

THE BELL TOWER

Summer-2011

Summer Plans



O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy. . . we pray that with you as our guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal. (from Collect for Proper 12)

I hope many of you have made plans to do something special this summer; I believe that it is important to break out of our normal routines in order to see our world differently and to imagine new possibilities for ourselves. My family will be enjoying a week at Camp Allen in June and then two weeks in the mountains of Colorado in July. In Colorado we stay in a beautiful house near Winter Park (altitude 9,000 ft.), so the mornings and evenings are usually cool. Sherry loves to sit on the balcony in the early morning and watch the wildlife (especially the birds) and enjoy the views and the stillness of the woods around us. It is a perfect place to reflect on things eternal—especially the incredible wonders of the world that God created for our earthly journey.

I have been faithfully training so that I can also enjoy the views from the top of a few mountains. I plan to do some serious hiking again this year. I love the challenge and exhilaration of a successful climb, but the real rewards are the incredible views that come along the path and on the summit. It is so much easier to live into the above prayer when I am in the mountains of Colorado – surrounded by God’s creation - than when faced with the realities of my everyday life. So much easier to not lose sight of the things that matter most, when I am in the midst of the wonders of God, than when I am lost in the noise of the world.

My prayer for all of us is that we will bring that sense of God down from the mountain and into our daily lives. Whether you walk on a beach, take a cruise, hike in nature, or read a good book this summer, I pray that you will experience an inner peace that comes from knowing that God not only put creation in place for our benefit, but then loved us so much as to come to earth and take our sins to the cross. May your summer plans include a time to turn your thoughts away from things temporal, in order to reflect to the wonders that are yet to come.

May God bless us and keep us all,
Paul+

UNITED THANK OFFERING



The United Thank Offering spring ingathering will be held Sunday, June 5. Bring your offerings for this special “thank you” event for the many blessings we have received, both individually and collectively. The offerings will be blessed at the altar during the 9:30 AM service.

MONDAY MEDITATION

Grace Church hosts a contemplative prayer/Christian meditation group in the chapel on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Led by Bill Noble, the gathering begins with a weekly reading from the World Community for Christian Meditation, followed by a 20-minute meditation, and concludes with a brief informal discussion. For additional information, please call Bill Noble at 409-939-8099.

PENTECOST SUNDAY AND PICNIC

Submitted by Cathy Smith



SEEING RED!

Red will be the color of the day on Pentecost Sunday, the annual celebration of the “birthday” of the church, on June 12. The celebration at Grace will include the annual Pentecost Sunday picnic, featuring our traditional hot dog feast, and making windsocks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



“Walking Through the Bible” will be the theme for this summer's Christian Education program. There are many wonderful stories in the Old and New Testaments that are based on this idea, and our young members will be learning about these and also participating in related hands-on projects. Additionally, any middle school or high school students who would like to assist with the Sunday morning classes during the summer will be enthusiastically welcomed.

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ONE BELL TOWER ONLY FOR THE SUMMER

This will be the “one and only” Bell Tower issue for June, July and August. The regular monthly Bell Tower schedule will resume in September. The deadline for submitting items for the September issue is August 21.

Please submit your information in writing to Leslie Watts at 3812 Bernardo de Galvez, Galveston Texas, 77550-6662 or by e-mail to lwatts7@flash.net

**Congratulations to our
2011 Graduating Seniors**



- Richard Arthur, Ball High School**
- Emily Barrillas, Glenda Dawson High School**
- Ryan Bustamante, Clear Creek High School**
- Dylan Fulbright, Ball High School**
- Kendall Harr, A.I.M. High School**
- Imani Jackson, Ball High School**

Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Speaking of graduates—Our own Anna Hyatt graduated in May from THE University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



The Grace Church chapter of the Daughters of the King meets on the first Sunday of each month, following the morning service. Meeting dates for the summer are June 5, July 3, August 7 and September 4. During the past month, the DOK gave away two prayer quilts, which had been blessed by Fr. Paul, to persons who are ill. For the Fourth of July, we will be providing cookies for Meals on Wheels recipients. Another upcoming project is the group study of *An Altar in the World*, a beautiful book about faith in our daily lives by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please consider becoming a member of the DOK, and please also let us know if you are aware of people who need our prayers or services for any reason.

Graceful Gatherers for the Summer

Please mark you calendars:

June 3- Jeff and Mary Kilgore, 164 Bora Bora

July 1st- Val & Carol Ramirez, 4715 Woodrow

Aug. 5- Stan & Shu Shu Clowers, 7912 Beluche

Graceful Gatherers is hosted monthly, usually on the first Friday of the month. All adults are welcome to join us for a pot luck dinner and enjoyable company. This is a great way to get to know you fellow church members. Please feel free to join us whenever possible.



SILK PURSE



The venerable Silk Purse is up and running at full speed – from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays, that is -- after a lengthy but successful make-over following Hurricane Ike's visit. Treat yourself to a refreshing experience this summer as you visit our newly renovated, light-and-airy space.

Are you a shopper? You'll find treasures, bargains and just plain "must have" items. Silk Purse inventory turns over quickly, however, so drop in frequently to see new merchandise.

Are you a donor? The Silk Purse welcomes all types of clothing, and just asks that the items be clean and in good condition. Household items such as kitchen utensils, decorative objects books, games and other home goods are also always a hit, as are toys, miscellaneous items and jewelry.

