



Otey Notes



A NEW HOME



THE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC) is moving to the Yellow House on 58 Lake O'Donnell Road on August 1st! We are so blessed to have a new home freely provided by the University while our new parish hall is being built. We offer our thanks to John Vineyard and his friends at the University of the South for assisting us in making these arrangements.

This past Thursday and Friday, 19 youth and adults from St. Elizabeth's, Knoxville came to volunteer their help with cleaning, repairing and otherwise preparing our new home for occupancy. Kudos to Paul Cahoon, Buck Gorel, David Boman and Railroad Bill for sharing their talents and skills with carpentry and landscape maintenance.



Brittany Roper, student outreach coordinator from the university and member of our board, was instrumental in helping us acquire the help of these amazing youth. They were middle school students who couldn't find enough work to do. When they played, they even played hard! Being middle school student age, they were pure delight. Thanks Brittany, and thanks St. Elizabeth Church for answering the call of God to help us in our time of need.



Father Joe led a house blessing at the end of our day Friday with the kids christening the house with water balloons... Wahoo, what fun!!! Of course they also christened each other and most of the adults they knew wouldn't mind including yours truly and of course Brittany.

A special thanks to Brenda Matthews who seems to always show up when CAC needs help of any kind (e.g., hauling fresh food from Second Harvest food drops, volunteering in the office, hauling carpet to the convenience center, and more). Brenda also brought her pressure washer for washing off the outside of the house, and helped move the shelves from the CAC office to the Yellow House. Thanks so much Brenda!

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FROM THE RECTOR.....

Stephen R. Covey died this week. He was the author of the best selling book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. I first read it when it was published in 1990. Thanks to Covey's writings, I had a Leadership Coach for years. My calendar from the Franklin-Covey Institute has always been the "Seven Habits Edition." I carry in my wallet a "Seven Habits Work Card" (which may surprise some, but then, ordained ministry is often more like parenthood than corporate management.) When I read of his death, I had to sit and let it sink in for a while. We can all think of a public figure or two whose deaths affect us this way.

To mention just some of the Seven Habits that are pretty much self-explanatory: "Be Proactive," that is, jump in, lead, be part of the solution, not part of the problem; "Put first things first"; "Think Win/Win"; "Seek first to Understand, then to be Understood," this last is perhaps my favorite--- how many conflicts, how much global terror and local nastiness could be avoided if this was everyone's mantra? And all Seven Habits are based upon principles such as fairness, integrity, honesty, nurturing, encouragement, human dignity, and service (the idea of making a contribution.) I will miss Stephen Covey. I know, though, that the Covey Institute will continue to conduct seminars, publish books, and make a fortune off of people like me.



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Now let's be honest--- we never did need to go to one of Mr. Covey's lectures or read his books to know the wonderful insights he shared. We find them in Holy Scripture. We find them in Sacred Writings. All we have to do is practice the Servant Leadership modeled by Jesus. And we can choose to do that. Let's do.



So read Scripture. And go ahead, read Mr. Covey's books if you haven't already, I love them. Be a Highly Effective Person. Be a Servant Leader. Be a Highly Effective Servant Leader. Make this world--- locally and globally-- a kinder, better, more effective one.

