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## TELL US YOUR STORY SERIES:

We honor James Thomas and his 90 years membership at Christ Episcopal Church Xenia.

James Augustus Thomas is from one of the pillar families of Christ Episcopal Church Xenia. His grandparents, Montague Augustus Bailey and Sarah Wooten Bailey moved from England to Xenia, Ohio with their three daughters and four sons before 1906. The Baileys donated money for many of the pews in the church and helped fund the construction of the stone building we have today. They also paid for the baptismal font, donated gold plaques to be placed on the pews, and donated money for the stained glass windows that once adorned this church. The gold plaques unfortunately were stolen before they could be mounted. The tornado in 1974 destroyed most of the stained glass windows.

James' mother, Phyllis Bailey, was 10 when they arrived in Xenia. She married Marshall Thomas. They

had five children: Kenneth, James, Phyllis, Vernon, and Fred. Kenneth died of a brain hemorrhage when he was young. Phyllis married William Greathouse. Vernon married Sue. Fred married Violetta.

James was born December 20, 1920. He was baptized at Christ Church on February 27, 1921. He was confirmed at Christ Church on Easter, April 21, 1935. He graduated from Xenia Central High School in 1939, where he had ran track and played football. He served his country in the Navy on the USS Bennington for 18 months. He married Harriet Faye on August 9, 1947 at Mount Zion Church. He was employed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, where he lost eyesight in an eye to an explosion.

James and Faye have three sons: Doug, Mark, and Tom; and one daughter, Robin. They have four grandsons, two granddaughters, and two great-grandsons.

Consequently, to tie in the family connections, Phyllis Bailey Thomas' sister Gladys married Marshall Taylor and had Elsie, making Elsie Jim's cousin. Elsie married into the Nichol family and it is from that pair that we receive the Nichol trust.

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James Thomas Family  
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## Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia Service Calendar, April 2011

Ministry	Apr 3	Apr 10	Apr 17	Apr 24
Worship Leader	Debbie Gillespie MP	Jack Kitch Sermon: Betsy Kitch	Palm Sunday Rev Lynn Sinnott	Easter Sunday Rev Lynn Sinnott
Altar Guild	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch	Jonathan Feinour Pam Feinour	JoAnne Earley Phyllis/Elaina Walker	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch
Lector	Barbara Bonham	Chandra Hightower	Betsy Kitch	Mark Cummings
Ushers	JoAnne Earley Summer Watts	Elaina Walker Tommy Thomas	The Donovans	Elizabeth Clark Tommy Thomas
Intercessor	Rick Feinour	Barbara Bonham	Debbie Gillespie	Ruth Hazel
Chalice			Jack Kitch	Barbara Bonham
Vestry Member of the Week	Jack Kitch	Summer Watts	Chandra Hightower	Michael Taint

## Service Calendar, May 2011

Ministry	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Worship Leader	Rev Lynn Sinnott	Ruth Hazel (MP)	Rev Lynn Sinnott	Rick Feinour (MP)	Rev Lynn Sinnott
Altar Guild	Becky Gentry Pam Feinour	JoAnne Earley Elaina Walker	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch	Becky Gentry Pam Feinour	JoAnne Earley Elaina Walker
Lector	Debbie Gillespie	Pam Feinour	Ruth Hazel	Dana Rhyne	Jack Kitch
Ushers	JoAnne Earley Summer Watts	Elaina Walker Doug Pultz	The Donovans	Summer Watts Tommy Thomas	JoAnne Earley Elizabeth Clark
Intercessor	Jack Kitch	Mark Cummings	Dana Rhyne	Ruth Hazel	Rick Feinour
Chalice	Ruth Hazel		Pam Feinour		Debbie Gillespie
Vestry Member of the Week	Kim Holbert	Vikki Carter	Jack Harrison	JoAnne Earley	Jack Kitch

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Caedan Nieves
- 08 Lily Thomas
- 10 Jack Kitch
- 12 Barbara Bonham
- 13 Vicki Carter
- 25 Joyce Murnahan
- 29 Faith Patterson

## April ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Kathy & Bob Geyer
- 13 Camilla & Tyson Davis

**Oops...if we ever miss your birthday/anniversary please give Tanya a call 767-1578.**

To keep the Church Directory “up to date”... if you are planning a move in the near future, or have a new phone number or e-mail address please be sure and let the church know. *Thanks!*

**Check out our Church website:**  
[www.christepiscopalxenia.org](http://www.christepiscopalxenia.org)

**New email address for parish office:** [christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com](mailto:christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com)

New Church Directory: If you would like a copy of the new directory, please let Becky know and she'll make a copy for you. You can call her at the Parish office during the week, or email her at church, [christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com](mailto:christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com) or at her home, [rvg1947@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rvg1947@sbcglobal.net).

