



# The Word

To Know Christ, Grow in Christ, and Share Christ's Love  
Celebrating Our 50th Year

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

July 2008, Issue 7

From the Rector:

Our family just returned from Washington DC. Big cities are both exhilarating and exhausting. The world is now more like a big city than ever before - none of us can really get away from the busyness. Our televisions and cell phones and computers set the agendas and shape the concerns of our lives. Being in our nations capitol is no different, frenetic activity. Yet it is so moving for me to be there, especially when I see the great monuments to our heroes, the founders. These monuments do not move - Lincoln sits in his seat - stationary. Now to be clear, in his time he lived in a terribly unstable world, with a personal pain bearing the uncertainty of the whole union and the humiliation of an entire race of people. Yet now he sits still, representing eternal qualities of hope, respect, compassion, democratic government, inalienable rights and the dignity of every human being. Amidst the busyness of our lives, our constant striving, we are invited to stop and give thanks for the freedoms we share in this nation. And we are invited to sit still, and live according to the basic principles that make this country what it is, and not rest until somehow this union is perfected. Come and be a part of our July 4th celebration on Wednesday, July 2, here at the church, and use that time to give thanks and have fun at the same time!

As your Rector, I want to see us slow down and sit still, if even for a month. God rested - the Sabbath. Quiet. Steady. Simply being present to life and to those in our midst. The month of July is a time of fewer, if any, official meetings for the church. The Vestry, the Endowment Committee and Day School Boards will rest. Other meetings will wait until August. I intend to use this time to think, to study, to pray and imagine the future. To that end I will be on retreat at Cedar Brake Renewal Center with the Rev. Jim Williams for a few days in early July.

I hope you can be still a little bit as well.

God bless you!!

*Merrill*

*From the Rector: Miles Brandon happily sent this letter of self-introduction. Do not hesitate to call me with your questions about this diocesan initiative...*

Dear Friends:

I am writing to briefly introduce myself and say how grateful I am to become more a part of the St. Matthew's community. As I am sure most of you are aware by now, the diocese is taking the initiative of planting two new Episcopal parishes in the greater Austin community. One will be in Manor under the leadership of the Rev. Alex Montes and the other parish in far northwest Austin under my leadership. These new congregations are a diocesan effort in response to the population growth in Austin and our overall commitment to mission in the Diocese of Texas. Your vestry and clergy have graciously allowed me to make St. Matthew's my home as we plan and pray for what God is calling this new Episcopal parish in far northwest Austin to be. This time is a wonderful gift for me to learn from your community and share ideas with your clergy, who I both respect and count as friends, as I vision a future for this new congregation, which will be around 8-10 miles north of St. Matthew's. It is because of St. Matthew's location, great health, and commitment to the ministry of the Episcopal Church that makes your community the perfect place for me to begin this work.

I want you to know a little more about me. I am a Diocese of Texas "lifer". I was born and raised in Houston growing up at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church where my parents are still active lay leaders. I attended college at the University of Texas here in Austin and attended St. James' Episcopal Church during those years. Following graduation, I returned to Houston to take the position of Director of Youth Ministries at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. After three wonderful years of youth ministry, I began my seminary experience at Virginia Theological Seminary. While at Virginia, I served two years as seminarian at Christ Church Georgetown in Washington, DC. Following graduation and ordination, the bishop placed me as Missioner (chaplain) to the University of Texas where I have served for the past six years. During that time, through the grace of God, the Episcopal Student Center at UT has become one of the largest and most vibrant campus ministries in all the Episcopal Church.

As you can see, I have been formed by this great church of ours for my entire life, and I deeply believe that the Episcopal Church is a vital part of God's redemptive plan for His beloved world. I hope this new community can be a part of that plan, and I am grateful to share this first part of that great adventure with each of you. I look forward to meeting many of you when I return from sabbatical on September 15th, and, if you are interested in finding out more about his new community, please feel free to be in touch ([mbrandon@utepiscopal.org](mailto:mbrandon@utepiscopal.org)). I hope this reaches each of you well.

Peace and Warm Friendship,

The Rev. Miles R. Brandon, II

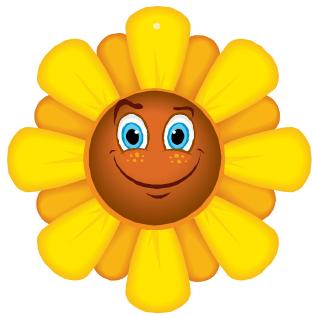
### Job Opportunity at St. Matthew's.



We are seeking a Children's Ministry Coordinator, responsible for all the parts of the program for children ages 3-fifth grade. These include Sunday Children's Chapel, Children's Sunday

School, and seasonal programs such as the Christmas Pageant and Vacation Bible School. Ideally this will be a full-time position, but we will consider two part-time ones.

