

THE BELL TOWER

May- 2010



On the day of Pentecost, Peter said to the crowd, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." . . . So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. (Acts 2:38-39, 41)

Dear People of Grace,

Our Easter season culminates with the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, May 23. Jesus promised the disciples that the Holy Spirit would come to empower them with gifts for their ministries, and Pentecost is the fulfillment of that promise. On Pentecost, the disciples discovered that they could speak in foreign languages that were previously unknown to them, and we recognize that as beginning the spread of the church into the world. Most importantly, Pentecost reminds us that the church is the body of Christ - drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, Pentecost Sunday is very festive (we all wear something red) and is also a traditional time of baptism in the Spirit. If you are considering baptism for yourself or a family member, Pentecost Sunday is the perfect time for that important event. Our annual Pentecost picnic will follow the service, complete with hot dogs and (very wet) yard games for the kids.

We also have two other upcoming events that serve to remind us that Grace is an important part of the larger body of saints in Christ. The first is the celebration of our graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 16. We are very proud of their accomplishments and want to honor them by giving them the opportunity to be our lay ministers on that day. Our youth are only among us for a short time before they go off into the world to make their own lives. *Senior Sunday* gives us a chance to congratulate them and to let them know that we will be with them in spirit wherever they go.

The second big event is Bishop Dena Harrison's visit on Sunday, June 6. She will preside at our 9:30 AM service and lay hands on those who wish to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed.

As you can see, we have an exciting month ahead of us - please mark your calendars and plan to be part of our upcoming celebrations.