God's Peace,

Joe



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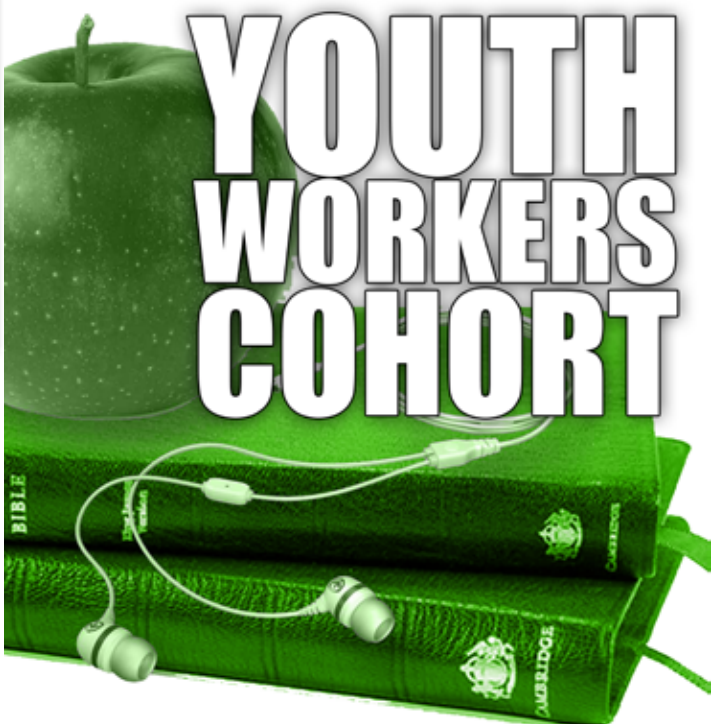
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Volunteers are always welcome at CAC and are absolutely vital to the health and ministry of Otey's CAC. Please join us! The more, the merrier! To all our volunteers and board members, we thank you for making the CAC outreach ministry the strong 37 year old ministry it is. We look forward to another 37 years and more as we continue our mission of being a ministry where people can turn in times of need and spreading the love of Jesus in our community.

CAC Canning Project Do you have any jars left from a gift of homemade jam or maybe you inherited Aunt Millie's canning collection and don't know what to do with it?

Canning supplies, new and used, along with freezer bags are being collected in a box in the Narthex to provided the CAC clients resources to be able to preserve fresh produce that is distributed by the CAC. We need your help to make this project a success.

THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE'S YOUTH STEERING COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE 2ND ANNUAL



A DAY LONG EVENT FOR EQUIPPING, RESOURCING, AND SUPPORTING OUR DIOCESAN YOUTH WORKERS: MINISTERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND THEIR TEAMS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 | 9AM - 3PM | ST. PAUL'S, MURFREESBORO

Sessions on this day will include: "Youth Ministry 101," "Individual Coaching" and "Soul Care."

TO REGISTER:
email: DYM@episcopaldiocese-tn.org
(include name/church/number attending)
Register by July 21 | \$10/person (includes lunch, scholarships available)

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

Summer time in Sewanee has a rhythm all its own and this is just about the time when we start letting go of vacation time and begin to plan ahead. It is hard to think December when the temperature is hitting 100, but committees are forming, plans are being made and we look optimistically to the upcoming year. For those who love order, nothing is where it is use to be. In anticipation of the new Parish House, everything has moved into new spaces. Some things will be permanent as many other things will change. For a while our programs are scattered all over the place and that is just the way it has to be. I have come to appreciate the flexibility of youth and know that they are just happy being together so the temporary designated space for youth is a non-issue.



Mid-July we hosted the visiting youth group from St. Paul's Mobile for movie nite and on July 24 headed down to St. Paul's Franklin for a Fast-a-Thon. This event was part of Sons and Daughters of Abraham Project. The night activity was designed to call attention to hunger in Middle Tennessee and provided an opportunity to do something about it. Admission to this event was a bag of groceries for Second Harvest Food Bank. It is gratifying to see the energy and interest for Sons and Daughters of Abraham grow and spread around the diocese. As the new academic year approaches and we welcome new faces, please keep youth ministry, kids and leaders in your prayers.



AUGUST 4-Youth Workers Cohort 9:00-3:00 St. Paul's Murfreesboro

AUGUST 12-Parents Night Out-6:00-9:00

Thinking ahead-SEPTEMBER 23-Diocesan Gathering for Youth Christ Church Cathedral -Nashville

DIOCESAN GATHERING FOR YOUTH: **INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST AND DINNER**

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 23
5-7 PM

The Diocesan Youth Steering Committee invites the youth groups and their leaders from around the Diocese to an instructed Eucharist and Dinner with Bishop Bauerschmidt. Each group is also invited to take part in the liturgy.

****\$5 donation per plate suggested for dinner****

If you are interested in joining us for Eucharist and dinner, please RSVP by August 27th, to DYM@episcopaldiocese-tn.org





PARISH HOUSE UPDATE AS OF JULY 16TH
FROM THE FOLLOW-UP TEAM AND THE
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

We are now in the “value engineering phase” of the project, after having received a design development budget from American Constructors, our builder. The budget they presented was higher than anticipated and higher than the vestry-approved cost of \$1.75 million.