For more details, contact: The Rev. Susan Barnes, 512-345-8314, ext. 217 or [susan@stmattsauustin.org](mailto:susan@stmattsauustin.org). Deadline for application is July 31.



# "Fun in the Son"

## Wednesday Evening Picnics

VBS 2008

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Austin, Texas

### What

Simple "picnic" dinner (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children

under 12, \$15 max per family)

Free-flowing projects, games and fun after dinner for all ages

Interactive, lively, family oriented mid-week chapel service to end the evening

### Who

One and all! All ages! Families or singles...grandparents and toddlers...

Sunday regulars and visitors...we want YOU to join in the fun!

### When

July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30

### Schedule:

6:00 – 6:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 – 7:00 PM	Fun and Games
7:00 – 7:10 PM	Dessert
7:10 – 7:30 PM	Closing worship service

### Theme:

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"

Joshua 24:15

### Overview:

For the next seven weeks, we will build a house together...and in doing so, discover just how we, as Christians, grow – as children of God, as part of a family, and as part of the world at large. We will discover that we are ALL connected in one way or another; what affects one of us has an impact on all those around us as well. Likewise, we will discover that WE have a direct impact on the people we come into contact with. God has made each of us unique...on purpose! And, because we are all fully human, we are each incomplete...on purpose! We NEED each other...and we need God. Without each other, and most of all, without God as our foundation and mortar, our "houses" will topple and fall. Come build a house...discover your "family"...and begin the life-long process of growing up in God's family.

**"Fun in the Son"**  
Thursday Kids' Camp  
 VBS 2008  
 St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
 Austin, Texas

Dates:

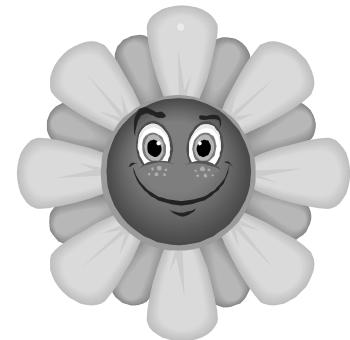
Thursday MORNING Kids' Camp (Children 3 years through those just finishing second grade)  
 July 10, July 17, July 24

Thursday AFTERNOON Kids' Camp (Children just finishing second grade through those who have finished fifth grade) July 17 and July 24

Thursday Morning "Kids' Camp" Schedule (Children who are at least 3 years old and potty trained through those who have just finished second grade -- \$12 per morning):

Overview: Thursday Mornings will offer us two parallel curriculum strands. First, we will spend our time together on Thursdays walking through the story of Creation and discovering together all the wonders of this glorious home that God created just for us...his children. As we explore the Genesis stories, and discover how those stories impact our lives today, we will naturally want to "SHOUT TO THE LORD!" to thank God for loving us and for all the wonders of creation. The second "strand" for our Thursday adventures will be to discover ways we can thank God for the wonders of creation and for loving us so completely.

- 9:30 - 9:45 Gather in classrooms for welcome and fun
- 9:45 - 10:10 Opening worship service
- 10:10 - 11:10 Projects and fun
- 11:10 - 11:45 Playground
- 11:45 - 12:00 Wrap up (in Huffman Hall)
- 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch (Bring your own lunch -- Huffman Hall)



Thursday Afternoon "Kids' Camp" Schedule (Children who have just finished second grade through those who have just finished fifth grade):

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 - 4:30

Bowling (Meet and pick up from Huffman Hall, \$8, bring signed permission slip available for download on the web site, must register by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM so we can arrange for lanes and drivers,)

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 - 4:30

Swimming and Ice Cream Sundaes (Meet and pick up from Huffman Hall, location to be announced, \$5, bring signed permission slip available for download on the web site, must Register by Monday 21st at 5:00 PM so we can arrange for drivers)

**Español Con Amigos:** Todos son invitados para juntarse con nosotros para diversión y compañerismo. Platicamos en español en un grupo. Español Con Amigos tiene un ambiente muy relajado y hay muchos niveles de capacidad participando. Todos son bienvenidos. Reunimos informales el jueves cada semana este verano a las once de la mañana en Russell's Bakery. Llame a Ester Garcia a 918-3359 o emgarcia@austin.rr.com con sus preguntas.

## Eby Whatley to lead Book Group

Submitted by Gidget Fisher



The Third Monday Book Group wishes to thank Susan Robertson for her efforts these past few years on our behalf. Her organizational skills have kept us informed and current. She also had wonderful way of dealing with some of us book divas! We are most grateful for the time she gave us! Susan has happily turned the reins over to Eby Whatley. We are delighted that she has offered to help so Susan can retire. We look forward to continued success under her guidance. Should you wish to join us (we really have a lot of fun and great discussions), we meet the 3rd Monday of the month @ 5 pm in the library, September thru May. Please contact Eby at [ebytexas@yahoo.com](mailto:ebytexas@yahoo.com) so she can add to the announcements emails.

