



# Otey Notes



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## FROM THE RECTOR.....

Bobbye and I are about to become grandparents--- we probably will be when you read this. Our girl Catie is a beautiful, brilliant lawyer. Her husband and (now) our boy Tom is a handsome and brilliant lawyer who has played baseball all his life--- they met at Dartmouth, from which they both graduated and where Tom played baseball. I used to chat every week with



many Otey folks about baseball. Now, every week, I chat only with Bev and Henry Chase about the Pittsburgh Pirates. Bev is from Pittsburg, and the Pirates are having their best season in decades. "Baseball," Ted Williams once said, "is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer." In that and so many important ways, baseball is a good metaphor for life.

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## FROM THE RECTOR

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Perhaps life really should imitate baseball.

It seems that every direction we turn--- television, newspapers, magazines, radio--- there is an increasing propensity for rudeness and meanness. Perfectionists are on the rise, many are made to feel judged, that they can't measure up. The Bible and history have taught us to be cautious of any individuals or groups that try to sell the idea that someone is totally right and others are totally wrong. I guess I am most disturbed by the many organized religious groups (that seem to love the spotlight) trying to get their way rather than work with and listen to others who are also trying to glimpse God's truth. I find solace in that great quote from baseball's Casey Stengel, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

Baseball can teach religious folk a thing or two. In baseball, there's no time clock, a reminder that God is patient with us through the unpredictable course things can take. In baseball, the playing field is only partly measured: the bases and pitchers' mound are carefully placed, but the rest of the field is not, left to the quirkiness of the ballpark's outfield shapes and fences. Which feels like life's often bewildering mix of rules and wide-open possibilities. It offers moments of pure grace. I sometimes point out to my family that baseball even has its own "Lent"--- it's called spring training. (They in turn point that I can be boring. Heathens!)

OK, I know---baseball is a business, and often a lousy one. But there would be no field, no bleachers, no little skipped heartbeat the moment you walk through the gate and glimpse that green sanctuary, without the business side. Same for the church. We are not OF the world but we are IN the world, and it is a material world, a tough one--- its been said that "there has to be wherewithal if there is to be a where." Come to think of it, a ballpark is so much like a church that its pews are filled with those of us who find it easy to remember the "Way that it Was", who find it easy to complain about any changes. In our national pastime and in the community of faith, there are inspiring, elegant plays and living, there is both inspiration and disappointment, and there is no perfection.

One more thing. In both, there is a common truth about our mission. A wise old ballplayer summarized it like this: "Progress involves risks. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first base--"

"Play ball!" Sorry, sorry---I mean, amen to that.

Joe



Summer is the time to begin thinking about what you'll be doing in the fall. Are you ready to delve deeper into your faith/spiritual life and consider where God is calling you to serve? Consider EfM!

The seminar group is the nucleus of the Education for Ministry program. A group consists of six to twelve participants and a trained mentor who meet weekly over the course of a nine-month academic year. These meetings are usually from two and a half to three hours in length.

Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. Participants are given weekly assignments to study with the help of resource guides. Students are responsible for setting their own learning goals. They spend between two and four hours in study and preparation each week. In the seminars members have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries as well as to discuss questions which the study materials raise for them.

Through discussion and guided reflection, the seminars furnish an opportunity to deepen understanding of the reading materials.

More important is the development of skills

in theological reflection. The goal is to learn to think theologically. By examining their own beliefs and their relationship to our culture and the tradition of our Christian faith, participants can learn what it means to be effective ministers in the world. In coming to terms with the notion that everything we do has potential for manifesting the love of Christ, we discover that our ministry is at hand wherever we turn.

The seminar is supported by a life of prayer and regular worship. EfM groups are encouraged to develop a pattern of worship appropriate to their situations. Liturgical materials are furnished with the course materials.

Does this sound like something you're interested in? Many in the Sewanee area have completed the four years. Talk to a graduate! Groups are forming and we want you to join us. We will meet at EfM in the Program Center in the Seminary. We hope to have a daytime group with childcare available. If enough need an evening group, we'll consider that too. Cost is \$175/academic year for us in Sewanee. This is a four-year program to which we commit one year at a time. Scholarships are available.

Call or email The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Barker 931-636-6733 or [joann.barker@gmail.com](mailto:joann.barker@gmail.com) for further information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION.....

The Christian Formation Committee has been busy at work around the Brooks Hall Kitchen table this summer. The Committee members include Robert Black, Steve Burnett, Kathryn Bruce, Bill Hethcock, Amy Patterson, Brown Patterson, and Theresa Shackelford, our Vestry representative. Here are some of our plans for the 2013-2014 Christian Formation year.

