



The Epistle



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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AUGUST 2014

What's Happening?

Daughters of the King, Aug 7

Daughters of the King will meet on Sunday, Aug 3 at 1:00 pm in the parish library.

Acolyte Training, Aug 16

Acolyte training will be held at Holy Spirit on Saturday, Aug 16 from 10 to 11 am. This training is for those currently serving as acolytes and others who wish to learn the duties of server, crucifer, thurifer, and torch bearer.

Holy Baptism, Aug 17

Welcome our newest Christian on Sunday August 17 at the Baptism of Andy Filgo (beloved son of Kelly and Ellen). A brief reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Fifth Sunday Celebration, Aug 31

Join your church family for Fifth Sunday Potluck lunch on August 31st. Parishioners are asked to bring meal items as follows:

- A - G Salads
- H - O Main dish Entrees
- P - Z Dessert

Prepare enough to feed 20 people.

Coming next month

Labor Day Holiday, Sep 1

The office will be closed on Monday, Sep 1, in observance of Labor Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, Sep 2.

Daughters of the King, Sep 7

Daughters of the King will meet on Sunday, Sep 7 at 1:00 pm in the parish library.

ECW General Meeting, Sep 13

After a long summer break, the ECW will meet on Saturday, Sep 13 at 10:30 am in the parish hall.

Rally Day & Ministry Fair, Sep 21

Plan now to be part of Rally Day on September 21st! More information to come.

Blessed are we that have not seen a 100 degree day (at least as of today!). That will not hold much longer I am afraid. It has been a great start to the summer, and has stretched further into it than any would have imagined I know. We have seen a great start to Fr Jason's ministry and I pray it will reach further than we can see right now.

We have a Rector that arrived prayerfully prepared, and with a plan. He takes a prayerful, thoughtful, and deliberate approach to his ministry and all it entails. We have discussed and planned for the needs of the facilities and ministries in our first vestry meeting under his leadership, and have been given direction on services and events to come. He has set priorities and direction for the vestry for the present and months to come. He has brought a bit of technology as well, and we will see the fruits of that in the near future.

Following a leader with a good plan is a good idea. When the plan is formed around always trying to improve our relationship and service to The Lord we should do our best to help implement it at every opportunity. I believe we have a good leader in Fr Jason. Let's join him in making his plan a success for us all in the joy of Christ's love. Volunteer, serve, jump in and help. It's what we do!

*For the Vestry,
Parker Lockhart*



PARISH LIFE

Karen O'Bric (399-9974) & Joyce Stokes (732-0205)

SHARE THE JOY 2014

AN ACT OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

In planning for the 11th Annual Share the Joy, we have learned that the budget is \$1,500 short of the amount needed to mount this event.

Share the Joy is, arguably, Holy Spirit's largest outreach project and has for 10 years met the critical need of feeding the hungry in Greater Waco on a day when all services are closed and food is unavailable.

We are asking all parishioners to search their hearts and consider making donations to help us reach the amount needed to continue Share the Joy. May God bless you for your generosity.

From the Rector's Desk

by the Rev'd Jason Ingalls

What a ride!

Monique and I have been with you just a little over two weeks. We're thrilled to have met so many of you already and are looking forward to getting to know everyone we can. It's been a delight to lead worship. I'm enjoying very much learning how to be your priest and pastor.



On my second day in the office, I led my first vestry meeting at Holy Spirit. We are blessed to have such a wonderful group of men and women to help lead us in becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. Their love for this church and their wisdom are an inspiration to me.

We met and prayed, and I asked them one question: "What's most important, right now?" In other words, what is the biggest thing that we need to tackle as a church between now and the end of the year to do what God has called us to do in Waco?

It was unanimous. Holy Spirit needs to "create conditions for growth." In my sermon Sunday (7/20), we talked about the three ways of building a church: 1) clear the ground; 2) let the living water flow; and 3) stand back and let God do the rest. What the vestry decided was that we need to clear the ground as we finish 2014. We're going to do that in a number of ways:

- By making the 9:30 am Sunday School hour more hospitable for families,
- By making sure that worship is inspiring and accessible for newcomers,
- By building a responsive newcomer ministry and holding several outreach events,
- By following-up with people we have lost during the interim, and
- By being intentional about stewardship so we can finish the financial year well.