## A Thankful Heart

To my wonderful and loving St. Matthew's family,

As many of you know, my husband has been very ill over the past year. He has had heart problems as well as Head and Neck Cancer. Just a month before Emery had his first "event" last May, my younger brother passed away after long and difficult battle with lung cancer.



I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, your kindness and most especially, your prayers. I don't how I would have weathered the last few years without the love that this incredible church so generously shared. It carried me through moments of despair, exhaustion and frustration. Though my faith in the Lord is strong and unwavering, it was truly a miracle to witness His work being done by the good people of St. Matthew's.

If you have ever doubted the power of prayer, let me share this.....

a few weeks ago, Emery had his follow-up PET and CT scan. He is totally cancer free and his heart seems to be improved. Granted, we had great medical care but even the doctors are surprised at this outcome. I attribute this miraculous situation to power of prayer. There just is no other explanation.

So, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It seems so inadequate but I don't think there are really words enough to express my deep gratitude.

In Christ's name and abundant love,

Gidget Fisher

## Deadline for the August, 2008 Issue of The Word

Midnight on the 15th of the Month

Please email your articles to

[Office@StMattsAustin.Org](mailto:Office@StMattsAustin.Org), and to [JeriM@Austin.rr.Com](mailto:JeriM@Austin.rr.Com)

## Ministry News

### **Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, Kingdom of God Conference**



All men of St. Matthew's are invited to the Conference on New Testament Studies: "Jesus and the Kingdom of God: Living Our Every Day Lives" led by our rector, Merrill Wade. It will be held at Wessendorf Ranch, near Blanco, starting Friday evening August 1, and ending before noon on Sunday, August 3. Fr. Wade will lead a study of the Kingdom of God as preached and lived by Jesus. We will apply Jesus teaching to our lives, especially in our relationships, our work and our goals in life.

There will be plenty of singing! There will be four sessions, and each will start with music led by our weekend musician Jim Henderson. There also will be plenty of time for fellowship, study, and naps, even swimming. Fr. Jim Williams, our chapter chaplain, will lead morning and evening prayers as well as the Eucharist on Sunday.

Our registrars, Len Albertson and Bud Payne, will be available in the Commons for registration before and after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday. There are 40 spaces available for the conference. The cost is \$70.00, and the check should be made out to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, memo line entry: "2008 Men's Conference". Please complete and attach your registration form to your check.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is sponsoring the conference. For more information, contact coordinators Tony Hatheway (291-2705) and Scott Murphy (336-9879), or chapter Director Bob Wood (476-9090).

### Senior Sentences by Lucy Boyea



### The Generations

- 1900-1927 –the G.I. Generation
- 1928-1945-the Silent Generation
- 1946-1964-“Boomers”
- (GenXers are born roughly between 1960 and 1980)
- (1965-1984-are sometimes called “Busters”)
- 1980-1985-the Millenium Generation
- Generation Einstein-1998 to the present

As I was preparing remarks for Senior Sunday and suggesting optional designations for Seniors-  
45-60 middle years  
60-75 retirement years  
75+ senior years

or offering the umbrella category of "Third Agers", it occurred to me that it would behoove those of us who are seniors to develop a better understanding of the generations which come after us. As the mother of Boomers, the grandmother of both Busters and GenXers and the great-grandmother of two members of Generation Einstein, I resorted to Google and my findings were fascinating, enlightening and challenging. It was noted that certain big historical events make an enormous mark on people in their formative years of adolescence---The Silent Generation was heavily shaped by the Second World War, the Baby Boomers by the counterculture of the "60's and Generation "X" by the economic crisis in the 80's.

Demographic sociologists delineate a generation every eighteen years. The above mentioned designation of years depends on who is using the demographic term.

## Outreach in Action

### Shake Out the Welcome Mat for the IHN Families



Guests are coming. Time to get everything ready. Beginning July 20th, we will host Interfaith Hospitality Network families for two weeks while they are working to locate affordable housing. There may seem like a lot to do but when we each do a little, it all comes together and we are able to welcome these families with a hospitality that is amazing.

Because of the Youth Center construction, we will be using the basement this summer so the program will run like our winter hosting. Bedrooms will be in the basement, TV/Breakfast room in B-13, and dinner in Huffman Hall. We'll have to revive the shower shuttle in the evening so please consider helping as an evening host if you can.

Expect 4 families. If we could take more, the need is there. Foundation for the Homeless, which oversees the Interfaith Hospitality Networks, has been running a waiting list of 2 to 3 families all summer, even as they have created an additional two housing slots beyond the 8 slots in the 2 networks.