God bless you,

Paul+

SENIOR SUNDAY
MAY 16, 2010
9:30 AM



Grace Episcopal Church
1115 36th Street
Galveston, TX

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

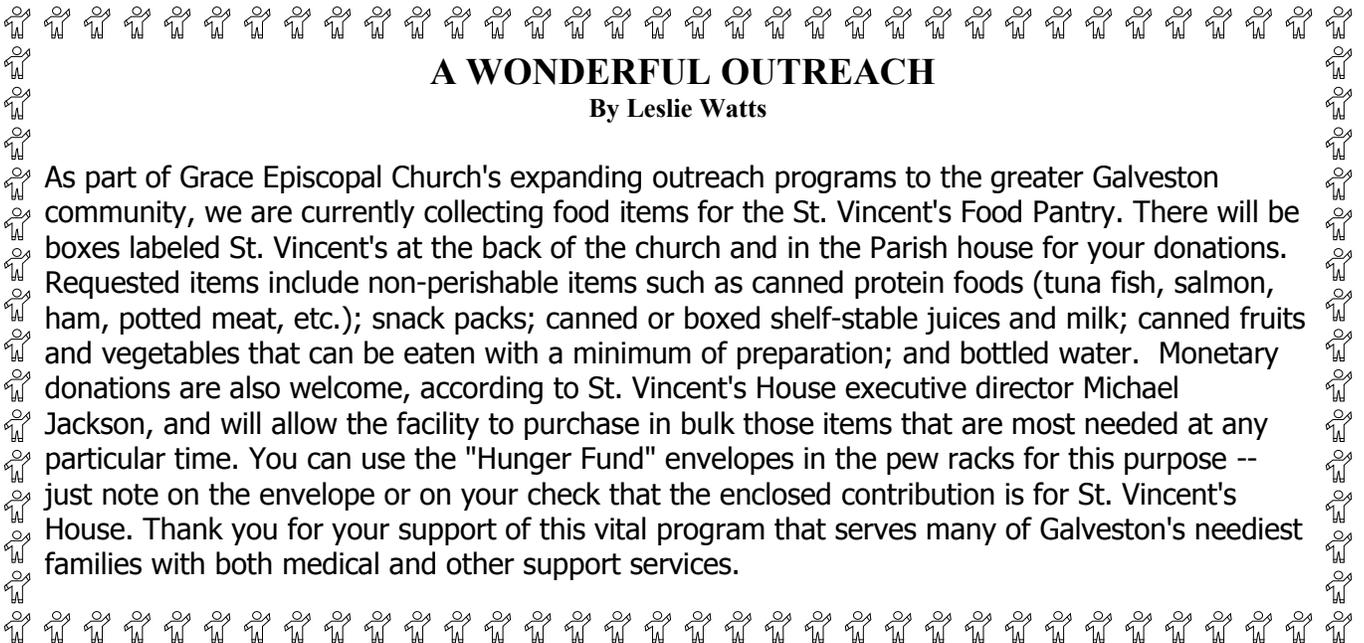
2010 Graduating Seniors

- Hannah Willey, Ball High School
- Holden Rhymes, Ball High School
- Ariel Conoly, Ball High School
- Paige Carman, O'Connell College Preparatory School
- Richard Bustamante, Ball High School

A WONDERFUL OUTREACH

By Leslie Watts

As part of Grace Episcopal Church's expanding outreach programs to the greater Galveston community, we are currently collecting food items for the St. Vincent's Food Pantry. There will be boxes labeled St. Vincent's at the back of the church and in the Parish house for your donations. Requested items include non-perishable items such as canned protein foods (tuna fish, salmon, ham, potted meat, etc.); snack packs; canned or boxed shelf-stable juices and milk; canned fruits and vegetables that can be eaten with a minimum of preparation; and bottled water. Monetary donations are also welcome, according to St. Vincent's House executive director Michael Jackson, and will allow the facility to purchase in bulk those items that are most needed at any particular time. You can use the "Hunger Fund" envelopes in the pew racks for this purpose -- just note on the envelope or on your check that the enclosed contribution is for St. Vincent's House. Thank you for your support of this vital program that serves many of Galveston's neediest families with both medical and other support services.



Upcoming Events

Friday, May 7 @7:00—9:00 PM— Graceful Gatherers at the home of **Pat & Stan Brown**, 7501 Antilles; Galveston.

Mother's Day Sunday, May 9—A beautiful rose will be presented to each of our ladies at the 9:30 AM service.

Senior Sunday, May 16—Celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating Seniors.

Saturday, May 22 @ 10:00 AM—2:00 PM— Silk Purse Open House—Bring your gently worn clothes and "still-nice" house wares to help us restock the "Purse."

Pentecost Sunday, May 23—A Sunday of celebrating the "birthday" of the church with baptisms and our annual Pentecost picnic on the Garth. Wear red and dress your children for water fun after church.

Friday, June 4 @7:00—9:00 PM— Graceful Gatherers at the home of **Stan and Shu Shu Clowers**, 7912 Beluche; Galveston.

Sunday, June 6—The Rt. Rev. **Dena Harrison** will be at Grace Church at our 9:30 AM service to confirm and receive those wishing to join the Episcopal Church.

Saturday, June 12 @ 8 PM Gospel by the Sea at Moody Gardens. For more information go to www.stvhope.org.

THE SILK PURSE "OPEN HOUSE"

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010

10:00 AM — 2:00 PM



Come one, Come all! (And bring all of that stuff that you have been saving for the Silk Purse.) We are having an Open House at the Silk Purse to show off our repairs and to restock our inventory.

Come look around and enjoy a cool glass of lemonade and a cookie (or two) and drop off your sacks of gently worn clothes and "still-nice" house wares for our shelves and racks. We lost 100% of our inventory from before Ike, so we are completely restocking.

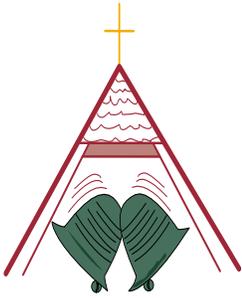
DONATIONS ONLY PLEASE — NO CONSIGNMENTS AT THIS TIME.

Time to sign up for Summer Camp

Ask Ariel Conoly or Richard Paul Bustamante...Is camp fun? "Best time I ever had!" they say. Camp Allen continues to provide the best in camping experience for all kids that come to summer camp. Partial scholarships are available.

Fr. Paul and Sherry are Session Directors for Camp Session I which is June 20-26 for teens in 7th-9th grades. Laura Hyatt, Judy Webb, Anne Lett-Brown and others will be assisting.

