

# THE EPISTLE

OF ST. PAUL CHURCH IN WAXAHACHIE

Founded 1876

October, 2009

October 4

## Sunday: Pot Luck & Blessing of the Animals

### *Pot Luck Luncheon, after late service*

Bring a dish to share on Sunday, October 4, and we'll have another family feast. You might have noticed how many "food" photos there were in our history -- it's fellowship we've always enjoyed. Bring a main dish, side dish, dessert, bread, salad -- whatever you'd like. It always comes together! ✦



### *St. Francis Day 5 p.m.*

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4, and the Blessing of the Animals is a custom that originated to remember St. Francis' love for all creatures. Stories of his love for animals abound, and it is said that he and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to

God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

On Sunday, October 4 at 5 p.m. we'll enjoy this annual celebration of St. Francis, by bringing our animal companions to church for a special blessing. Please bring your pet, either in a carrier or on a leash, and enjoy the afternoon.

And, you may also fill out a card or bring a photo of a beloved past pet to include on a memorial banner for our favorite family pets. ✦

### *Portrait Sessions Oct 20-24*

## We Need Your Family Faces!

A new photo directory is coming!

The vestry has chosen Lifetouch to produce the new St. Paul Directory with color portraits of members, so we

••••• can put names to the faces we  
••••• see on Sunday mornings.  
••••• Lifetouch will be here for  
••••• photography beginning on  
••••• Tuesday, October 20 through  
••••• Saturday, October 24. Each  
••••• family photographed will receive  
a complimentary 8x10 portrait for participating.

The day of your session you will view your portraits immediately after your sitting, and have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits if you wish. We are told that orders will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Lifetouch has been doing family photography for over seventy years, and was chosen because of the relationships they have had with Episcopal churches in our area. You may invite other family members and loved ones to join your portrait sitting, even if they are not church members.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Photo times are Tuesday through Friday, 3-9 p.m., and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. You may also schedule your own appointment online. Just go to our web site [www.stpaulwaxahachie.org](http://www.stpaulwaxahachie.org) and click on "Lifetouch Photos", which is at the very bottom of the menu on the left side of the screen, just below the "hosted by" line. Please help make our new family album complete. ✦

### *Saturday, October 3*

## All Women Invited to Brunch

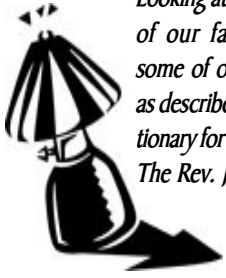
The women of St. Paul are hosting a brunch on Saturday, October 3, beginning at 10 a.m. (*DOK meeting remains scheduled for 9:30, but will adjourn prior to brunch.*)

Stacie Dixon, director of Common Ground Ministries, will also be here to thank us for our support and to tell us a few things about their ministry. Ladies, please bring a brunch dish to share and welcome our guests to Saturday morning fellowship. All women are invited to come -- and to bring a friend! ✦

### *Saturday, Oct 24*

## Find Bargains, Bargains, Bargains!

Remember, if you have some great stuff that needs to go, donate it to the Parking Lot Sale at the church. Trade your old treasures for some new bargains! 7 a.m. - Noon. ✦



Looking at some “not trivia” of our faith, we explore some of our symbolic acts, as described in “A New Dictionary for Episcopalians” by The Rev. John N. Wall, Jr.

Sunday, Nov 15

# Feeding the Homeless Rescheduled

The folks from “Church Under the Bridge” in Waco have asked us to re-schedule our trip to help them feed the homeless. The new date is Sunday, November 15, and we pray that several members of our church family will take the trip together. Fr. Dennis Smart will be here to celebrate for our two regularly-scheduled services on that day.

**Genuflection:** An act of reverence that involves kneeling so that the right knee touches the floor and then standing up again. In parishes where this is part of the tradition, parishioners genuflect when passing by a tabernacle or aumbry in which the reserved sacrament is being kept (signaled by a sanctuary lamp burning); when entering or leaving the seating area when consecrated bread or wine is on the altar (such as when going to receive); and when the words “for us and for our salvation” are said in the Nicene Creed. Clergy may also observe these moments and add genuflections during the prayer of consecration after the words of institution over each element and after the great “AMEN” at the end of the prayer. Since bowing at these moments is an older tradition than genuflecting and in fact was almost universal in England at the time of the Reformation, many now observe that tradition.