Volunteer needs:

- 2 cooks per evening (dinner for 16, can be made off-site if desired)
- 3 to 4 evening hosts to provide fellowship and the shower shuttle
- 2 overnight hosts (for safety and to help with self-serve breakfast)
- Setup (7/19) and Move In (7/20)
- Move Out (8/2) and Take Down (8/3)
- Laundry (7/26 and 8/3)
- Saturday afternoon host (7/26 and 8/2)
- Sunday morning transportation to the Day Center (7/27 and 8/3)

Sign-ups for volunteers will begin June 29 before and after church services and via email ([amy\\_m\\_novak@earthlink.net](mailto:amy_m_novak@earthlink.net), [sharonylowe@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonylowe@hotmail.com) or <http://www.stmattsauustin.org/IHN.htm> Sign Me Up).

If you won't be in town during our hosting weeks, you can still help. We need breakfast foods, lunch items, drinks and a few key items (gas cards and beach towels). We thank the Settlement House for helping us replace the items we lost in the 'flood'.

If you have any questions feel free to contact: Amy Novak 795-8089, Sharon Lowe 345-1990, Pat Yeargain 343-7048.

### Sunday Summery Music at St. Matts -- by Jean Fuller, Director of Music and Organist



Each Sunday during the summer, the Music Department use the season to present different and refreshing genres of sacred music for our 10:30 a.m. worship service. This Sunday will be the last Sunday the choir presides in their stalls and supports the singing of the congregation with their wonderful voices. They will be taking a long vacation for the summer to allow their voices to rest, their schedules to slow down and time for travel. The good news is you will hear various solos, duets, ensembles during the prelude, the offertory and the music preceding communion. We have already heard spirituals by each of our student singers; great piano improvisations from Marc Witmer and the timpani is manned by Andy Polk, who will be with us only for the summer months. Upcoming guests will be violin and piano (classical), harp, recorders, jazz and maybe even Gregorian chant. COME AND LISTEN!!!! The Choir will return to the stalls August 17 refreshed and ready for rehearsals as we prepare for the music for The 50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, September 28. So come prepared to hear all kinds of music at St. Matts this summer!

A gracious thank-you from Caritas of Austin to the congregations, organizations, and businesses who participated in the 2008 Faith and Community Food Drive ! This food will be distributed to the needy of Austin and to the Caritas Soup Kitchen that daily feeds the hungry of Austin.

Nearly 15,000 pounds of cans, non-perishable food, hygiene items, household cleaning supplies, and paper goods were collected.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church donated 3,197 lbs. of food, an increase from last year's 2334 lbs – 863 more lbs. this year!

A special thanks to the members of St. Matthew's congregation and families at the Day School for their generosity!  
Peace,

Thanks to all who participated in the 2008 Faith & Community Food Drive!!!

Tamara Landry Bell

*Faith Coordinator*

Caritas of Austin

#### Caritas of Austin Helps Our Community In Many Ways submitted by Esther Garcia

Caritas of Austin has been fighting poverty, hunger and homelessness within our community since 1964. Caritas provides a continuum of services to those in need. This organization provides support and links individuals and families to resources with a goal of achieving self-sufficiency.

This year, over 20,000 Travis County adults and children will benefit from Caritas' programs. Ninety percent of the budget directly benefits the clients. Caritas receives support from individuals, foundations, businesses, organizations, the faith community and all levels of government.

One of the ways Caritas helps is by providing Basic Needs Services. This department helps people experiencing a financial crisis meet their most basic human needs. Caritas provides rent and utility assistance for those faced with losing their housing, hot meals to those who are hungry, take-home groceries for those struggling to feed their families, and food, shelter, clothing and support for newly arrived refugees.

The Self-Sufficiency Department helps clients develop skills to move toward self-reliance. Caritas offers case management, life skills and ESL classes, assistance with budget planning and money management, employee readiness training and job placement.

Many opportunities to volunteer are available at Caritas of Austin. The Volunteer Open House is available the first Tuesday of each month. Hours are from 9 am – 10 am and 6 pm – 7 pm. This is your chance to hear about the programs and services at Caritas, meet the staff, meet others interested in volunteering, find volunteer opportunities and schedule a volunteer interview. For more information, contact Caritas of Austin at 646-1265 or visit their location at 611 Neches Street.

#### Summary of May 2008 Vestry Meeting

Submitted by Mary-Lynn Polk, Jr. Warden

The Vestry met on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Below is a summary of the action items on the agenda. A complete copy of the minutes can be found on-line once they have been approved. Parishioners are always welcome to vestry meetings.

Vestry voted to approve motion to authorize the Senior Warden to enter into a contract to replace the sewer line (second vote).

Vestry voted to approve motion to allow Building and Grounds to overspend budget for Maintenance and Repairs by up to \$10,000.

Vestry voted to approve motion to hold a fund raiser for sewer line replacement.

Vestry voted to approve the formation of a Discernment Committee for Chad McCall.