We are very thankful for the Spencer Hosford Camp Allen Scholarship Fund in the Grace Church Foundation established by Bill and Georgette Hosford many years ago. They, and others, continue to support it.



PEALINGS

Graceful Gatherers will be hosted Friday, May 7th by Pat and Stan Brown.

Time: 7-9 pm.

Stan and Shu Shu Clowers will host on June 4th.

ECW Meets Again

"Women of Grace" please join us for a Soup, Sandwich, & Salad Luncheon meeting Saturday, May 29th, 11:30 in Jinkins Hall. Please brush up on your knowledge of "St. Vincent's House" as we will discuss possibilities of how we can help with their on-going mission. Love in Christ, Janice Rhymes

THIS IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES ON WHO-DOES-WHAT IN OUR CHURCH.

Contemplative Prayer

Grace Church hosts a contemplative prayer/Christian meditation group in the chapel on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm led by Bill Noble. We start with a weekly reading from the World Community Meditation, then meditate for twenty minutes, then have a brief period of questions and discussion. All baptized Christians have the capacity for contemplative prayer/meditation through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Please come to the chapel on Tuesdays for a quiet hour of prayer and meditation. If you have questions, call Bill Noble at 409-939-8099.

Gospel By the Sea Concert

Benefiting St. Vincent's Episcopal House
Saturday, June 12 @ 6:00 PM
Moody Gardens Convention Center

The 9th Annual Gospel by the Sea Concert will feature headliner NuFocus from Dallas. Rev. Charles Hudson of KTSU 90.9 will act as Master of Ceremonies. The event will feature a tribute to the late Mama Randolph, by Carolyn Softly and David Mitchell. This concert showcases Texas and local groups with performances by St. Vincent's House's 'The Seeds of Tomorrow

Children's Choir'; Voices of the Mainland; Galveston Area Youth Choir; Iglesia Monte Calvario Choir, Avenue L Praise Group, Tony & The Voices of the Spirit and Dru Johnson & Neo Praize. This a community based, family friendly activity that brings all segments of the community together in support of the work at St. Vincent's House.

Christian Ed:

We are eagerly awaiting Pentecost and the Picnic. The water slide was a great attraction last year and the kids have been looking forward to that special treat all year.

We have been so fortunate to receive several Vacation Bible School programs from various churches. We have selected



a rainforest theme this year. Since Moody Garden's Rainforest is scheduled to reopen this summer, we hope to culminate our studies with a trip to that facility. We are exploring the miracles of Jesus and those who carried on his work as we finish our fall/winter session. *By Cathy Smith*

Daughters of the King

We are meeting and praying regularly. Our newbies are half way through their training, which should be completed by August. We have several prayer blankets on hand. Please let us know of anyone (adult or child) who is going through a difficult time and needs comforting. These are very soft and can be

From Jan Dorsett....."My heartfelt thanks to the many people who came to my party as well as the many who sent cards. My grateful thanks to the two wonderful daughters who master-minded it as well as the many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were there."

Donation Form for Hymnals and Prayer Books

We are ordering new hymnals and prayer books for the church. If you would like to donate one or more of these, please provide the information requested below. Cost is \$25 each, including the dedication label.

I would like to donate _____ Hymnal/ Book of Common Prayer to the Glory of God and in

Thanksgiving _____

Memory of _____

Celebration of _____

Given by (name & phone) _____

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Happy Anniversary!

5/16 John & Nancy Provenzano

5/27 Dan & Judy Ricketts

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5/31 Rick & Leila Boullion

Happy Birthday!

5/3 Pat Brown

Don Mafrige

5/12 Gary Auzston

5/13 Anne Lett-Brown

5/14 Debbie Fulbright

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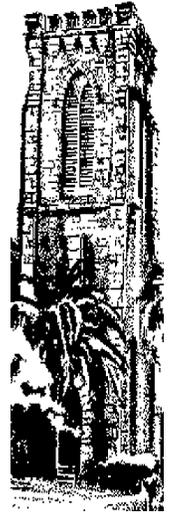
5/25 Roseanne Boynton-Jones

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