The past few weeks have been a very challenging part of this process. The builder and the architects are now reviewing choices of materials to be used as well as various design elements in order to reduce costs. They have assured us that they will “leave no stone unturned” to get within our approved budget. Over the next two to three weeks, and once we have revised cost information in hand, we will begin making decisions. We will continue to update you on our progress as soon as we have specific information in hand to report.

The current amount of pledges and gifts to the campaign is \$1,035,000. We have collected 38% of that amount to date, or, \$393,790.81.

The Construction Committee and the Follow-up Team thank everyone for the generous gifts to the campaign and we look forward to our continued success towards reaching our goal to build a new Parish House.

John Solomon, Chair
Bob Burns
Roy Millar
Drew Sampson

Bruce Baird
Bill Mauzy
Barbara Prunty
Mickey Suarez

“BUILDING COMMUNITY,
BUILDING A PARISH HOUSE...”

is the new slogan for The Christian Formation Committee (CFC). The Christian Formation Committee has been formed to revitalize our Christian Education and Spiritual Formation programs for Children, Youth, and Adults. We hope to build an even stronger community amongst us as we build a new parish house. The Committee is composed of: Kathryn Bruce, Steve Burnett, Betty Carpenter, Kana Goldsmith, Bill Hethcock, Brown Paterson, Robin Reed, and Jay Williams.

Fifty-six people attended our first “Otey Family Picnic” at Clifftops Pool on Sunday, July 15th. Thanks to Alex and Kathryn Bruce, we were able to rent the clubhouse. Our own Emily McNair served as lifeguard while everyone enjoyed the pool. A wonderful potluck with bar-b-que was enjoyed by all. We all enjoyed being together and sharing fellowship.

On August 12, 2012 the CFC will sponsor a “Parents’ Night Out” at the church. Your children and grandchildren will be welcome at the church from 5:00-7:00 PM. Childcare will be provided by Nursery staff and Youth from Fire on the Mountain. We’ll even provide a pizza dinner for the children, so you can have a few hours to relax!!

Mark your calendars for the Welcome Back Picnic, Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 5:00 PM at the church. We will have tours of the new Sunday school rooms and a chance to sign yourself and your children/grandchildren up for Sunday School. An All-Parish picnic will follow! Watch the bulletin and e-mail announcements for more details!