Vacation Bible School (aka VBS) was held Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26th from 9 AM -12 Noon at St. James Parish in Midway. Children entering grades K-5 were invited to be Campers while youth entering grades 7-12 were invited to be Guides. Our theme, "Everywhere Fun Fair," focused on finding God's love--in our own hearts and in our neighbors' hearts across the world.

The Bible Challenge group, which has met Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 PM, will return from a short summer break and re-group Sunday, August 11th. Our reading actually begins Monday, August 4 on Day 141 in The Bible Challenge book. These readings begin with the following lessons: 1 Chronicles 7-9; Psalm 117; Romans 4. The Bible Challenge is available on Amazon or can be ordered for you. Everyone is welcome to join this wonderful journey through the Bible!

Just as our children return to school, we will have two special Sundays, August 11th and 18th. On these days, we will have a special coffee hour between services for the adults while youth and children will be invited to participate in games, fun, and fellowship on Brooks Hall Lawn. On Sunday August 18th, the Christian Formation Committee will be a part of the "Kick-Off Picnic" which will officially begin the Christian Formation year. More details to follow..

Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, August 25 at 10:00 AM for children, youth, and adults. Our year-long series for Adults and Youth

will be "Hunger: Faith in Action." This will be a study of hunger--hunger for physical needs (food, clean water, housing), right relationships (understanding diversity, finding acceptance and belonging), and spiritual connection with God, self, and others. Throughout the year we will have classes for learning and times to "do" ministry in our parish and the Sewanee community. Watch the bulletin for more information and our new "Hunger: Faith in Action" logo!

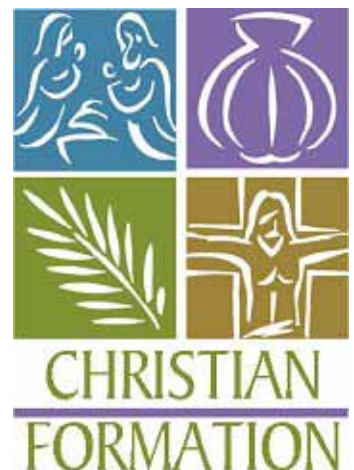
Finally, on August 30th, we will officially begin our newest offering, "Faith and Film." This series will be held the final Friday evening of the month and coordinated by a host or hostess. The host or hostess will determine which movie will be shown at what location on the particular Friday. There will be the option to view the movie offered by the Sewanee Union Theatre or to view a movie in Brooks Hall or at the host or hostess' home. Discussion will then follow with light refreshments.

For the Advent semester, the following dates have been scheduled:

- August 30: Alex and Kathryn Bruce;
- September 27: Robin Reed;
- October 25 Amy and Neil Patterson;
- November 29: Betty Carpenter

Come join us as we learn and grow together!

---Robin Reed---






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BREAD OF HEAVEN.....

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Perhaps you have been fortunate enough to attend a Rugby game in Great Britain. If you did, most likely you would have heard this month's hymn selection in a different setting. This month we highlight the Welsh tune *Cwm Rhondda*. *Cwm Rhondda* is better known to you as hymn 690, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah". It is also used for the text "God of Grace, And God of Glory" (hymn 594 in the Hymnal 1982).

Both settings are frequent entries to hymnals in the United States.

*Cwm Rhondda* is the unofficial Welsh National Hymn. The official national hymn is a faltering, cumbersome tune entitled, "Land of My Fathers". It was no wonder the rugby community embraced a more rousing, melodic hymn like *Cwm Rhondda*.

*Cwm Rhondda* was written by John Hughes (1873- 1932). Hughes was a colliery clerk, deacon, and organist at Capel Rhondda (commonly called Salem Baptist Chapel) in Hopkinstown near Pontypridd. It was written for the inauguration of the new chapel and organ in 1907. Since most members of the congregation spoke English, Hughes chose an English text by William Williams which had been published in 1745. This was the familiar Guide Me O Great Jehovah text, sometimes called Bread of Heaven. Using the Welsh text, it is most commonly used as a setting for a hymn by Ann Griffiths (*Wele'n selfyll rhung*). The text has morphed repeatedly to meet denominational differences. Many of these texts are poorly paraphrased, none the less; the tune is well known the world over.

The Anglican and Episcopal communion uses the translation from the Welsh done by Peter Williams and first published in 1771. Interestingly enough, the popular phrase "Bread Of Heaven" did not appear in the original Welsh. It was instead *bara nefoedd* or reference to manna. The hymn is thought to be an allegory for the Christian's life journey and is drawn from scripture in Exodus and Joshua.

*Cwm Rhondda* has been done at the funerals of Princess Diana, Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and the wedding of Prince William to Catherine Middleton. Hollywood also has used the hymn in the films *How Green Was My Valley* (1941) and *The African Queen*. British Television has also featured the hymn in many of their shows. In 2012 it was heard at the opening ceremony of the Summer Olympics as a Welsh anthem.

