



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

9:50 am, SUNDAY, NOV 11, 2018 , FOWLER HALL

Church School for Children & Youth at 9:45 am

VESTRY NOMINATION PROCESS

This year, as usual—and in accordance with the St. James' Constitution—nomination to the Vestry of St. James' is open to all confirmed communicants of this parish who are regular in attendance and participation in the life of this parish family and who are sixteen years of age or older. There are two ways someone can be nominated—either by the Vestry Nominating Committee six weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, or as a floor nomination during the Annual Meeting. The process by which the Nominating Committee determined its slate is as follows: Parishioners were asked to submit any names they wished to be considered, along with a biographical sketch, including any family, civic and church involvement to the nominating committee through the church office. The nominating committee consisted of the five members rotating off the vestry, the wardens, the rector, and two at-large parishioners elected by the vestry. This committee met in September, and, as our Constitution stipulates, has now put forward ten nominees to be considered—five women and five men. Nominations may also be made from the floor the day of the meeting according to the following process, as stipulated by our Constitution: Anyone to be nominated from the floor must be a parishioner in good standing, must have agreed to stand for election prior to the annual meeting and must have had his or her name submitted to the Rector prior to the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, the floor nomination may be made simply by announcing the name of nominee. When ballots are distributed, voters may write in a floor nominee's name onto the ballot if they choose to vote for such a nominee. By a simple plurality vote the five that received the most votes will win. Ultimately, five new members to the Vestry will be elected at the Annual Meeting from among the nominees.

WHO CAN VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. JAMES'

In our Parish Constitution, eligibility to vote is covered in Section 3 of Article VI: In all elections and Parish meetings, those qualified to vote shall be persons at least sixteen (16) years of age, communicants of the Parish, and who have regularly contributed to the support of the parish during the twelve months next before the day they offer to vote. We hope all who qualify will join us to vote for new Vestry. If you have been a regular contributor during these last twelve months and don't happen to have your membership listed here, please call Kathy Stephens in the Church Office at 601-982-4880 and she will tell you how to have your letter of membership moved here.

NO ABSENTEE VOTING ALLOWED AT ANNUAL MEETING

In accord with our St. James' Constitution, parishioners must be present to vote for Vestry members. No proxy of any kind will be allowed.

2019 SENIOR WARDEN NOMINEE



TOMMY SHEPHERD: I am a partner in the Jackson office of the law firm of Jones Walker LLP. I received my Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Mississippi in 1980 and graduated from the Washington & Lee University School of Law in 1984. I was confirmed at St. James' in 1985 and have served two terms on the Vestry. My wife Mary Scott and I both sing in the 8:40 choir. Together, we have two grown sons, Banks and Martin.

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LEIGH GRADY: I am married to Andrew and am the mother of two children; Stuart and Camille. I have been a member of St. James' for 13 years. My activities have included Lead Catechist in the Level III Atrium for 5 years, a Vestry Member, an Adult Confirmation Leader, and on the Adult Ed Committee.

2019 VESTRY NOMINEES



ELIZABETH BOONE: I have been a member of St. James' for over 10 years, and I and my family live in Fondren. Both of our children were baptized at St. James', and my whole family attends the 8:40 service and Sunday school regularly, including my parents who recently moved to Jackson. I am married to Barber, and I am mom to Jacob and Ford who feel at home enough at the church to give high fives to the clergy as they process out at the end of the service. I volunteer at the church regularly with the children's ministries, Stewpot Christmas party and other St. James' events. I am an attorney who has focused my practice over the last 12 years on business law, including contract negotiation and addressing various business issues. I am very familiar with issues that face profit and non-profit organizations and feel that my expertise could be an asset to St. James'. I am involved as a volunteer at St. Andrew's Episcopal School and a member of the board of directors of the Junior League of Jackson. In my free time, I enjoy traveling and practicing yoga. Getting the opportunity to serve on the St. James' vestry would be an honor for me.



LUCY GAULT: I am a life-long Episcopalian and have been a member of St. James' for 46 years. I was confirmed, married and plan to be buried in our beautiful sanctuary. I grew up in the youth choir and attended EYC. Over the years I have served as a lay reader, Sunday school teacher and Habitat volunteer. I have been on the Stewardship Committee, Vestry Nominating Committee and have helped with the Sun King run and Shrove Tuesday celebration. In 1990, I graduated from the University of Mississippi with a B.A. in English and Journalism. I am currently employed by Novartis and have been in pharmaceutical sales for 21 years. My husband, Bill, and I have been married for 17 years and have a 10 year old daughter, Katherine, who is a 5th grader at Jackson Academy.



PAM HELMS: I grew up in Oxford, MS and have lived in Jackson since 1970. I have a Bachelor's degree in nursing, a Master's Degree in Psych-Mental Health Nursing and a Post Master's Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice. I am a certified Family Nurse Practitioner. I held a faculty appointment in the School of Nursing at UMMC 40 years until I retired in 2016; I have practiced as a Family Nurse Practitioner since 2000. I was clinical director of a nurse run family clinic in a medically underserved community in Jackson for 10 years. I currently practice part-time as a nurse practitioner. I grew up in the Presbyterian Church and found the Episcopal Church in college. I attended St. Andrew's here in Jackson for many years. I have attended St. James' for 16 years and was confirmed here. At St. James' I have worked with the stewardship committees, helped with the Sun King run and I serve as a chalice-bearer and adult acolyte. I joyfully helped to raise my Godchild Sam here at St. James' where he was active in the Youth program and served as acolyte. I completed the EfM program here in 2017 and continue to serve as chalice bearer.