By clearing the ground, we're not trying to over-engineer, like the Ohio State researchers did in the wetland experiment I talked about Sunday. We're trying to remove roadblocks and open passageways so that the living water can flow freely at Holy Spirit. At the end of the year, we want to see new people joining us on our journey of discipleship and everyone growing in the image and likeness of Christ. Holy Spirit is a special place, and we want to share its warm hospitality with the families in our neighborhood and city.

If you have any ideas you would like to share in relationship to clearing the ground for the end of the year or any of its parts, please feel free to email me at my new Holy Spirit email address: jingalls@holyspiritwaco.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

- ❖ AUGUST 3, EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Psalm: 17:1-7, 16
First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31
Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21
- ❖ AUGUST 10, NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Psalm: 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33
- ❖ AUGUST 17, TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Psalm: 133
First Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15
Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
- ❖ AUGUST 24, ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Psalm: 124
First Lesson: Exodus 1:8-2:10
Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20
- ❖ AUGUST 31, TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Psalm: 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15
Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

JUST A REMINDER...

If you see something in or around the facility that needs to be repaired, please fill out a maintenance request form and put it in the Jr Warden's mailbox. The forms can be found on the table in the Narthex.

Keep up with the calendar and weekly happenings at
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Adult Christian Education

Christian van Gorder (723-5627)

Summer Adult Sunday School Class continues on Sundays at 9:30 am in the parish hall. The topic is Religion in American History, I. We will refer to the book written by the Baylor scholar Thomas Kidd entitled “*God of Liberty: Religion and the American Revolution*”. The course will end in August and our hope is to end the course before World War I. Hope to see you there for this interesting and informative discussion of the role of religion and our national and political history.

MEALS ON WHEELS

If you are interested in helping with Meals on Wheels please give Rosalind Modrall a call and volunteer your time. Her group gets together on the 3rd Monday of each month from 9:00 – 10:30.



*Feast of the Transfiguration of
Our Lord Jesus Christ
August 6, 6:00 pm*

Altar Guild

Norma Thronburg, Directress (876-3303)

The Altar Guild Angels have been encouraged to follow the Ordo Kalendar to determine the liturgical colors for each service. During Pentecost, green is the predominate color used. During the month of August every Wednesday indicates a color change, however, Fr. Jason called it to our attention that we should consult the Book of Common Prayer for clarification. He encouraged us to read The Calendar of the Church Year, especially BCP 19-30. We were instructed to note that those in bold print would require a color change—August 6 is The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, a Holy Day, and the liturgical color will be white. Lesser Feasts and Fasts (LFF) explains that “The Transfiguration is not to be understood only as a spiritual experience of Jesus while at prayer, which three chosen disciples, Peter, James, and John, were permitted to witness. It is one of a series of supernatural manifestations, by which God authenticated Jesus as his Son....The festival, however was only accepted into the Roman calendar on the eve of the Reformation, and for that reason was not included in the reformed calendar of the English Church. Since its inclusion in the American revision of 1892, it has been taken into most modern Anglican calendars.” The Kalendar further states that “The Transfiguration is the feast of title of churches dedicated to the ‘Savior’ or called ‘Christ Church’.”

Although Jeremy Taylor on August 13, Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux on August 20, and Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle (ministers to the deaf) on August 27 appear in the Ordo Kalendar and in LFF, only the first two are shown on BCP 26 and neither is in bold print so the color is green unless instructed otherwise. The date following their names indicates the year of each man’s death.

Do not polish the brass candlesticks on the Altar or the large alms basin. They have been professionally polished and lacquered. As the gentleman who refurbished these pieces said, it is imperative that when we use Brasso we neutralize its active ingredients by thoroughly washing the pieces with dish soap and rinsing before drying. Otherwise we will eventually notice discoloration and pitting if we only wipe away the film. All brass should be handled with either gloves or a towel to avoid direct contact with our skin.

