Easter lilies for the altar in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones, contact Diane Jones at [djones.sewanee@gmail.com](mailto:djones.sewanee@gmail.com) or 615-594- 4805. The cost is \$40, and you may list as many loved ones as you like. Names will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Please make the check out to Otey and either deliver or mail your payment to the parish office. Deadline for submissions is March 31.

***Sermon from February 22, 2015***

“And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan” (Mark 1:12).

Have you ever found yourself in the desert? Of course, deserts—wilderness places—come in all shapes and sizes. Before I ever visited a desert, I had a picture in my mind’s eye of a place with nothing but sand, with a blisteringly hot sun overhead, and with a heat haze rising up from undulating dunes. Some deserts are like that. But when I went to the Negev Desert, it wasn’t like that at all. It was rocky and mountainous rather than sandy and undulating. There was a surprising amount of vegetation. And rather than blistering heat, there was wind and cold; it even started to rain. Trust an Englishman to go to the desert on the day it rained!

So deserts do not always take the form we expect. A desert place, a place apart, can be found in the midst of a snow-swept university town. A desert can be any place that you go to reconnect with God.

In our gospel today, Jesus heads into a desert like the one I visited in the Negev, a rocky and mountainous wilderness. It would have been windy and, at night especially, cold. Perhaps even rainclouds skidded across the sky. This was a place apart for Jesus to prepare himself for his ministry, to fast and pray, and to be tempted by the devil. But it was also a time apart – forty days and forty nights set aside to weigh his heart and be with God.

It is a truth taught by monks that the desert is a place to weigh the heart. Jesus set the example for us all by going to a place for forty days to weigh his heart. That time apart gave him the opportunity to figure out what was most important in his life. He weighed his heart. Provoked by the devil, the gospels tell us, he wondered whether food was most important to him, he wondered whether the power he had as God’s Son was most important to him, and he wondered whether worldly power was most important to him. He weighed his heart, and decided that neither material goods nor spiritual power nor worldly power were more important than fulfilling God’s will for his life. For in that place and time apart, accompanied by the Holy Spirit, Jesus realized what gave him life, what drove his desires. Jesus realized that what he most wanted in his life on earth was to do the will of his Father in heaven.

If the desert was a place for Jesus to weigh his heart, we need to find our own desert these forty days of Lent. We need to find a place apart in this time apart to realize what it is that gives us life, what drives our desires. And, because deserts can take any form, my desert, your desert, might be a quiet room, a walk in the snow, a run on the treadmill. The time and the place might be different for each one of us, but what we shall all have in common is that God’s Spirit will be with us. All the time Jesus was in the wilderness, the Spirit of God was with him, and the Spirit will be with us too.

Of course, when we are alone, we not only have God’s Spirit with us, we have the tempter with us too. “The Spirit immediately drove [Jesus] into the wilderness,” says our gospel this morning, where he was “tempted by Satan.” Where the Spirit leads us, the tempter follows. The gospel suggests there is a struggle fought within each one of us between God’s Spirit and temptation. Jesus was sent into the desert to engage in that struggle.

All of us, I think, can agree we struggle with temptation, even if we cannot say for certain whether we’re struggling against our own worst natures or against a being called Satan. Because of our fallen natures, spending time with God is hard and even before we start to weigh our hearts the temptation is to say, “Why bother? There are so many other things that need doing.” Spending time weighing our hearts in prayer is difficult, so the temptation is to say, “why not do something else instead?” But the Spirit struggles within us, too, “groans inwardly” as St Paul says (Rom 8:23) in pretty explicit language. The Spirit groans with longing, groans in our hearts, with desire for God.

This is the discipline of weighing the heart, then, to find out what is most important in life, discerning what it is that God within—what God the Holy Spirit—desires for you and me. But often we won’t like what we find in our hearts. Often our inmost desires might be at odds with God’s will for us. Often weighing our hearts brings us face to face with our own sinfulness, our own corruption. So what do we do then?

Well that’s when we confess to God that we have sinned, that we have grown corrupt, that we need the Spirit’s help to change our hearts. We heard in our second lesson today what God will do when we confess our sins. The first letter of St. Peter said that “Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God” (3:18). The Son of God has made our transformation possible.

St Peter’s letter then gives us a wonderful image—an image that has been written on icons, an image you may want to keep in your mind’s eye this Lent. The letter says that Christ entered into death so that he might free those held captive by death. Icons of the Resurrection in Eastern Orthodox churches depict the crucified Christ, the marks of the nails on his hands, entering into the prison of death, and reaching out with those nail-scarred hands to grasp the hands of Adam and Eve, and the hands of all those held by death, to bring them with him into new life with God.

This Lent, let’s all find our own time and place to be alone with God. First, weigh your heart, search your feelings, encounter God’s Spirit within you groaning with longing for God. Second, if you discover parts of you that are corrupt, or sinful desires that imprison you in sin

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and death, then picture Christ reaching out his nail-scarred hands to drag you back to life, to redirect your desires to God the Father. This Lent God the Father, Son and Spirit is at work in you, actively reaching out to you, actively groaning within you, to revitalize the desire for God the Father that gives you life. This Lent let's all reconnect with what is most important, most vital, in our lives. Let us reconnect with God.

*The Rev'd. Dr. Benjamin King  
Sermon from February 22, 2015*



**CAC**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

On April 25 the Sewanee/Monteagle Rotary Club will host the first annual "Hunger Walk" to raise awareness of poverty on the mountain. It will be a 5K on the Mountain Goat Trail. Registration begins at 9:00 at Angel Park and ends with a picnic on the lawn of Brooks Hall. Entry fee is \$10 with proceeds going to CAC and the food bank of Morton Memorial. Dogs on leashes are welcome! This is a major fundraiser for CAC so please consider participating in this fun event. It's a go rain or shine.



Over the past several months so many individuals and organizations have contributed their time, talent and treasure to CAC, and it is a wonderful reminder that this outreach ministry impacts us all. This holy mountain hides the fact that poverty and hunger are real and that there is a great need in this community. All who volunteer their time on a daily basis have come to a new understanding of poverty and need. We are a caring community and Community Action Committee reflects the desire to make things better for all. Those who give receive far more. We invite you to come and be a part of this amazing ministry.

*Betty Carpenter*

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**PRAYER LIST**

Pray for the sick and suffering and those who have asked our prayers: Jonathan Burnett, Robby Capel, Stuart Cook, Howell Lynch, Julie Marsman, Edna Meeks, Mary Sears, Christine, Mark, Susan, Anna, Bryan, Suzanne, Ellen, James.

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

We pray for Christians oppressed and persecuted for their faith, and for those who minister to them.

**Folks at Home Workshop**

On Sunday, March 1, Folks at Home hosts the third in a series of three workshops for family caregivers that is titled, "One Day @ a Time: Taking Care of Yourself While Caring for Others."



Kathleen Banchoff, PhD, a writer and hospice volunteer based in Providence, RI, is the facilitator. 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 includes "Tips and Tools" handouts. Registration and check-in is from 3:00-3:30pm. The program begins promptly at 3:30 in St. Mark's Hall, Claiborne Parish House at Otey Memorial Parish, 216 University Avenue, Sewanee, Tennessee.

For questions or to reserve your place, contact Folks@Home at 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 South Cumberland Plateau Timebank found at hourworld.org

**Don't Forget!**

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

**3pm Wednesday, March 18**

Email submissions to:  
[oteyparish@gmail.com](mailto:oteyparish@gmail.com)

***Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.***

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