--- Robin Reed ---

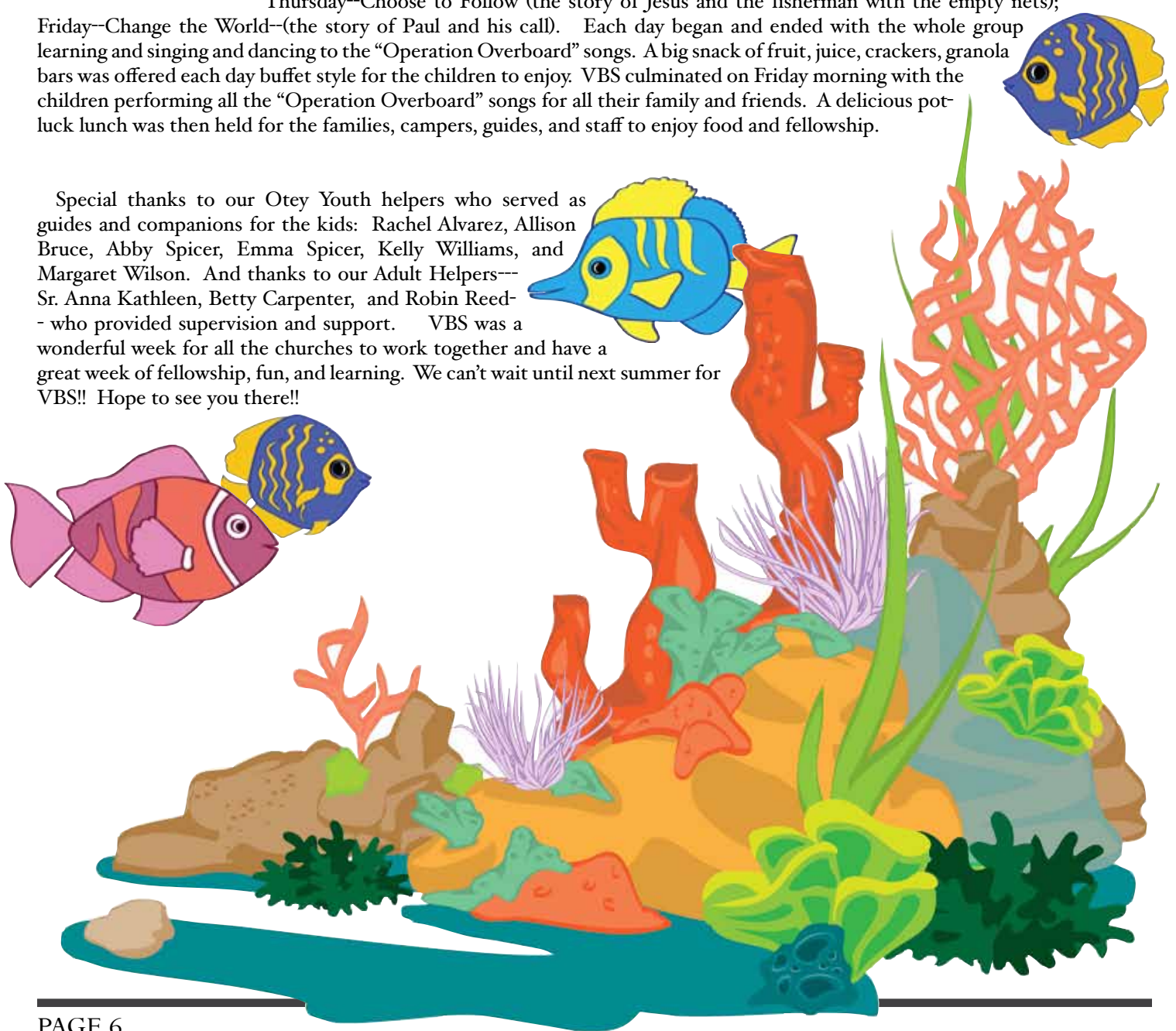


OPERATION OVERBOARD: GOING DEEP WITH GOD...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) was held this past week July 16-20 at St. James Episcopal Church in Midway from 9 a.m. until Noon each day. Otey Memorial Parish co-sponsors VBS each year with all the local Episcopal churches: Christ Church (Alto), Holy Comforter (Monteagle), St. James (Midway), and Trinity (Winchester). This year's theme was "Operation Overboard: Going Deep with God."

Over 50 children participated this past week. The children, ages 4-11, were divided into groups: Seals, Dolphins, Penguins, and Whales. Each group rotated through 4 stations daily: Bible Stories, Crafts, Recreation, and Science. Each day had a Biblical reflection and theme, and a Bible verse and song for the children to learn. These included: Monday-- Depend Upon God (the story of Noah and the flood); Tuesday--Dare to Care (the story of Naiman's servant girl); Wednesday--Claim Jesus (the story of John the Baptist); Thursday--Choose to Follow (the story of Jesus and the fisherman with the empty nets); Friday--Change the World--(the story of Paul and his call). Each day began and ended with the whole group learning and singing and dancing to the "Operation Overboard" songs. A big snack of fruit, juice, crackers, granola bars was offered each day buffet style for the children to enjoy. VBS culminated on Friday morning with the children performing all the "Operation Overboard" songs for all their family and friends. A delicious pot-luck lunch was then held for the families, campers, guides, and staff to enjoy food and fellowship.

Special thanks to our Otey Youth helpers who served as guides and companions for the kids: Rachel Alvarez, Allison Bruce, Abby Spicer, Emma Spicer, Kelly Williams, and Margaret Wilson. And thanks to our Adult Helpers-- Sr. Anna Kathleen, Betty Carpenter, and Robin Reed-- who provided supervision and support. VBS was a wonderful week for all the churches to work together and have a great week of fellowship, fun, and learning. We can't wait until next summer for VBS!! Hope to see you there!!





Otey Memorial Parish

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt
Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee

The Rev. Joe Ballard
Rector

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

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We pray for those serving in Afghanistan and for their families, especially Kevin Stewart. We pray for the victims of war.

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the September 2012 issue of Otey

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is:

Wednesday, August 15

Email submissions to:
spicergirls@nerdshack.com

Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.



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