## Financials

### Building on Our Sure Foundation Program to Date Pledges and Receipts

Fiscal Year	Capital Projects	Outreach Spcl Proj's	Endowment Fund
2007 Pledge	\$397,995.13	\$7,054.50	\$7,054.50
2007 Receipts	\$742,474.32	\$17,245.98	\$17,245.98
Variance	\$344,479.19	\$10,191.48	\$10,191.48
2008 Pledge	\$1,247,151.82	\$32,247.75	\$32,247.75
2008 Receipts	\$218,074.81	\$3,755.00	\$3,755.00
Variance	-\$1,029,077.01	-\$28,492.75	-\$28,492.75
2009 Pledge	\$42,580.00	\$2,175.00	\$2,175.00
2009 Receipts			
Variance	-\$42,580.00	-\$2,175.00	-\$2,175.00
2010 Pledge	\$60,190.00	\$1,115.00	\$1,115.00
2010 Receipts			
Variance	-\$60,190.00	-\$1,115.00	-\$1,115.00
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,747,916.95</b>	<b>\$42,592.25</b>	<b>\$42,592.25</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$960,549.13</b>	<b>\$21,000.98</b>	<b>\$21,000.98</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>\$787,367.82</b>	<b>\$21,591.27</b>	<b>\$21,591.27</b>

### Summary of Operating Revenues & Expenses

**May 31, 2008**

	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 54,458.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 492,688.25	\$ 483,070.00
Non-Pledge & Cash	\$ 14,940.60	\$ 4,269.00	\$ 39,086.90	\$ 35,644.00
Good Faith	\$ 1,909.10	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,768.77	\$ 14,900.00
Other Income	\$ 12,107.40	\$ 5,848.09	\$ 54,733.76	\$ 34,304.51
Total Income	\$ 83,415.10	\$ 81,617.09	\$ 595,277.68	\$ 567,918.51
Total Expenses	\$ 93,045.00	\$ 104,924.61	\$ 483,288.11	\$ 495,980.59
Income vs. Expenses	\$ (9,629.90)	\$ (23,307.52)	\$ 111,989.57	\$ 71,937.92

## St. Matthew's Day School



Summer is upon us once more. Summer months seem to arrive faster and faster, or is it just me? We are proud to look back on a very productive school year. The staff and all the teachers that inspire our "Angels" every day insure that everything gets done with excitement and enthusiasm.

Our teachers and staff are the best and most professional in the field of early childhood education. They are always appreciative of comments by church members such as, "you are doing a great job!" and "thank you for what you do for children in the name of St. Matthew's Church". A big smile always follows by both the giver and receiver of these kind comments.

Next year is also going to be full of new things around the school portion of the church campus. Curriculums have been refreshed and a few teachers will be changing positions in the never-ending effort to keep everyone enthused. More about that is coming in a later Monthly Word.

As this article is being written, the new building is coming along and ahead of schedule. Both the weather and our great oversight committee of Barrow, McCollum and Raney have made that possible. The school board is also looking into ways to refresh other parts of the school area in ways that would reflect positively on the entirety of the campus. Hopefully finances will become available and bids will be reasonable.

Our mission is ongoing and the results to date are wonderful. I would anticipate nothing less than wonderful for the future. This mission is alive and well.

### Good Read by Rita Eccles



When we sing the Doxology during the Sunday Services, I often have gotten "stuck" on the title. I have wondered what it means. Where it come from? Why do we sing it? So, I found a book for the library. *Then Sings My Soul* actually there are two volumes. Together they tell the stories of three hundred hymns. I bet you can find the stories of many hymns that interest you. Here is the story I found about the Doxology. Now I can concentrate on the words and quite worrying that the name simply means Praises to God.

Before Charles Wesley or Isaac Watts there was Thomas Ken who has been called "England's first Hymnist." He was born in 1637 in Little Berkhamstead, on the fringe of London. When his parents died, he was raised by his half-sister and her husband. After graduating from Winchester College, Thomas was later ordained to the ministry and returned to Winchester as a chaplain.

To encourage the devotional habits of the boys, Thomas wrote three hymns in 1674.

This was revolutionary because English hymns had not yet appeared. Only the Psalms were sung in public worship. Ken suggested the boys use the hymns privately in their rooms.

One hymn was to be sung upon waking, another at bedtime, and a third at midnight if sleep didn't come. His morning hymn has thirteen stanzas beginning with:

Awake, my soul and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;

Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise, to pay thy morning sacrifice.

His evening hymn, equally meaningful, included this verse:

All praise to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light!

Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.

All three Hymns ended with a common stanza, which has since become the most widely-sung verse in the world.

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

During the reign of King James II, Thomas, now a bishop was sent to the Tower of London for his Protestant convictions. After his release, Thomas retired to the home of a wealthy friend where he died on March 11, 1711. He was buried at sunrise, and the Doxology was sung at his funeral.