Perhaps you would like to be a volunteer! Workers are always welcome to help organize, tag and price items as well as "keep shop." Let Shirley Bridges know when you are available, and she will do her best to accommodate your schedule.

DRESSES FOR AFRICA



The ECW's "Dresses for Africa" project was a great success, producing 96 colorful sundresses that were blessed by Fr. Paul on May 22. Made by members of the Grace ECW and other volunteers working in sewing groups and at home, the dresses are being sent to an orphanage in Malawi.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Grace Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 4 9:00 AM in Jinkins Hall there will be a brief ECW meeting and Chrismon making led by Laura Hyatt.
(Your ECW Board has put together a plan of proposed projects through February 2012! Please join us - we need your feedback on these suggested activities. Refreshments will be served.)



Sunday, June 5 United Thank Offering In gathering—Vickie Robertson.

CHRISMONS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

On June 4 at 9 a.m., the ECW of Grace Church will meet at Jinkins Hall to pool ideas and supplies as they begin recreating the Chrismons that were lost as a result of Hurricane Ike. The word "Chrismon" is a shortened form of the words "Christ's Monogram," and the Chrismon symbols – the most familiar of which are the fish and the cross -- are associated with Christ's life and early Christians. Chrismons were originated by a small church in Virginia about 25 years ago and are used at Grace Church to decorate our Chrismon tree during Advent. They are created only in white and gold, and tradition maintains that they must be handmade and cannot be purchased.

Chrismons can be created using a variety of materials and techniques. They can be beaded, painted or stitched, and the basic foundation shapes commonly incorporate materials such as styrofoam, wire, cloth and other backings. If you would like to help out with the creation of the Chrismons, please bring your ideas and enthusiasm and join the members of the ECW as they begin this work to create new memories for the 2011 Advent season. Donations of gold or white beans, pearls, sequins, trim, backing materials and other supplies will also be appreciated.

Happy Birthday!

June Birthdays

6/6 Collin & Corey McCulley
 6/7 John McCulley
 6/11 Leila Boullion
 Marjorie Kupsa
 6/15 Bryce Willey
 6/16 Derek Paget-Clarke
 6/19 Rick Boullion
 Patrick McGuffey
 6/23 Hank Roe
 6/24 John Provenzano
 Robert Wehner
 6/25 Mamie Aoughsten
 6/27 Doris Ann Niccolai
 Gene Smith
 6/29 Brandt Raeburn

July Birthdays

7/3 Nancy Conoly
 7/5 Mathias Gonzales
 Laura Hyatt
 Kathleen Mensing
 7/6 Amber Prater
 7/8 Kathleen Lucas
 7/12 Dylan Fulbright
 7/13 JLyn Provenzano
 7/14 Char Carranza
 Kendall Harr
 Nancy Uhrbock
 7/16 Brody Shafer

7/17 Connie Carman
 7/19 Mike McNeely
 7/21 Dolores Paget-Clarke
 7/25 Judy Webb
 7/26 Sam Glass
 Jim Rothgeb
 7/29 Linda McCulley
 7/30 Lois West

August Birthdays

8/1 Stan Brown
 8/2 Anne Jinkins
 David Rawls
 8/5 Jack Jinkins
 8/7 Jason Graham
 Julie Green
 8/8 Denise Graham
 8/14 Michael Provenzano
 Dan Ricketts
 8/16 Nancy Mafrige
 8/17 Carlos Rodriguez
 George Slusarchyk
 8/19 Danette Gonzales
 Earline Warren
 8/22 Machelle Martinez
 8/24 Makya Carranza
 8/26 David Uhrbrock
 8/27 Nicole Martinez
 8/29 Jean Baldwin
 8/31 Anthony Caballero

Happy Anniversary!

6/6 Laura & Bob Eanes
 6/7 Linda & John McCulley
 6/16 Mary & Ray Jones
 Kari & Charles Roe
 6/18 Elouise & Tony Albonetti
 6/29 Mary & Valerian Chyle
 7/4 Julie & Bob Green
 7/7 Carol & Val Ramirez
 7/22 Meg & Brandt Raeburn
 8/8 Nancy & Don Mafrige
 8/10 Nancy & Mike Conoly
 8/24 Juliet & Ed Russell
 8/30 Joan & George Slusarchyk

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 3 from 7:00—9:00 PM – Graceful Gatherers at Jeff & Mary Kilgore's house, 64 Bora Bora (Tiki Island), 409-939-6924

Saturday, June 4 from 9:00—12:00 noon – Chrismon making in Jinkins Hall

Tuesday, June 7 @ 6:00 PM—"Graduation" and Commissioning of the Community of Hope Class at Grace Church.

Pentecost Sunday, June 12—A Sunday of celebrating the "birthday" of the church and our annual Pentecost picnic.

Tuesday, June 18 at 7:05 PM – Episcopal night at Minutemaid Park

Friday, July 1 from 7:00—9:00 PM – Graceful Gatherers at Val & Carol Ramirez' house, 4715 Woodrow, 409-740-2029.

Friday, August 5 from 7:00—9:00 PM – Graceful Gatherers at Stan & ShuShu Clowers' house, 7912 Beluche, 409-740-3329

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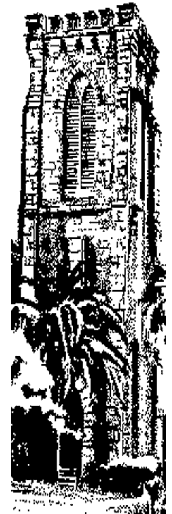
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