We will be using wafers for Sunday services. The baked Communion hosts will be used Wednesday services until it has all been consumed.

COFFEE HOUR

Mary Gresham (772-3424) or Joyce Stokes (732-0205)

Following is the coffee host list for August & September.

- August: 3-Karen & Rusty Reynolds, 10-Nancy & Jack Gillette, 17-Carol & Don Stukenbroeker, 24-Lil & Walter Fadal, 31-Fifth Sunday Potluck.
- September: 7-Sarah & Donnie Vroman, 14-Joan Wood & Barbara Burr, 21-Rally Day & Ministry Fair, 28-Linda Clemmer & Mary Gresham.

Please keep it simple. The coffee hosts are only responsible for coffee, water, and some type of snack. If you are unable to host, please contact Mary Gresham.

For those of you who asked, here's the recipe for the hash brown casserole that was served at the reception for Fr. Jason and Monique.

- 1 (2 pound) package frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed (we used "Southern-style" which are cubed, not shredded)
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp coarse-ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped white onion
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9x13 pan with non-stick cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients (holding back enough cheddar cheese to top casserole). Gentle mix and pour in prepared dish.
3. Bake uncovered to 35 minutes.

Pastoral Care



Susi Canuteson (753-8347)

As a child growing up in Dallas, I thought our family OWNED Highland Park Methodist Church, and we just had a lot of "company" come over on Sundays. My grandfather had been a minister there, and my uncle practiced on the organ in that beautiful Gothic sanctuary while I monkey climbed the pews and ran wild up and down the aisles.

Later we moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, where I spent my teen years and met my husband-to-be. We were in 7th grade together, so we have known each other 58 years. After high school I attended Hendrix College in Arkansas and Louisiana Tech in Ruston, where Tom and I actually started dating. Later I earned a Master's degree from Baylor.

After college, Tom and I moved to Plano where we had three children in three and a half years. Yes, times were busy! Tom decided to work on a project with a friend from Waco, a project that would only last for two years-----that was 1970. Needless to say, we found the Waco area an excellent place to live and raise our family. When our youngest started kindergarten at Woodway Elementary, I began teaching down the hall, mostly third and fourth grade. After 32 years of teaching at Midway, I loved it just as much as I did that first day. Tom, now retired, spent his career in management, having his own consulting firm, teaching for MCC, and finally an independent business owner.

We are fortunate to have all three children and eight grandchildren living in Texas, so we get to see family often. We live in our "empty nester" home, back in the woods amid tons of wildlife on the South



Bosque River in Woodway. Tom is a Master Gardener, and I greatly appreciate the gardens from inside the air conditioning, but avidly cheer him on!

Since retiring, I love having the time to read all I want, sew quilts, and play Bridge. After playing duplicate each week at Holy Spirit for nearly three years, Nettie Starnes said, "You're here every Monday, you might as well come on Sunday too". That casual invitation was all it took. While not really feeling needed in the larger churches I had attended, I have finally found my niche----in a smaller church where I can work and give back for the great life I've had.

Forest Gump said it best---"Life is like a box of chocolates"----and I just can't wait to see what flavor I get next!!



Sarah Vroman (709-5925)

I want to start this article out by thanking everyone who has volunteered to acolyte. Our volunteer group is growing and I appreciate everyone's support as we continue to grow this important ministry at our church. As always, additional volunteers are always appreciated. Please continue to let me know if you are interested or willing to acolyte on Sunday mornings.

Fr. Jason is holding training for all new and existing acolytes. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend on Saturday, Aug 16 at 10:00 am in the Nave. We will cover all aspects of acolyting so if you've been curious, but nervous, now it the time. If you are unable to attend, but wish to begin acolyting, please let me know!



Beverly Fallon (715-1028)

Let's keep the momentum going!!! Thanks so much for blessing the Children's Ministry with your children as we began our new adventure into the 9:30 am hour... we asked, and you came through for us, let's keep it going!

