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!! NEWSFLASH !!

THE GODLY PLAYER COMES TO CHRIST CHURCH



The Rev. Dr. Jerome W. Berryman, the creator of Godly Play

At a special 10 o'clock Eucharist this Sunday, March 27, our special guest preacher and teacher will be The Rev. Dr. Jerome W. Berryman, the creator of Godly Play. Godly Play is the way we teach the Bible and the liturgy to our children's Sunday School at Christ Church and at Christ School for grades pre k through fourth grade. Godly Play has been part of our church, school and Christwood since 1995 and we are delighted to have its founder join us for some time of storytelling and wondering together. An Episcopal priest, Jerome Berryman has spent forty years creating this methodology for the spiritual guidance of children. The educational theory of Godly Play is rooted in our Christian use of ritual, story, and the creative process of how children actually play. Godly Play adapts Montessori's discovery/readiness approach to learning in order to stimulate children's active participation in story and ritual and to awaken their creativity for the learning of the language, sacred stories, parables, sacraments, and stillness of the Christian tradition. Jerome has written numerous articles and books, including *Children and the Theologians: Clearing the Way for God's Grace*, *Godly Play* and *Teaching Godly Play*. Since 1989, his books have sold more than 50,000 copies! Please join Jerome on Sunday, March 27 following the 10:00 service for an educational gathering in the Sanctuary of the Church. Then, on Monday, March 28 at 8:30am Jerome will teach and speak in the Solarium at Christwood for a lecture and demonstration. For more information please contact Barbara Sears 985-845-1542.

SERVICE SCHEDULE TIME CHANGE

Next **Sunday, March 27** our schedule will be as follows:

7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist in the Church
8:30 a.m.	CCY Silent Auction begins in the Commons
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist in the Church
11:00 a.m.	Visit the CCY Silent Auction. Bid on fabulous items and enjoy light refreshments!
11:15	Presentation by Dr. Jerome Berryman <i>Childcare provided</i>
Noon	CCY Silent Auction closes
6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

NOTE: Will have one service at 10:00 a.m. No 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on this day. A presentation by Dr. Jerome Berryman will follow at 11:15 a.m. in the church. The 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services will take place as usual.



174TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION SCHEDULE*

Thursday March 31, 2011

3:30 Convention set-up at Christwood Blvd.

Friday, April 1, 2011

2:00 pm Registration at Christ Episcopal School, Christwood Blvd. campus
 3:00 pm Plenary Session with Voting
 4:30 pm Open Hearings and Committee Work
 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Covington
 7:00 pm Friday Night Extravaganza on Church and Chapel grounds sponsored by Christwood for registered delegates

Saturday, April 2, 2011

7:30am Coffee & Beignets sponsored by Hudson Services, Inc.
 8:00am Registration Christ Episcopal School, Christwood Blvd. campus
 Noon South Louisiana Picnic sponsored by Hudson Services, Inc. & Sam & Jill Giberga
 2:00 pm Business session, voting and resolutions
 4:00pm Gavel falls
 4:30pm Break down & clean-up

Tours of Christwood throughout the day

**All guests must register upon arrival at the Christwood Blvd. campus. Guest fee of \$65 enables you to attend the Friday afternoon business sessions, Saturday business sessions and lunch on Saturday.*



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Christ Church will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011. Four new members of the Vestry will be elected at the Annual Meeting. The meeting will open for voting purposes during the 7:30 a.m. Eucharist service, and again during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. The business portion of the meeting will take place at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. service, during which the results of the voting will be announced.

Communicant members in good standing of Christ Church, aged 16 or older, who are contributors of record for the last six months, and members of the congregation for at least six months prior to the annual meeting are qualified to vote.