*These two volumes will be in the library soon. We hope you check them out and enjoy reading about your favorite hymns.*

## Birthdays

### **Birthdays**

July

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1  | Vicki DeWeese, Larry Miller, Amy Thomas,<br>Sydney White                                     | 24 | Nora Brock, Ben Buikema, Bill Day,<br>Janemarie Shea Heather, Schubert, Sarah Williams |
| 2  | Larry Simons, Scott Telfer   | 25 | Matthew Abrahamson, Charlie Eastberg,<br>Sandy Holt, Chris O'Quin                      |
| 3  | Jim Bennett, William Dillawn, Alyssa Farmer  | 26 | Mark Armesto, Aubrey Connally, Andrew Darby,<br>Toni Provost-Hatlen, Kevin Schubert    |
| 4  | Clare Brock, Laura Strange, Amanda Williams  | 27 | Guy Blumhagen, Jessie Howard, Becca Janysek,<br>Madelaine Kirchem,                     |
| 5  | Anna Morales, Marty Novak, Marti Price   | 28 | Len Albertson, Sandy Lanier  |
| 7  | John Hart  | 29 | Kara Denney, Roni Looney, Chance Nelson,<br>William Rhodes, Jack Ryfle                 |
| 8  | Bruce Calder, Peter Mann, Scott Murphy,<br>Heather Walter                                    | 31 | Bill Buros, Billie Thompson  |
| 9  | Dawn Brooke, Betty Davis   |    |  |
| 10 | Jane Morrison  |    | August   |
| 11 | Judy Day, Shelley Stall  | 1  | Jennifer Davis, Tom Uhl,   |
| 12 | Haley Holt   | 2  | Marcia Bailey, Elisabeth Carl, Patti Shannon   |
| 13 | Julia Coffman, Autumn Crowl, Tayte Webster   | 3  | Abbey Amato, Shelby Bursk, Don Janysek,<br>Colin Moore, Steve White                    |
| 14 | Marjorie Hooper, Sue Burton, Sarah Price,<br>Andrew Uhl, James Uhl                           | 4  | Martha Schreffler  |
| 15 | Kirk Smith   | 5  | Glenda Brown, Carolyn Meihaus  |
| 16 | Jim Duncan, Leon Whitney   | 6  | Lynn Durrenberger  |
| 17 | Christina Nichols, Daniel Ruiz   | 7  | Victoria Alcocer, Sue Ann Bunner, Emma Carrier,<br>Liz Johnson, George McClure         |
| 18 | Charlie Doyle, Richard Moon, Lori Murphy,<br>Gavin Smith                                     |    |  |
| 19 | Lu Ann Barrow, Daniel Godwin, Brenda Helfrich,<br>Colin Wilson, Parker Wilson, Emma Vorndran |    |  |
| 20 | Anna Bushong, Stephanie Hackney, Milt Williams   |    |  |
| 21 | Cass Brewer, Gini Hand, Joyce Statz  |    |  |
| 22 | Kay Ballard, Marilyn Cole, George Herbert,<br>James Young                                    |    |  |
| 23 | Michael McCollum, Tello Leal   |    |  |

### **Deaths**

Joy Beck, sister of Elaine Goessling, died June 11, 2008

### **New Members**

Yvonne Ferris



## An Interview with Dave Kennedy, reigning "Silver Spoon Award" champion



Kathy: Dave, congratulations on winning the coveted "Silver Spoon Award" at the Ice Cream Scoop Off earlier this month! As you know, we had 17 entries...all of which were wonderful...but obviously your "Texas Peach" was a hit. Is this a secret family recipe?

Dave: The Texas Peach recipe is NOT a recipe handed down from generation to generation in my family. My grandmother did teach me how to make traditional Texas ice cream and we did use a hand crank machine. In fact, my grandfather used to buy blocks of ice that we chipped into small pieces for the freezer. Most family gatherings involved cooking, freezing and then eating the ice cream. I have many memories of the family gathered around the ice cream freezer, eating ice cream on hot afternoons. My grandfather would do about anything for my sister and me. But, there was one thing he wouldn't budge on - home made ice cream was *vanilla*, not chocolate or even Texas Peach. It was years later, after I bought my own ice cream freezer, that I was able to actually add ingredients to the traditional recipe. So, although making ice cream is in my blood (probably literally since elevated cholesterol runs in the family!), I was the first to make anything other than vanilla.

Kathy: Well then, since the recipe for "Texas Peach" isn't a family secret, would you mind sharing it with us?

Dave: Not at all...I hope you can "crank up some happy memories" as you enjoy it!

### Texas Peach

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup half-and-half

1 cup heavy cream

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar

3 egg yolks, beaten

4 ripe Texas peaches (why would you buy anything else?)

$\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon almond extract

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine the half-and-half and cream and heat until scalded or bubbles start to form (do not boil). In a mixing bowl, stir  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar into the egg yolks and whisk to an even consistency. Whisk about  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of the hot cream mixture into the egg yolks and then return to the pan. Cool until the mixture thickens and coats the spoon (stir constantly). Refrigerate mixture for 3 hours (or overnight).