Some may recall during announcements one Sunday a few weeks ago that I mentioned, "Wouldn't it be great if we had so many children that we had to split up the class due to age groups?" Well, we were on the brink of that on July 13th! We had ten children 4 through 10 years of age, we will definitely need more volunteers in the Children's Ministry as we grow. Please consider helping out just a couple of Sundays a month with our children. They are so sweet, shy, curious, and honest about their love of God and others...and when they get to know you and feel more comfortable, they are so willing to share stories about their friends, pets, and families...don't worry, not too much information! Our children are the future of our church and our world, help us nurture and *"Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old he will not, depart from it."* [Proverbs 22:6, NKJV]

May I just say that Catherine Payne is such a blessing to our Children's Ministry! She is just overflowing with ideas and has such a way with the children. We are so blessed and fortunate that she joined our ministry team!

Remember, we will continue to have Children's Chapel at 9:30 am and again at 10:30 am. Two different classes (learning scripture, The Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed, sing songs, learn Gospel lesson, play & have fun!) so the children who might attend both sessions will be challenged, have fun, and not hopefully not bored!



Karen Reynolds (752-4648)

Each Daughter takes a lifetime vow to live by Rule of the Order. Our Rule of Life requires spiritual discipline of daily prayer, service, and evangelism. What better service project for us than the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry, which calls for prayer and is spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world!

To support our service project Operation Christmas Child, school supplies will be collected during the month of August. Suggestions include: pencils, sharpeners, pens, calculators, crayons, writing notebooks etc... When you find a bargain, please consider getting 10 or more. Look for our collection basket in the Narthex. If you don't like to shop and would like to help, you can write a check to Holy Spirit and put "shoeboxes" on the memo line. We'll do the shopping for you! Thanks so much.

A new Daughters' class is being planned in the fall. If you know someone who would like to be a Daughter, please let us know.

The next Daughters meeting will be Sunday, August 3rd at 1:00 pm in the library at Holy Spirit. We will have an "inventory party" at this meeting to assess our Operation Christmas Child needs.



Family Life Ministry

Carol Stukenbroeker (299-7287)

As we head into the warmest months of summer we are still enjoying vacations and some down time. The church ministries, however, are gearing up for the months ahead. I just wanted to list what events Family Life will help to plan.

Rally Day – September 21, also coinciding with "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday" and our Ministry Fair. Parish Life will handle the food and we will have games outside for the children – bounce house and pony included! And board games inside for adults. Prizes for young and old!!!

Safeguarding God's Children Class – will be scheduled within a few weeks of Rally Day and the Ministry Fair for new volunteers who will work with the children of the church.

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 31. This will be the 2nd year for this fun event at Holy Spirit! Please make plans to participate, all you need to do is decorate your trunk and fill it with candy. You can wear a mask or costume, or not. We will have food and some games. Last year we estimated that 100 children attended the event. We are hoping for more children this year!



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Easton Allen (772-2026)

Men of the church – join us for breakfast every Thursday at 7:00 am. We eat, we visit, we sing, we have a bible reading, and then we circle up and pray! Join us!!

Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- August 1- Phyllis Smith
- 4- Michael Fell
- 8- Jenna Hartsfield
- 10- Judy Lloyd
- 10- Katherine Reynolds
- 10- Rachel Reynolds
- 11- Patricia Flaherty
- 11- Martha Peacock
- 12- Jack Filgo
- 13- Bob Sadler
- 13- Karen Colson
- 15- Dwain Smith
- 15- Matthew Behm
- 17- Lillian Ann Fuller
- 17- Beth Ann Bailey
- 17- Reyna Trujillo
- 18- Pike Anderson
- 18- Charles Lee
- 19- Harlan Williams
- 20- Jack Gillette
- 20- Mac Harmon
- 21- Peggy Gidney
- 23- Al Ross
- 24- Sean Stout
- 29- Karen Augeri
- 30- Nancy Banks
- 30- Karen Reynolds

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- August 8- Rosalind & Nelson Modrall
- 25- Sarah & Donnie Vroman
- 27- Linda & Doug Totten

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Please call the parish office so we can correct
our records.*

Parish Leadership

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