WHAT IS THE LENTEN FAST?

from The Rector

Lent confronts us all with an uncomfortable, even painful truth: in order to say YES to something, we must often say NO to something else. If we try to say YES to everything, we end up confused and exhausted, unable to make or keep our commitments much less identify and claim our priorities. This is why fasting has always been part of the traditional Lenten disciplines: giving up chocolate or beef or alcohol or profanity during this season to help us focus on our need for God's forgiveness and grace. But for that to happen—for us to receive God's grace this Lent—we must go deeper. We must get underneath the chocolate or the alcohol to what they stand for in our individual, self-centered lives. In a real sense, we must move from Lent's fasting toward Easter's feasting, from our Lenten NO to an Easter YES. For even here in mid-Lent, we do not pretend that Christ has not already risen or that we are still waiting to experience Easter joy. Even in Lent, you and I are risen Christians! The point is to act like one. Here are several ways you and I can do that:

- Fast from judging others: feast on encouraging others
- Fast from fear: feast on God's healing power
- Fast from cynicism; feast on gratitude
- Fast from gossip; feast on kindness
- Fast from anger; feast on patience
- Fast from suspicion; feast on self offering

We can say NO and we can say YES because, by God's grace, we don't have to stay the way we are.



CCY MISSION BEYOND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

This year the Mission Beyond 2011 participants are holding a Silent Auction as a fundraiser on Sunday March 27 with bidding open from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The money raised will allow our youth to serve and repair homes in the impoverished areas of Webster County, West Virginia and Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Through these mission trips our youth will come to know and love 100 families living in these communities. Christ Church Youth mission trips are vital to our youth in the formation of their future. It helps them to become concerned and caring members and leaders of our community.

Here is a partial list of individuals/businesses who have donated items:

Art Monroe's Taekwondo
Ballin's
Benedict's
Best Buy
Broken Egg
Carter Plantation
Cheese Steak Bistro
Christ Episcopal School
Coffee Rani
Dawn Cox
David Pierson Designs, Inc.

Franco's Athletic Club
Italian Pie of Covington
Joe's Shoes
La Carreta of Mandeville
Laurier
Little River Bluffs
Mike's Den
Maison Réve Farm
Money Hill
Osaka West
Papa Murphy's

Patricia Liles Designs
Pizza Man of Covington
St. John's Coffeehouse
St. Paul's School
Spokesman
Stone Creek
Tchefuncta Country Club
Times Grill
Trey Yuen
Randy Turner pilot services
Varsity Sports
Water Street Bistro

GROUNDS WORKDAY



All are invited to join in a grounds work day on Saturday, March 26. We will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Come for as little or much time as you can afford. Bring your gloves, loppers, pruning shears, rakes, brooms and other favorite gardening tools. We will focus on sprucing up and doing Spring planting in preparation for the Diocesan Convention.

124th Annual Gathering of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Louisiana

April 15-16 at

St. Paul's New Orleans

Registration material and information are available in the church office. Call 892-3177

THIRD SUNDAY CONCERT:



The Third Sunday concert in March will be held on the 4th Sunday, March 27, instead of the third Sunday. It will feature Angilray, a harp, flute, and cello trio. As usual, it will begin at 5 p.m. and is followed by a reception.

EASTER FLOWER



Donations are now being accepted for Easter flowers. Envelopes are available in the pews of the Church and Chapel. Donations must be received in the church office by Sunday, April 17, for acknowledgement in the Easter bulletins.

COVINGTON FOOD BANK SPRING FOOD DRIVE UPDATE



Thank you all for the donations of food and checks to our drive held on February 13 and 20. We delivered 62 bags will be mailing a check for \$1,000. Lloyd and Barbara, Beverly and CJ, David and Valerie, and David Moore handed out the bags to our congregation at various services. Laura prepared the leaflets. We so appreciate your assistance in making these drives successful! *Liz Bedikian*



KUDOS

Thank you to Randy Turner for pressure washing the deck outside of the Commons and repairing the kneelers in the church

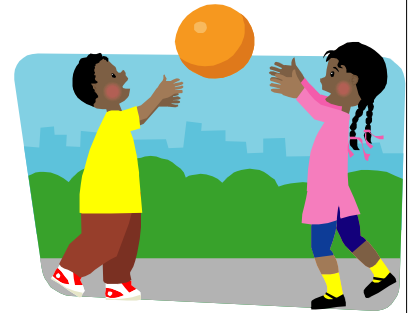


CEEP (Christ Episcopal Enrichment Program)

is an outreach ministry to at-risk children in our community who are moving into grades 3-6. The project was developed and is sponsored by Christ Church and began in 1992. It is a five-week educational enrichment experience which includes breakfast and lunch, **integrated academic classes taught by certified teachers**, lessons in character development, goal-setting, and conflict resolution as well as weekly field trips.