Peel and slice peaches. Puree in a blender and add the  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sugar and almond extract. Stir the puree and vanilla extract into the cream mixture and freeze immediately. This will make 1 quart.

## Memories of St. Matthew's



### Ridge Oak Fund Raisers and Teaching

By Kay and Leon Whitney

St. Matthew's, at the Ridge Oak location, had an annual fund-raiser which consisted of a box dinner which was picked up, by car in front of the main building. The women fixed the salad and beans, or whatever else went along as a vegetable and the men Bar-B-Qued chickens (and drank a little beer while they "worked") on the south side of the church yard.

Then the Boy Scouts took over and passed out the number of boxed dinners a driver had purchased as the driver drove up, swung around to the front sidewalk and stopped. It was a very efficient and relatively painless way to bring in some extra funds. I don't remember what we charged, but it was probably in the \$2.50 range per dinner.

Then I remember very clearly the start-up of our Bethel Bible teaching series. Chuck Huffman had hired Cathy Newman as the babysitter for the evening classes which were held at the Church. I realized, after a struggle to find someone to stay with our daughters, that I better get on the ball and find someone for the next week and I called Cathy. She was not booked up, so I hired her for that next session plus all the rest of the weeks!

When Chuck called her she had to tell him that she was going to be at the Whitney's house from then on. Guess who had to do the babysitting? As I remember Chuck had his sleeves rolled up and his collar off and he looked rather tired. The worst part of his evening was when he realized that he didn't know how to work a paper diaper! I think he ended up using Scotch tape to keep the diaper in place! After that he found a babysitter who would take over his job!

*We thank all of you who have contributed to the Anniversary Book very much! The stories are coming in very well. There is still a little time if you have not sent one in yet, but intend to. The deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup> for us to receive them. Please email your story to Rita Eccles [jandr@austin.rr.com](mailto:jandr@austin.rr.com) or give them to Barbara in the office.*



**\*\* SAVE THE DATE** - the evening of Saturday, September 27th will be the grown ups party continuing the celebration of St. Matthew's 50th anniversary. There will be more details coming in the following months so watch out for your invitation. You won't want to siesta through this fiesta!!! Also, don't forget the St. Matthew's Day lunch Sunday, September 28th following the 10:30 service. Former clergy and members of the church will be invited to "come home" to gather with the Bishop and the whole parish.

### St. Matthew's Gratefully Acknowledges Commemorative Gifts to St. Matthew's Permanent Endowment

*St. Matthew's gratefully acknowledges gifts to the Permanent Endowment Fund received in the past 30 days:*

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## First Annual McKinney Falls Picnic and Homemade Ice Cream Scoop Off -- A Grand Success!

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Events Committee sponsored the First Annual McKinney Falls Picnic and Homemade Ice Cream Scoop Off on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to continue our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and to kick off the beginning of the summer in grand style. We set up "camp" at the group dining facility at McKinney Falls State Park, just south of Austin. The afternoon was filled with hiking, bike riding, horse-shoes, t-ball, volleyball, bubbles, kite flying, board games, wading and swimming, piñatas, "just sittin'" and LOTS of visiting. In spite of the record breaking heat, a great crowd turned out for a full day of "fun in the Son."

Of course, the highlight of the day was the "First Hopefully Annual Homemade Ice Cream Scoop Off." There were 17 different entries to the scoop off, so there was plenty of ice cream for everyone to eat their fill...and even enjoy "milk shakes" from the leftovers after dinner! EVERY entry in the scoop off was delicious - a real treat - put the "stand out" in the crowd was Dave Kennedy's "Texas Peach." Dave walked away with the now-coveted "2008 Silver Spoon Award." Congratulations, Dave...and thanks to ALL of you who brought ice cream to share!

After hamburgers, hot dogs and "the works", we all moved down to the campfire ring to close the day with an old fashioned "sing-a-long" complete with roasted marshmallows and s'mores. Jim Byrom led the sing-a-long on his guitar, accompanied by Jack Robertson on the harmonica. It was the PERFECT way to end a wonderful day with family and friends.

The picnic was a roaring success thanks to the efforts of a *great* team. Many thanks to Michael and Peite White for co-chairing this event with the Dugat's. The team was rounded out with Lucian and Courtney Morehead, Paul and Elizabeth Huggins, Pete and Caroline Cook Ippolito, and Gary and Christy Wittie. Isabel Bursk and Lynn Smith headed up activities for the Youth. Many thanks to Bill Dugat for hauling the "big pit" and heading up the cooking team. Thanks to Jim Byrom and Jack Robertson for leading the sing-a-long, to Marjorie Hooper for the deviled eggs (how can one have a picnic without deviled eggs!), to Caroline Wade for heading up the judging for the ice cream tasting and acting as Master of Ceremonies for the awards presentation, to ALL the ice cream makers, and to all those who braved the heat to come out and enjoy the day! It was a GREAT way to kick off the summer and continue our 50<sup>th</sup>

### First Hopefully Annual Homemade Ice Cream Scoop Off Results

McKinney Falls Picnic, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

After MUCH deliberation and lots of SERIOUS dipping and tasting...amid countless "ooohhhs" and "aaahhhs" and "oh my, that's goods"... our esteemed panel of judges arrived at the following slate of awards for entries in the First Hopefully Annual Homemade Ice Cream Scoop Off. Thanks to ALL of you who entered and provided ice cream for the picnic, and to our judges who generously offered up their taste buds and tummies!