## Anita and Michael Dohn, Missionaries in Health Ministries

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Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as South American Missionary Society missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana at the diocesan Clínica Esperanza y Caridad. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macorís in the Dominican Republic.

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Anita and Michael Dohn, Missionaries in Health Ministries  
March 2011 Mission E-mail [No. 80] (312 Words)

### Health and safety

I was sick recently: sore throat, cough, and fever. I can't be sure, but I think it was caused by too much kissing the week before.

Commonly people “kiss” here when greeting one another. “Kiss” in this context means touching cheeks and kissing the air (everybody does it, except of course men-greeting-men in this macho society).

Last week I attended a series of meetings with the community health promoters, offering a multitude of great opportunities to exchange ideas, thoughts, and germs. Everyone greets everyone else individually. Even if the meeting has already started, it stops while the late-comer greets each person there (a little tiresome to me when it is the sixth late-comer within fifteen minutes) - and, of course, everything said in the meeting up to that point has to be repeated so that everyone is included. I like the sentiment and inclusiveness, but the delays drive me a little bit crazy. At any rate, there has been a lot of respiratory illness in the communities recently and ... well, I ended up sick.

Our prayer requests have always asked people to pray for our health and safety. My recent sore throat notwithstanding, we have been incredibly healthy over the years - especially considering all the relatively greater risks posed by infections and accidents here.

Michael was waiting alone in a small community in the sugar cane fields one day. A young, barefoot, unwashed boy approached him with a cluster of grapes and offered to share them. Michael smiled and said in English, “You're the little guy that always has diarrhea.” Thanks to unanticipated English-Spanish cognates, the boy surprised Michael and answered, “Si, ¡yo tengo diarrhea! ¿Quieres una uva?” Michael said a little prayer, and they split the grapes. Michael was fine.

Prayers for health and safety work. Thanks and keep up the good work.

Keep praying, Anita

Dear All:

Grace!

*I am safely arrived in Bogota and will be getting a blog entry off soon. By way of starting things off I am forwarding to you the most recent prayer letter from SIBA, Anita and Lloyd's mission here whom I am serving.*

*Pax Christus,  
- David*

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Mission Siba <mission.siba@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wed, March 9, 2011 8:50:40 AM  
Subject: prayer letter

Serve Intercede Bless Agape  
Is there anyone . . . to whom I can show kindness?  
2 Samuel 9:1

Anita & Lloyd Mix  
Bogotá, Colombia

Mission.SIBA  
Bogotá, Colombia  
09 March 2011

Dear SIBA Prayer Partners,

Our friend David Kitch arrived safely and we are just now embarking upon the adventure of these three weeks in which he will partner with our efforts in ministry. We are so grateful to the people that have contributed to making David's visit possible, providing not only for his airfare and income, but also contributing generously towards David bringing a wide variety of children's of the gang member youth that David will be leading in a dramatic workshop a week from Saturday. The youth were excited about meeting an actor and director from Los Angeles (smile) that was willing to help prepare them to make a rap video. They immediately started asking David questions which Elias read as an unusual and extremely positive response on their part. So our hope is that we will have a good turnout for that workshop.

Today, Wednesday, David will be visiting our building project out on the property which is scheduled to be finished by the end of next week! Life at the moment seems to be surging forward at an incredibly quick pace!

This Friday David will meet the parents of the kids at the foundation and will lead them in a parent workshop the following Friday. On Saturday he will tag along with us

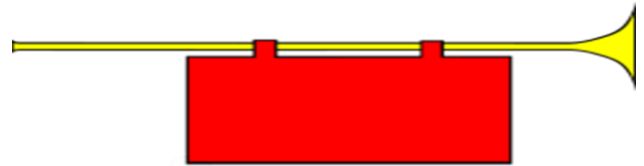
to witness our dental clinic project and begin his ministry with those children.

So we ask you to join us in praise to God for David's time with us and all the Kingdom work that is in motion through this visit.