JAY JACOBUS: My wife, Pam, and I have attended St. James' since 1982 and attend the 8:40 service. During my time at St. James', I have served on the Vestry for one term and served as Chairperson of the Memorials Committee for several years. I also serve as an usher and frequent participant on our Habitat building projects, and am on the Endowment Committee. I have practiced law with Williford, McAllister & Jacobus since its formation in 1991. Pam and I have been married for 39 years and have one son, Reeve, who just completed his two year service with the Peace Corps serving in Uganda, Africa as a health volunteer.



JEAN G. JONES: I am a native of Atlanta, Ga where I spent my formative years graduating from Druid Hill High School and then Emory University. I taught in Atlanta and Orlando Florida before moving to Jackson where I continued my education earning first a Masters from Ms College in Elem. Ed and later another post graduate degree in School Administration and Supervision. Following years of teaching, I moved into administration as Head of Lower School at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, retiring after thirty two years. I have spent

the last four years in a part time position at Jackson Academy's department for Academic Resource and Diversified Learning, where I have assisted in guiding the youngest learners into the world of learning through support and enrichment. A cradle born Episcopalian, I have long been a communicate of St. James'. Service and involvement include: Altar Guild, Lector, graduate EFM, and Daughters of the King. Community Service include: Junior League of Jackson, Mississippi Children's Museum, Leadership Jackson, Board of Ballet Mississippi, Volunteer for IBC, and Hospice Ministries. I have one daughter, three grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Personal interests include travel, reading, and dinner with friends.



MARK MCDOWELL: I married Beth Disharoon McDowell at St. James' and have four children – Will, Ben, Rob and Kate who have all been raised at St. James'. I grew up in Inverness, Ms and graduated from Mississippi State University. My professional career has been involving in banking and I am currently employed with Renasant Bank. I have attended St. James' since 1989 and have served in the following capacities: Finance Committee, Stewardship Chair, Usher and Habitat for Humanity building project volunteer.



JOHN MILNER: I have been a member of St. James' since 2006. I was drawn to St. James' by: the meaning and beauty of the Episcopal liturgy, the inclusive invitation to all persons to receive the Eucharist, and the camaraderie shared with other St. James' parishioners on numerous St. James' annual bike trips (my trip motto was "always ready, always slow"). I have served in the church as a member of several Stewardship Committees and have also been a member

of a discernment committee for a candidate to the priesthood. I represented St. James' as both an alternate and then a voting delegate to the Mississippi Diocesan Annual Council. I am a graduate of the four-year Education for Ministry (EFM) program at St. James'. For several years I led multi-session Tapas studies, including the Nicene Creed and the Eucharist. I am currently a Lector and a Eucharistic Visitor and I also participate in the Foyers program. I am a partner in the Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes law firm, where I have been employed in the firm's Jackson office for over 40 years as an environmental attorney. The leadership positions I have held professionally and in our state and local communities include service as Chair of the following organizations: American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy and Resources (SEER); the Mississippi Bar's SEER; the Mississippi Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (Board member for 16 years); and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Jackson (Board member for 20 years). My two children (Amanda and Adam) and five grandchildren (Banks, Hayes, Sam, Jack and Morgan Marie) live in the Jackson area.



COLEEN O'BRIEN: I've been a member of St. James' for 27 years, have two grown daughters, Katelyn and Molly and have owned the Rug Place since 1999. My activities over the years have included ECW officer, EFM graduate, Vestry member, Co-Chaired the Mississippi Diocesan Annual Council and participated in Sun King Races and the Rummage Sales. I cook "the gumbo" for Shrove Tuesday, have enjoyed many Foyer gatherings, Chair the Building and Grounds committee, am a Pastoral Care Team member

and a Chalice Bearer. For fun I enjoy cooking, eating out, entertaining by the pool, traveling, learning to be a beekeeper and binging a series on Netflix. I believe that in giving our time by attending church services, sharing our talents by joining a committee and giving our treasures by committing to a pledge, we become the church. It's an honor to be nominated by my peers, thank you. This is my holy place, you are my church family and St James' is...MY CHURCH.



WALKER TANN: From birth I have attended St. James'. I grew up at St. James' participating in everything from Sunday school, Halloween parties and the children's Christmas service to volunteering at Stewpot and Habitat for Humanity builds. My father, Bill, served on the vestry and also served as the Treasurer. I have fond memories of sitting in the back of the church when my father ushered so I could sit with him. I currently usher and my family attends the 8:40 service which until I was an adult thought started at 8:45. I am married to Candace and we have one son named Will that

is led in by "the angels" at the 8:40 service during the announcements. I am the Broker of Nix-Tann and Associates Real Estate. I am honored to be nominated for the Vestry.



BILL YOUNGBLOOD: I have been a member of St. James' since 1995 and I have 2 children, William and Katie. I own and operate Graduate Pest Control, Inc. I graduated from Mississippi State University with a BBA in Banking and Finance. At St. James' I am the chair of the Sainly Chefs, a member of the

Usher Guild, and a member of the Parish Life Committee. I have been a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, a member of the Building & Grounds Committee and a member of the Foyers groups.