**Silver Spoon (Best of Show) – Dave Kennedy for Texas Peach ( See interview on page 12)**

**"First Timer Award" (First time to make homemade ice cream) – Peite and Michael White for Chocolate**

**"Goes Best with Chocolate Sauce Award" – Lucian and Courtney Morehead for Chocolate Milkshake**

**"Best Plain and Simple Award" – tie between Gary and Christy Wittie and Bill and Kathy Dugat**

**"Goes Best with Cookies Award" – Bill and Kathy Dugat for Cinnamon Walnut**

**"Most Sprinkle-able Award" – Gary and Christy Wittie for Strawberry**

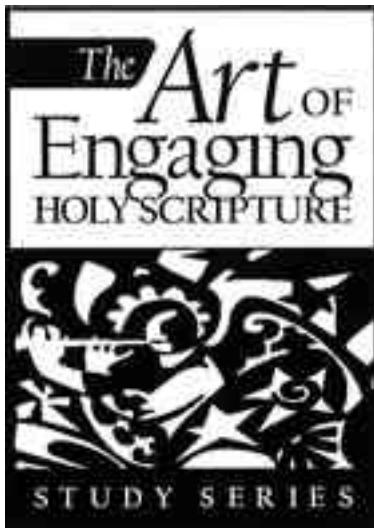
**"Udder-ly Delicious Award" – Carol and Chip Webb for Chocolate**

**"Drives Us Bananas Award" – Carol and Chip Webb for Banana**

**"Too Good to Be True Award" – Pete and Caroline Cook Ippolito for Strawberries in a Bowl**



## New Bible Study Offerings This Fall by Rev. Susan Barnes



During the past year, The Rev. Susan Barnes has facilitated pilot Bible-study groups in a new, exciting method called *The Art of Engaging Holy Scripture*. Several participants in those groups, who are members of St. Matthew's, joined a week-long seminar this summer studying the method and preparing to become facilitators themselves. As a result, this coming fall we will offer to many more members the chance to participate in this truly life-changing method of "engaging" Holy Scripture. Classes will meet weekly for one hour and are limited to 10 participants. Details for times and locations of classes will follow in the September *Word*.

Meanwhile, if you are interested, read on!

Much more than a Bible study, *The Art of Engaging Holy Scripture* (TAEHS) integrates the ancient practice of praying the Bible with modern approaches to studying the Bible in a small group process. TAEHS awakens participants to the presence of the Holy Spirit in the text, in their own self, in their sisters and brothers, and, finally, in their common life together. This dynamic process bears the fruit of a "community of the Spirit."

TAEHS makes the Bible equally accessible and relevant to beginners and to experienced Bible readers. This equalizing effect creates an additional robust experience as participants see how the text of Holy Scripture becomes present to everyone and anyone at their level of understanding, particular life history and temperament, and experience on the Christian spiritual journey.

The small group process creates the environment in which each person's response to the text becomes equally meaningful for everyone. Participants come to realize that each one's engagement with the text is sacred, a window to the Holy Spirit to be wholly valued, and yet each one's experience is incomplete. As participants learn to listen and to perceive the inspirations of the Spirit in one another, they realize their need for their brothers and sisters. As comfort and familiarity with the practice of TAEHS and the small group process develops, a beautiful, albeit indefinable, mystery of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the gathered community emerges. The fruits include a joyful, peaceful, compassionate, accepting, and welcoming community of faith. In time a community of spiritual wisdom, understanding, and counsel begins to emerge.

*The Art of Engaging Holy Scripture* small group curriculum consists of a one year foundational series of three trimesters that comprises 30 weeks of studies. In this foundational year is an introduction to the individual practice of the *method* of TAEHS, the small group *process*, and the story of God's people contained in Scripture. The first year of curriculum includes appendices that help beginners navigate their way through the Bible. The appendices also provide charts and outlines that create a helpful Biblical architecture and connect the Bible with the Episcopal Eucharistic liturgy.

Following the foundational year there are studies of individual books of the Bible that vary in length (e.g. *Matthew* is 30 weeks, while *Galatians* is 6 weeks). To date seven books of the New Testament and six books of the Old Testament, equaling over five years of curriculum, are available.

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