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Singing “God Of Grace And God Of Glory” (*Cwm Rhondda*) reminds me of the great Welsh singing tradition and festivals that continue today. Moreover the text makes me reflect on the words from setting C of the Holy Eucharist in the Book of Common Prayer. In the prayer, we are charged not to come to the Eucharist for solace only and not for strength, for pardon only and not for renewal. These are paramount requests in this hymn. It is a plea for all the benefits Christ left for us as believers. As we participate in the Eucharist we experience God’s Grace through the Bread of Heaven.

*By Kathleen Sturgis*

CAC AT OTEY PARISH



Things have been very busy in the little yellow house on the corner and we are all well aware that summer has finally landed in Sewanee. There is no ac at the CAC office but volunteers get to go home to cool houses whereas many of our clients must suffer the heat in homes with no air conditioning. We do have a few fans to give away but could always use more as the request list is getting longer as the temperature rises.

The work of CAC is a joy and a burden which must never be taken for granted. It is good every now and then to remind ourselves that for many of the services provided through CAC for our clients, we are IT. We serve people in their brokenness whatever that may be..... it is good to remember that we are all in this together as the body of Christ.

THE FACTS OF LIFE AT CAC

Over this past month CAC distributed over 1400 pounds of food

- \* gave out 140 bags of groceries
- \* spent \$964 on food
- \* spent \$2162 on utility assistance
- \* spent \$191 on medical assistance
- \* 20 volunteers were involved in various aspects of the work

We are currently assisting a client, who lost all in a house fire, to secure public housing

What part will you play to help end hunger and poverty in our community?

Donate some fans? Donate your time? Donate some funds? Share your garden produce?

*Betty Carpenter*



**ATTENTION: ANYONE INVOLVED WITH CHILDREN**

There is now a requirement from the Diocese that anyone and everyone who has contact with children **MUST** take the new online course for Safeguarding God's Children. Many of us already have taken training, **BUT** this new online course is the only one now being accepted by the Diocese of Tennessee. It is easy, informative and necessary. Directions for the log-in will soon be posted.



Those included to take the online training **a r e** Sunday School teachers, Nursery workers, Vestry members, all staff members, youth workers and anyone else who works with children. I have been designated as the Otey Parish contact and have taken this online. It is good information and not time consuming. The plan is to have the completion date as **August 15, 2013**. I think we all understand the importance of the safety of children.

*Betty Carpenter*

## August Birthdays

8/1	Cindy Potter	8/21	Dixon Myers
8/2	Tallulah MaeFrazier	8/22	Elizabeth Grammer
8/3	Roy Millar	8/22	Lynn Taylor
8/3	Greg Maynard	8/23	Alex Bruce
8/4	David Burnett	8/23	Ginny Capel
8/4	Mac Priestly	8/23	Ariel Jones
8/5	Chris Asmussen	8/23	Konrad Knoll
8/6	Fred Croom	8/23	Amorn O'Connor
8/6	Leah Rhys	8/23	Patton Watkins
8/11	Claudia Porter	8/26	David Gosling
8/13	Stephen Burnett	8/26	Edwin Keeble
8/14	Sadie Shackelford	8/28	Ethan Evans
8/17	Liz Workman	8/28	Sean Willis
8/20	Emily McNair	8/30	Carrie Mauzy
8/20	Nicole Noffsinger-Frazier	8/31	Fields Ford
8/20	Peggy Ward	8/31	John Reishman

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PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR PRAYERS:

Linda Bachand, Amanda Bailey, Elvie Biddle, Rob Boatner, Christine Booth, John Bratton, Ann Brewster, Frankye Bright, Jonathan Burnett, Stuart Cook, Meta Crane, Sally and Jim Franklin, Ray Green, Brooks Gunn, Dennis Hastings, Patricia Hawkins, RJ Hughes, Patrick Irwin, Robert Jones, Marion Kearley, Karen Keele, Lisa Keele, Iris Love, Howell Lynch, Mary Farris Lynch, Julie Marsman, Ruth Matlock, Ray Meeks, Lucy Morgan, Cheri Peters, Jennifer Roberts, Marion Rectenwald, Michael and Miranda Rectenwald, Dessie Taylor, Lethia Watson, Tyler White, Harry Yeatman and Peggy Young.

We pray for those serving in Afghanistan and for their families, especially Ian Duncan, Chris Wilkerson, and Dan Chiriboga.

## Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the September 2013 issue of Otey Notes is:

**Wednesday, August 21**

Email submissions to:  
[spicergirls@nerdshack.com](mailto:spicergirls@nerdshack.com)

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



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