PLEASE PRAY for

- David's back which can be problematic
- Safety and good health for David and our foundation staff, volunteers and children. Weather has been cold and rainy over an extended period of time and we're experiencing significant illnesses because of it
- Good turnouts for the special events and workshops we have scheduled
- Wisdom and creative insight as David plans his ministry for the foundation children, the dental clinic children, the youth in Egipto, the foundation parents and one English speaking youth group
- Hearts to be prepared and open to the spiritual impacts at each one of the ministry events

Your INTERCESSION is of paramount importance to this ministry and we thank you for your commitment to pray.



“THE ONE WHO  
COMPLAINS  
ABOUT THE WAY  
THE BALL  
BOUNCES IS LIKELY  
THE ONE WHO  
DROPPED IT.”

**Christ Church Easter Lilies  
To Honor Your Loved Ones**



Christ Episcopal Church is seeking members to honor their loved ones in memory or thanksgiving by purchasing Easter Lilies for \$10.00. Please place your order by Monday, April 11.

Place the following order sheet in the offering plate or mail to the office with your payment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your contribution.

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**Sunday Scriptures for April**

April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	April 17 <sup>th</sup> Liturgy of the Palms Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Matthew 21:1-11
April 10 <sup>th</sup> Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalms 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Liturgy of the Word Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66
(Lectors need to verify the readings for their Sunday.)	April 24 <sup>th</sup> Easter Day Acts 10:34-43-62:3 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18

Request from:  
*-Ariel Miller, Episcopal Community Services  
Foundation executive director*

**Please pray for Ohio ex-offenders** who face huge challenges in finding jobs through which they can legally support themselves and their children. Please pray for all the lawyers and church people advocating for promising initiatives in criminal justice reform to reduce recidivism.

ECSF just received this wonderful success story from Jonathan Youngman at Franklinton Cycle Works in Columbus, one of our new grantees:

In the Spring of 2009 the partners at Franklinton Cycle Works met Charles at a St. John's Street Church service in Columbus. Charles is middle-aged, of mixed race, and a lifelong West Side resident who is active in neighborhood ministries. As an ex-offender, he faced many barriers to getting a job until finally he was hired for a shift beginning at 3 a.m. But he had no car and Columbus buses didn't start running early enough for Charles to arrive to work on time. We offered to fix up a bike for Charles, he chose a mountain bike from our stock, we made sure it was reliable and safe, and he began biking to work. In March Charles secured a more permanent job within the neighborhood doing maintenance at a hotel in exchange for housing. He still uses his bicycle to run errands and see family nearby. Most importantly, Charles has asked to donate his time as a shop volunteer and share his story with the at-risk youth at the bicycle shop about the dangers of gang life and the difficulties he has experienced as an ex-offender.

- **We need volunteers** for the coffee hour for the rest of the year. Sign up is in Parish Hall.
- **Altar Flowers:** If you would like to purchase live flowers for the altar, please see Doug Pultz or Pam Feinour. The cost is \$20.
- **Office & Church Supplies Greatly Needed:** The church is in need of Kleenex tissue, paper towels, and toilet paper...if possible, please pick up a little extra when you go to the grocery!!! Becky needs white copier paper ASAP! Please see Becky Gentry for further details.

**Christ Episcopal Church Xenia online shop**

<http://www.cafepress.com/CECX>

Find t-shirts, mugs, bags and other great gifts from the Christ Episcopal Church Xenia CafePress shop. High quality. 24 hour shipping available. Not comfortable with buying online, see Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet. She can show you color choices and items available. She'll even order it for you and have it shipped to the location of your choosing. Proceeds go to CECX.

*If you are not on the email mailing list or not receiving emails and you thought you were on the mailing list for the church, email Tanya at [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com)*

*Make sure any spam filters allow email from [cecxlist@googlegroups.com](mailto:cecxlist@googlegroups.com) and [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com)*

**Submissions:**

The Trumpet is published by a handful of people who donate time and effort. We are looking for people to write articles, interview members for stories, and donate artwork or puzzles. Don't worry if you doubt your writing skills. That's what the editor is for.

Anyone who wishes to submit information or creativity (links of information, information of upcoming events, shout outs of recognition) for Trumpet, should do so ASAP. Deadline for submissions is tentatively April 15th. Submit information by handing print out to Tanya, placing it in the Trumpet box in the Parish Hall, or emailing it to [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com). Back issues of the Trumpet are available online, in the Trumpet box in the Parish Hall, or by request to Tanya or Becky.

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