



Otey Notes



From the Rector--Our Parish's Change of Name

On the last Sunday in January we commemorated our patron, first Bishop of Tennessee James Hervey Otey. Local historian and Otey specialist Howard Lotti gave an informative talk at Forum about Bp. Otey's life. During the question-and-answer period, the question arose why our parish changed its name from St. Paul's-on-the-Mountain, under which we first organized in 1870. Waring McCrady said that Charles T. Quintard, bishop at the time our present church was built (1890-91), wanted it changed.

I was curious for more information, and Howard was kind enough to direct me to the online journals of the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee. Just having completed the 2019 Diocesan Convention in Clarksville, I noticed both similarities and differences between practice in the 1800s and now. Both include a Bishop's Address, but assuming that Bp. Quintard read the entire text entered into the journal, it was a *very* detailed account of his acts of ministry from the previous year, on an almost daily basis! Bp. Bauerschmidt's addresses are a fraction as long.

Bp. Quintard's 1871 address included this note for November 18, 1870: "At night attended a meeting for the organization of a parish for the village of Sewanee. The new parish was named 'St. Paul's on the Mountain.'" In addition to organizing, parishes must be accepted by diocesan convention, and the journal from the 1871 meeting at St. Paul's, Chattanooga, (May 24-26) noted: "Your committee [on new parishes] would respectfully report, that the application of the parish of 'St. Paul's on the Mountain,' Sewanee, is in due and regular form." Our convention delegates that year were John D. Phelan, George R. Fairbanks, and T.F. Sevier.

By 1890, things were changing at St. Paul's-on-the-Mountain. Bp. Quintard stated in his address, "A new Church is in the course of erection by the Parish of S. Paul's-on-the-Mountain, Sewanee, and the existing structure is to be appropriated to the colored people." His first recorded mention of a change of name came later that year:

July 18th [1890]--Thursday. I laid the corner-stone of a new Church for the congregation of S. Paul's-on-the-Mountain. I think the name of S. Paul's-on-the-Mountain should attach to the old church, and that this Church should be made a memorial of the first Bishop of Tennessee, and the first Chancellor of the University of the South, the Venerable and Venerated James Hervey Otey, LL.D.

When this building shall have been completed, S. Mark's colored congregation shall occupy the present S. Paul's-on-the-Mountain.

I should be very glad if my Reverend Brethren of the Clergy would unite in making the Altar window a special memorial of the Bishop.

On the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Texas, Chancellor of the University of the South, and the Rev. the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Hodgson, took part in the services.

Addresses were made by Professors Gailor and Shoup.

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TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAYS, 9:45 AM

Godly Play for ages 3-11

Adult Forum—9:45

- ✓ Feb. 1 Rector's Forum
- ✓ Feb 10 "The Role for Christians in the Environmental Crisis" - Andy Thompson
- ✓ Feb. 17 "The Continuing Appeal of C. S. Lewis" - Robert McSwain
- ✓ Feb. 24 "Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation" - Woody Register

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ Feb. 20 *Otey Notes* submissions due, 3:00 pm
- ✓ Feb. 21 Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm
Hethcock Room

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✓ Feb. 10 Sewanee Hearts and Grocery Carts Fundraiser for Community Action Committee—noon in St. Mark's Hall

OFFICE CLOSURES

- ✓ Feb. 18 Presidents' Day

Inclement Weather Policy



It is Otey Parish's policy to follow the Franklin County School systems' closures and delays for inclement weather. If

Franklin County schools are closed, Otey Parish will be closed. The Community Action Committee will also be going by this policy. The Sewanee Children's Center will decide and announce its own cancellations.

From the Rector—Our Parish’s Change of Name (cont.)

At the next year’s convention Bp. Quintard’s desire came to fruition:

Sewanee, Tenn., June 16, 1891

Rt. Rev. C.T. Quintard, D.D., Bp. of Tennessee

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:--at the regular Vestry meeting of “S. Paul’s-on-the-Mountain,” it was

Resolved, That the Diocesan Convention, which meets in Clarksville on the 17th day of June, 1891, be petitioned to change the name of the Parish from “S. Paul’s-on-the-Mountain,” to “The Otey Memorial.”

Very respectfully,

B.L. Wiggins,

Secretary of the Vestry

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the petition be granted and that the name of the Parish of S. Paul’s-on-the-Mountain be and is hereby changed to “The Otey Memorial Church.”