**Sign of the Cross:** Customary to some degree in most places, this manual act links the cross with our claim that we experience now “all benefits of Christ’s passion.” There are three forms of the sign of the cross. The first is made on the forehead of those being baptized, confirmed, or anointed with oil in healing services, proclaiming that they are “marked as Christ’s own forever” (BCP, 308). The second is made in the act of blessing or pronouncing absolution by a bishop or priest, who makes the shape of a large cross in the air, first forming the vertical axis and then the horizontal axis. The third form is made by an individual using the right hand to touch the forehead, the diaphragm, the left shoulder, and the right shoulder. ✠

## *A Brief History of Church Under the Bridge*

In 1992, a Christian couple from Waco and a Baylor student spent some time getting to know several of the homeless men sleeping under the Interstate 35 bridge. Over the next few months, the men accepted the invitation to meet for Bible study on Sunday mornings at the bridge. Over the weeks and months, the small group grew to include more homeless folks, other lower income people, and local community persons who either had no church experience or felt like they did not fit in other local churches. Many of the basic needs of the lower income and homeless were met through the shared resources available. Within a couple of years, the Bible study group realized God was doing something more than just a Bible study. Thus, Church Under the Bridge acknowledged its existence and began taking on more responsibilities as the Body of Christ.

In 1998, the Church realized it’s need to establish its vision statement, core values, and basic leadership structure. The Covenant Community was created for those who sensed God’s leadership and call to this particular church. Those interested in being a part of the decision making and servant leadership were asked to complete six weeks of foundational class and become active in a small group of the church. In 1999, the Covenant Community selected three among themselves to shape the vision and direction of the church, deal with difficult issues, and oversee basic principles. The Covenant Community generally met monthly for discussion, prayer, affirming others, and fellowship. The decision was made in 2006 to end Covenant Community and Covenant Council and continue as a pastor-led church.

Church Under the Bridge (CUB) attempts to avoid denomination, cultural, economic,

### *Adult Class Series*

## What Christ Thinks of the Church





In chapters 1 – 3 of the book of Revelation, Christ reveals, by praise and reproach, by warning and exhortation, what he wants his church to be in all places and at all times. Join us as we study this important and timely topic.

### **What Christ Thinks of the Church: An Exposition of Revelation 1-3**

- Oct. 4 Letter to Pergamum: TRUTH; and, Letter to Thyatira: HOLINESS
- Oct. 11 Letter to Sardis: REALITY; and, Letter to Philadelphia: OPPORTUNITY
- Oct. 18 Letter to Laodicea: WHOLEHEARTEDNESS

or racial distinctions. It is a multi-cultural church committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the unity of His Spirit, welcoming folks from wide and diverse backgrounds to love God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with all their heart, soul, and mind, and to love their neighbors as themselves. ✠

# October 2009

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SATURDAY
<b>Bring-a-Dish 4</b> Pot Luck Supper after late service  <b>St. Francis Day</b> Blessing of the Animals 5 p.m. 				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	9:30 a.m. <b>3</b> DOK   10:00 AM <b>Ladies Brunch</b> Bring-a-dish to share
	7 p.m. BSA meets	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 p.m. enquirers class Week #3 of 5	<b>7</b> 7 p.m. Healing Holy Eucharist 7:45 Choir Practice	<b>8</b> 5:30 - 10 p.m. <b>Book Club</b>	<b>9</b>
 <b>A SUNDAY SPA</b> For Women Relax, Learn, Create, Rejuvenate! 2-5 PM, Meal to follow	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7 p.m. BSA meets	<b>13</b> 7 p.m. enquirers class Week #4 of 5	<b>14</b> 7 p.m. Healing Holy Eucharist 7:45 Choir Practice	<b>15</b> 7 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE	9:30 a.m. <b>17</b> Crafters come and work together on your projects!  :: <b>Diocese Convention</b> :: ::::::::::::::::::::::
<b>☩ Sunday Worship</b> through 9/6 8 a.m. Said Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Nursery Opens 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7 p.m. BSA meets	<b>20</b> 7 p.m. enquirers class Week #5 of 5	<b>21</b> 7 p.m. Healing Holy Eucharist 7:45 Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 7 p.m. Vestry	7 a.m. - Noon <b>24</b> <b>PARKING LOT SALE</b>
			:::::::::::::::::::::: :: <b>Life Touch</b> :: :::::::::::::::::::::: Directory photo sessions; sign up in the Foyer!			<b>23</b>
	<b>26</b> 7 p.m. BSA meets	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 p.m. Healing Holy Eucharist 7:45 Choir Practice	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	 4 p.m. <b>Trunk or Treat</b>
<b>Coming in November</b> Thursday, Nov 5 Worship, Liturgy & Music Sunday, Nov 8 Sunday Spa Friday, Nov 13 Classical Guitar Concert Sunday, Nov 15 Feed the Homeless @ Church Under the Bridge Saturday, Nov 21 Blessing of the Motorcycles						