This year's program will be held at Christ Church from June 13 to July 15. We need your help to fund this outreach which is not government supported. It is our Christian thing to do. Your donation to CEEP will help us minister compassionately to the children of our community by offering them a summer educational experience that will serve them well when they return to school in August. Volunteers are also much needed in the classroom to work with students and during both breakfast and lunch.

If you discern a calling to give your time and talents to CEEP, please call Cynthia Russell, Director of CEEP at 893-1829 or email her at russell327396@bellsouth.net. If not, please dig into your checkbook soon and your prayer book later and help CEEP with your dollars and your prayers. **CEEP MAKES A DIFFERENCE.**



BOY SCOUT PLANT SALE

Our Boy Scout Troop 193 will hold its annual fundraising plant sale at church after each service Sunday, April 10. The troop will have its usual assortment of trees, shrubs and bedding plants, all provided from a couple of local commercial nurseries. Order forms will be available in the church Narthex before the sale. Orders over \$50 will be eligible for free delivery this year. This is the one fundraiser our troop does, so please plan on coming out to support our boys.



Altar Flower and Bread and Wine Donations

Dates are available for altar flower and bread and wine donations for the month of April. This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or commemorate a birthday or anniversary. All donations are acknowledged in the service bulletin on Sunday. If you would like to donate, please call the church office at 892-3177.

CEEP CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE—

Your gift will help to change a child's life and better our community:

CEEP provides:

- an academic bridge between school terms
- daily education in language arts, math, and science
- lessons in character development, conflict resolution, and goal setting
- daily transportation
- educational field trips
- supervised sports and recreation
- art and music
- daily breakfast and lunch

YOU CAN HELP!

a gift of **\$25** provides a child with one day of education, breakfast, and lunch

a gift of **\$100** provides 10 children with transportation and admission for
an educational field trip

a gift of **\$125** sponsors a child for 1 week of CEEP

a gift of **\$625** sponsors a child for 5 full weeks of CEEP

a gift of **\$1875** sponsors 3 children for 5 full weeks of CEEP

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Amount of Gift _____

Signature _____

Make checks payable to:

Christ Church

120 S. New Hampshire St.

Covington, Louisiana 70433

For: CEEP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

I would be interested in volunteering for **CEEP** (H)_____

(W)_____ (Email)_____

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VESTRY

2008-2011— Suzanne Duggan, Lisa Geary,
Kim Scoggin, Charlie Stahr
 2009-2012— Jeff Bell, Mark Berry,
Michelle Gallagher, Lucie Thornton
 2010-2013— Bill Batson, Mel Elliott,

Scheduled to Serve March 27, 2011		
	7:30	10:00
MC		Liz Taurman
EM	Ralph Menetre	Mel Elliott Barbara Magee
Acolytes		Philip James Mason Ward Cove Geary
Lectors		Bill Rhodes Becky Roniger
Ushers	Don Kieffer Charlie Stahr	Tim Wolfe, Jason Reina, Mark Mercante, Andrew Mercante, Michael Willis Bert Duvic, Dylan Lang- don, James Richardson, Matt Holzhalb, Jim Con- ner, Patterson Conner, Clave Gill
Greeters		Lisa Geary, Judy Shopf Kerry Yeates
Altar Guild Team II		
Caring Ministry Leader Rosalind Rhodes 892-5943		
Lessons For Sunday, April 3, 2011 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-14		