The Convention took recess until 3:00 p.m.

Later at Convention, Bp. Quintard included in his address:

The Otey Memorial Church

I have caused to be erected at Sewanee a substantial stone Church in memory of the Right Reverend James Hervey Otey, D.D., LL.D. I desire it to be known as the Otey Memorial Church. It will be the Parish Church of Sewanee. I have caused this to be built as a fitting memorial to the first Bishop of Tennessee, and the first Chancellor of the University of the South. [There followed a biography of Otey several paragraphs long.]

To such a Bishop it is meet and right that the Diocese should rear a Memorial; nay, every Priest and Layman should feel it a privilege to contribute to the perpetuation of the memory of so grand a character.

The Church is occupied by the congregation of S. Paul’s-on-the-Mountain, and the Rev. Dr. Benton is the Rector. The Rector and Vestry of Calvary Church, Memphis, will put in the central Chancel window, a figure of the Good Shepherd, [the same window we have now] but there remains

the sum of \$400.00 to pay for furnishing, and this I ask the members of this Convention to contribute in order that the Church may be consecrated at the next Commencement of the University of the South.

Since at that time in order to be consecrated, a church building could have no remaining debt, it is clear that the \$400 (over \$11,000 in today’s dollars) was contributed over the next few weeks. Bp. Quintard reported:

August 9th [1891] (11th Sunday after Trinity) At 10 o’clock I consecrated the Otey Memorial Church. The Vestry met the procession of Bishops and Clergy at the door of the Church, where the request to consecrate was made by Gen. E. Kirby-Smith. There were present the bishops of Texas, Kentucky, East Carolina, and Florida. The sentence of consecration was read by Bishop Weed. I celebrated the Blessed Eucharist, Bishop Dudley being Gospeller, and Bishop Watson Epistoler. A most admirable memorial sermon was preached by the Rev. Wm. C. Gray, D.D., who was one of the last Presbyters ordained by Bishop Otey, and whose clerical life, dating from 1859, has been passed in the Diocese of Tennessee. I thank God out of a full heart that I have been enabled to build this monument to the beloved and revered memory of Bishop Otey.

This information brings to mind still more questions. Was the name change originally Bp. Quintard’s idea? What did parishioners think about the change? What was the condition of the St. Paul’s-on-the-Mountain building, and what did the African American congregation think about having that as its own building versus the earlier practice of worshipping at a different time in the same building as the white congregation? Did things change between 1890, when Bp. Quintard said the parish was building the church and 1891 when he said he caused it to be built? What proportion of the funding for the project did he raise?

Perhaps as an expression of how long change can take in Sewanee, the official campus map I received when coming to seminary in 1991 labeled us “St. Paul’s-on-the-Mountain (Otey Memorial Church).”



Vestry Highlights

The Diocesan Convention

At its regular meeting of January 17:

--Elected the following persons to 1-year terms:

Tim Graham, Senior Warden

Claudia Porter, Junior Warden

Kathy Solomon, Treasurer

Julie Elrod, Clerk

--Accepted a proposal from Sumpter Solutions for extensive repairs needed to the bell tower. Work is to begin after Easter.

--Affirmed the permanent continuation of the Sunday schedule tried since September: Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 11: 00, Christian Formation 9:45.

The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee held its 187th Annual Convention January 25-26 at Trinity Church, Clarksville. Otey was represented by lay delegates Dorothy Gates (who served on the Budget Committee), Phebe Hethcock, and Susan Holmes, and Deacon Betty Carpenter and Rector Rob Lamborn (who gave the St. Andrew's-Sewanee report). In addition to the regular round of elections and adoption of the annual budget, Convention adopted resolutions:

--Encouraging the observance of the feast day of Constance and Her Companions, the Martyrs of Memphis (Sisters of the Community of St. Mary who died ministering to people during the Yellow Fever epidemic)

--Supporting the 20/20 Capital Campaign of the DuBose Conference Center

--Affirming identity as members of the Beloved Community, which works for racial reconciliation

--Modifying the diocesan constitution lowering the age requirement for confirmed members to serve on vestries from 18 to 16 (second reading)

Next year's convention will take place January 24-25 at St. Bartholomew's, Nashville. If you might be interested in serving as a delegate, please make yourself known to Rob Lamborn. Any of this year's delegates would be happy to tell you about the experience.