## October Birthdays

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|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Jim Stirling   | 9 Debbie Pierce  | 15 Phil Howard       |
| 2 Rylie Berry    | George Singleton | 18 Eric Medina       |
| Ray Edgette      | Josh Stewart     | Kyle Roberson        |
| 3 Jackson Penney | 10 Robert Tuley  | 21 Linda Beyer       |
| 4 Chuck Fitzhugh | 11 Logan Brady   | Ronnie Horodnyckye   |
| 5 Doug Hurn      | Catrina Reeves   | 23 Savanna Smith     |
| 7 Robyn Beye     | Tim Vansyckle    | 25 Dee Dishman       |
| Debbie Wooley    | 12 Ray Glover    | Jim Donica           |
| 8 Andrea Walters | 14 Nancy Adkins  | Aaron Howard         |
| 9 Jim Cunningham | J.J. Perkins     | 26 Stephanie Walters |
| John Davis       |                  | 31 Will Penney       |

## November Birthdays

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Elizabeth Hamaker   | 20 Gavin Childs      |
| 2 Jan Cunningham      | 23 Phil Wood         |
| 4 Carol Bryant        | 24 Susan Akin        |
| 5 Matt Perkins        | 28 Becky Tews        |
| Sharon Smith          | 29 Christina Blevins |
| 7 Gloria Brown        | 30 Rose Zuber        |
| 16 Anne Tuley         |                      |
| 18 Bonny Middlebrooks |                      |
| 19 Bill Gavitt        |                      |

## October Anniversaries

- 4 Heidi & Matt Perkins

## November Anniversaries

- 21 Woody & Tom Perry  
 23 Susan & Patrick Akin  
 28 Jeanie & Allen Shivers

## Organizations & Committees

What They Do & Who to Call

### ORGANIZATIONS

**Men's Breakfast** ..... Ron Tarrant 972-937-1589  
Breakfast for all men, 2nd Saturday, 8 AM

**Daughters of the King (DOK)**  
..... Carol Bryant, 972-938-8629  
Women of Prayer, Meetings 1st Sat, 9:30 AM

**ECW** ..... Elizabeth Hamaker, 972-723-8042  
All women meet 1st Saturday, 10:30 AM

### VESTRY & Committees

Sr. Warden ..... Gary Wilson, 972-617-5441

Jr. Warden ..... Steve Walters, 214-663-4528

Class of 2010 ..... Rae Tarrant, 972-937-1589

Class of 2011 ..... Carol Bryant, 972-938-8629

Class of 2011 ..... John Hamaker, 972-723-8042

Class of 2012 ..... Dick Jones, 972-923-1412

Class of 2012 .. Daryl Anne Tilley, 972-937-7023

Clerk of Vestry ..... Denise Osteen, 972-617-8498

Treasurer ..... Rebecca Wellborn, 972-723-2921

Choir Director ..... Gloria Self, 972-937-4373

SPY ..... Fr. Terry, 469-230-0755

Worship & Music . Chuck Fitzhugh, 214-668-0572

Layreaders ..... Larry Zuber, 972-775-4915

Acolytes ..... Matt Perkins, 972-937-8077

Altar Guild ..... Anne Tulcy, 972-938-8024

October 11

# "A Sunday Spa" for Women: Pulling the Pieces of Our Lives Together

*A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, . . .  
'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of  
the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will  
become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'* John 4:7-14



The first Sunday Spa presents "Pulling the Pieces of our Lives Together" on Sunday, October 11, from 2 - 5 p.m. in the foyer area. A light meal will be served at 5 p.m.

In our world today we fit many pieces of our lives together, juggling sometimes overwhelming schedules of family and career. "A Sunday Spa" is designed to provide a lasting spring of resources to better help us remain focused

on Christ, and rejuvenate ourselves in our relationship with Him.

Ladies, please come, and bring a friend to: Relax, through yoga and meditation; be inspired by speaker Carrie Boren; and, create with mosaics.

Cost is \$5 if you pre-register by Wednesday, October 7, or \$10 if you pay at the door. Other dates in the series are on Sundays, November 8, December 13 and January 10, 2010. ☩

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in a prayerful, loving  
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