Sunday Morning Schedule

Late last summer the Christian Formation Committee proposed changing the Sunday schedule to allow more time between services for classes. Starting in September, on a trial basis we moved the early service to 8:30 and Christian Formation to 9:45. The schedule was very well-received by our teachers, and did not result in lower attendance at 8:30. Thus, with the Vestry in agreement with the Rector, the new schedule is now permanent.



Things will be hopping during the month of February at CAC. Our first Community Meal was on Friday February 1. This time University Choir sponsored this event and we are grateful for this collaboration. Our next Community Meal will be March 1 at noon in St. Mark's. Make plans to come for good food and good conversation.

Mark your calendar for the annual "SEWANEE HEARTS AND GROCERY CARTS." This always amazing event is sponsored by Kappa Omega sorority as a fundraiser for CAC. February 10 is the date and St. Mark's Hall is the place. Activities begin following the 11:00 service. We have begun a partnership with the University Farm in an effort to provide fresh produce to those who need assistance. Students in a class taught by Deb McGrath are working with students assigned to the university farm to provide seed packets and information for CAC clients. As the crops grow, distribution will take place at the community meals.

Many hands are working together to make things better for those in need and that is exactly what makes it all work. Calling all who love to sing can jump in on Thursday mornings with the All Voices Choir. This group of mentally challenged adults will inspire you and give a chance to share in their infectious joy. Come and be a part of this ministry as we continue to seek ways to help others.

Betty Carpenter, Director



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Daughters of the King

To the Women of Otey Parish:

The Daughters of the King of the Episcopal church has an active chapter at St. James, Midway. Mary's Heart Martha's Hands chapter extends to you an invitation to join us at a meeting and be introduced to what we are all about. We are in Communion with the Methodist, Lutheran and Catholic churches which means our membership is open to these women as well.

Membership is open to women eighteen years and older. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at St James church Midway. The contact number is 598-5869.



Pixie Dozier

Epiphany

Youth Notes



On Epiphany, the youth Sunday school class baked a king cake, donned some magi robes, and followed a star



Youth Sunday School—Who has a better club house than the youth of Otey Parish? Join us Sunday mornings for breakfast, friendship, learning, and service. 9:45a.m. in the kitchen of Brooks Hall. If you're a torchbearer or crucifer, we'll be sure to send you back to the church on time.

Fire on the Mountain—sponsors opportunities for service and fun. We welcome young people (6th-12th grades) of all backgrounds, religions, and identities. Upcoming activities:

- Sunday, Feb 17th, 4-6pm in Brooks Hall – Planning for drama team project, plus pizza and breadsticks
- Sunday, March 3rd, 4-6pm in Brooks Hall – Drama team rehearsal
- Sunday, March 31st, 4-6pm in Brooks Hall – Regular meeting

Youth Mission Trip—Save the date! We are going to the gulf! All youth are invited to Camp Suarez, July 8-12, 2019. Rachel and Mickey Suarez have graciously invited us to share their home on the water for this week. Students will earn service hours volunteering at a children's camp. Daily activities will include boating, tubing, water skiing, swimming and kayaking. Contact Jeannie Babb oteyformation@gmail.com with any questions. Space is limited. Please sign up now to reserve your spot and be part of the planning team! <http://evite.me/RVWXw8TC8B>

Jeannie Babb, Acting Director



*Jeannie Babb,
Christian Formation Director
Acting Director, Fire on the
Mountain*

Epiphany Luncheon Pictures



Tuesday Morning Godly Play and Parents' Morning Out



Our Tuesday morning co-op for preschoolers still has openings. This class includes story time, free play, outdoor time on the playground, and indoor time running, playing ball, and singing songs. The programs is designed for children 18 months to 4 years. Parents volunteer on a rotational basis, and there is no cost for children to attend.

For more information, contact Jeannie Babb: oteyformation@gmail.com.

To register: <https://tuesdaygodlyplay.eventbrite.com>

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The Shepherd's Psalm

Next to the Lord's Prayer probably no biblical text is more familiar than Psalm 23. The most well known translation of the Psalm comes out of the Reformation period and is from the King James Bible (1611). Psalm 23 was used in worship of the ancient Hebrews. The writer describes God as his shepherd, as protector and provider. The psalm is recited by Jews and Christians. It's universal theme is trust in God. Jews recite Psalm 23 over a dead body. It is recited by the person who is watching over the body of the deceased before burial.

In the Christian tradition the image of God as a shepherd makes connections not only with David, but with Jesus. It appears in the Gospel of John. The part that reads "the valley of the shadow of death" gives an allusion to the eternal life given by Jesus. Orthodox Christians include the psalm in the preparation of the Eucharist.

The earliest metrical version of the psalm in English was made in 1565 by Thomas Sternhold. The Sternhold version was printed in the Scottish Psalter. (1650). Other metrical versions emerged from the Protestant Reformation in the Bay Psalm Book (1640). Sternhold's version remains in many protestant hymnals. Other notable versions of the psalm were done by George Herbert, Philip Sidney, and Isaac Watts. We use the metrical version of the psalm traditionally sung to the hymn tune Crimond. By Jessie Seymour Irvine. It starts "The Lord's My Shepherd" and probably is best known by English congregations. Other melodies, such as Brother James' *Air* are also used. Other tunes sometimes used are *Belmont*, *Evan*, *Martyrdom*, *Orlington*, *Wiltshire*, and *Resignation*.

In the twentieth century Psalm 23 became commonly associated with funeral liturgies in the English-speaking world. The Book of Common Prayer in England has only Psalms 39 and 90 in its order for the burial of the dead. In the Episcopal Church in the United States, Psalm 23 was not used for funerals until the 1928 revision of the prayer book.

Psalm 23 portrays God as a good shepherd feeding (v 1) and leading (v 3) his flock. Verse 4 talks of the rod and staff used by shepherds. God as caretaker, leads sheep to green pasture (v 2) and still waters (v2) since sheep are known for their helplessness without their shepherd.

"Thou preparest a table before me" (v5) according to J. Douglas MacMillan, refers to the oriental shepherding practice of using little raised tables to feed sheep. The "Thou Anointed my head with oil" refers to the practice of pouring oil on wounds, which also repels flies. He also thinks v 6 refers to Goodness and Mercy as sheepdogs who follow behind the flock.

John Ellingwood feels that in verses 4 and 5 King David acknowledges God's protection in expeditions and battles. The table the night before a battle would be loud and raucous to make the enemy think they were feasting. In truth, only the King would eat. The next day if they were victorious, then they would celebrate the victory. There

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Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the March 2019 issue of *Otey Notes* is:
3pm Wednesday, February 20.

Email submissions to:
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The Shepherd's Psalm (cont. from page 5)

was no need to be sober then. So, "My cup runneth over..."

Verse one gives authorship of the Psalm to King David, who was a shepherd as a youth. However, some scholars do not believe David could have written any of the Psalms. No matter who wrote the Psalms they have come down through history inspiring and giving hope to myriads of people. Whether you chant, recite or sing a hymn tune on the psalm, their power continues. I wonder how many of you memorized this Psalm as a child. My grandmother required we memorize psalms and recite before meals. So I have recited Psalm 23 more times than I can remember. Those of you with children, teach your children Psalm 23rd. It gives comfort at any age done musically or with recitation. Hope 2019 has been a full of blessings for you and your family so far.

Kathleen Sturgis, Music Director

Otey's Office and the Community Action Committee will be closed on February 18 for Presidents' Day.

More Epiphany Luncheon Pictures



February



Elliott Duncan	2	3	John Fisher	2	17
Jay Fisher	2	6	George Dick	2	18
Gus Croom	2	9	Tim Nelson	2	19
Mac Croom	2	9	Amy Neubauer	2	19
Timothy Graham	2	9	Maddie Van de Ven	2	19
Beth Wiley	2	12	Brad Bates	2	20
Laurie Fisher	2	12	Jett Fisher	2	22
Trudy Cunningham	2	13	David Kearley	2	23
Brenda Matthews	2	13	Thomas Macfie	2	23
Miree Wood	2	14	J.T. Jenkins	2	23
Margaux Fielding	2	15	Liz Camp	2	24
John Gatta	2	15	Marshall Simpson	2	24
Jane Holmes	2	16	Hampton Mauzy	2	27
Jeannie Babb	2	16	Bob Lamborn	2	27
Jimmy Blythe	2	17	Bonnie McCardell	2	28