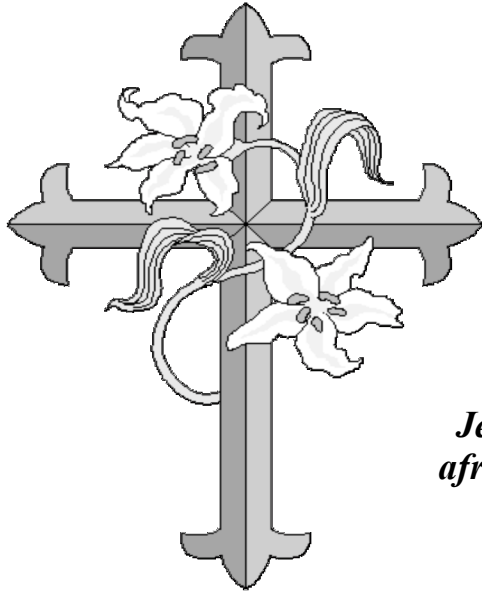


# THE BELL TOWER

## May - 2011



***Jesus said to the women, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."***

*Mt 28:10*

Dear People of Grace,

The above passage from our Easter Sunday reading reminds us that the Easter message is one of ongoing action. Easter is not about looking for Jesus back at the tomb; nor is it about trying to find proof of him in the artifacts or diggings or even the buildings from long ago. Jesus waits for us out there – in our *Galilee's*. We are to look for him as we go about our lives in whatever place we are in, and we live in the expectation of encountering him daily.

We also understand that Easter is not just a day – it is not merely an annual celebration of a long-ago miraculous event. It is a state of being. A state of expectant hope – hope that is born from the belief that the risen Lord lives in the here and now. The Easter message is meaningful to us only when we embrace it in our daily lives. Christ lives in the midst of us, and that is where we will find him. The resurrection is as much a miracle for us today as it was for the women to whom the above words were first spoken. So do not look for him among the dead; look for him in the world and people around you.

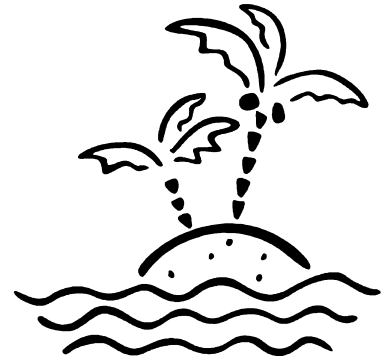
May your Easter season be blessed with the love and grace of the risen Lord.

*Fr. Paul+*

## JAN'S CORNER

I QUIT . . . I RESIGN . . . I RETIRE! Which is it?

To me, "I quit" means leaving in a bad mood, and that there is something in the job that is so bad that quitting is the only option. "I resign" means taking one's time in leaving, and perhaps hoping for a better job elsewhere. "I retire" means coming to the time when one has nothing more to offer, when the job – though it is still needed – is beyond the person who is saying, "I retire."



That is what I did – I retired because I had very little left to offer. I have done the Bell Tower since its beginning – I can't tell you when that was. What I can tell you is that it was fun -- and often challenging -- and pleasing when it came out as I expected. Now, it is over, however. I have "retired," pleased with myself and happy to see what is next on the horizon. Thank you for your support and encouragement. Leslie will do a great job!

THANK YOU, JAN

Rector's note:

We have been so greatly blessed for so long by Jan's faithful commitment to spreading the news of Grace via the Bell Tower. We have many subscribers who left Galveston long ago, but still love to receive and read our monthly newsletter. Jan has successfully endeavored to keep it both interesting and informative throughout the many years that she has been our editor. We are glad that she is still 'up' for writing a monthly "Jan's Corner" and look forward to her words of wisdom and humor in the future.

On behalf of Grace Church—Thank you Jan!

*Fr. Paul+*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

submitted by Cathy Smith



"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 these Sunday morning classes during the summer will be enthusiastically welcomed.

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## DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER 2010 BELL TOWER IS MAY 21

To simplify the church office schedule and reduce costs during the summer vacation period, there will be ONLY ONE Bell Tower for June, July and August, so plan ahead and get your items in early for those three months. To meet the projected distribution date of June 1, submissions must be in by May 21.

Beginning in the fall, the Bell Tower will resume monthly publication. The deadline for submitting news, announcements, calendar items or reports to the Bell Tower will be the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month preceding the month in which you want your item to appear. The deadline for the September Bell Tower will be August 21; the deadline for the October Bell Tower will be Sept. 21; the deadline for the November Bell Tower will be Oct. 21; and the deadline for the December Bell Tower will be Nov. 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](mailto:lwatts7@flash.net)



## PENTECOST SUNDAY AND PICNIC

Submitted by Cathy Smith

Don't forget the annual Pentecost picnic on Sunday, June 12. We will be eating our traditional hot dogs and making windsocks, instead of kites, this year.



## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

submitted by Judy Ricketts

The Grace Church chapter of the Daughters of the King is pleased to welcome new members Lois West and Leslie Watts. The Order of the Daughters of the King is an international order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it and churches who are in the historic Episcopate. The Order's purpose is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our parishes and missions. For more information on the Daughters of the King or membership in the group, please contact [Judy Ricketts](#).

**SENIOR SUNDAY**  
**MAY 29, 2011**  
**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*

**2011 Graduating Seniors**

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

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 \* REJOICE! \*  
 \* Submitted by Shu Shu Clowers, who writes: "This is for the Bell \*  
 \* Tower, a sweet Easter season ditty. A friend of mine writes these \*  
 \* each month as a greeting on her message system." \*  
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 \* Rejoice! Rejoice! \*  
 \* Spring weather is at hand, \*  
 \* Trees in bloom, birds in song, \*  
 \* 'Tis time again for sea and sand. \*  
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 \* The earth renews, \*  
 \* Our lives can, too. \*  
 \* The Easter message fills the air, \*  
 \* Meant for the many, not the few. \*  
 \* Rejoice! Rejoice! \*  
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## WHY GO TO CHURCH?

(Unattributed – on-line)

An energetic and successful businessman was complaining that it made no sense to him to waste his hard earned “day off” by going to church every Sunday. “I’ve gone for 30 years now,” he said, “and in that time I have heard more than 1,500 sermons. But, for the life of me, I can’t remember much of any of them. So, why go? I think I’m wasting my time by being there, and what’s more, the ministers are wasting their time by giving sermons at all.”

Another equally successful parishioner listening to this, responded quietly:

“I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked probably more than 10,000 meals – sometimes three in one day. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall her entire “balanced meal” menu plan for a single one of those meals. But I do know this – they all nourished me and gave me the health and strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not served me those nourishing meals – if I had eaten junk food instead -- I would not enjoy the good health I do today, and in fact, I might even be physically dead. Likewise, if I had not gone to church each week -- even though I cannot remember exactly what was “served” -- I would be spiritually malnourished, and perhaps even spiritually dead today. Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment.”

### Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Grace Upcoming Events

**Thursday, May 12** 4:30 PM in Jinkins Hall sewing for Dresses for Africa

**Saturday, May 21** 9:00 AM at Anne Lett-Brown’s, 5200 Denver will host the last sewing day for the Dresses for Africa project.

**Sunday, May 22** Blessing of the Dresses at Grace Church

**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.

Thanks to our ladies who cut, sewed, ironed, cooked, and/or pinned last Saturday. We have more than 20 dresses completed or in progress, so our project is off to a great start! Bless you all, *Nancy Wilkes*

Linda Shubert  
Anne Lett-Brown  
Rose Daniels  
Ellie Hanley  
Judy Ricketts  
Linda Shubert  
Nancy Wilkes

Pat Bevil  
Peggy Baldwin Clayton  
Stephen Glaser  
Betty Harris  
Vickie Robertson  
Judy Webb

Jean Baldwin  
Shu Shu Clowers  
Cathy Gould  
Doris Niccolai  
Sandy Schlagenhauf  
Lois West



### Graceful Gatherers for May

*Please mark you calendars: May 6th at Lee & Jayne Davis'*

*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.*



#### **SASS**

#### **SAINT AUGUSTINE SPIRITUAL SUPPORT**

A GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH HIV/AIDS ISSUES

#### **MEETING**

**EVERY THURSDAY FROM 6 TO 8:30 PM  
BEGINNING MARCH 31ST 2011**

AT 1410-41ST ST  
GALVESTON ISLAND, TEXAS

#### **FOOD**

**POTLUCK DINNER BEGINNING @ 6 PM**

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

#### **SUPPORT GROUP**

FOLLOWING DINNER AT 7 PM

**CALL 409 653-4254**

**THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND**

#### ***Happy Anniversary!***

- 5/16 Nancy & John Provenzano
- 5/27 Judy & Dan Ricketts
- 5/29 Barb & Charles Falkenhagen
- 5/31 Lelia & Rick Boullion

# Happy Birthday!

- 5/3 Pat Brown  
Don Mafrige
- 5/7 Nancy Wilkes
- 5/12 Gary Auzston
- 5/13 Anne Lett-Brown
- 5/14 Debbie Fulbright  
Cathy Gould
- 5/15 Rex Bustamante
- 5/16 Mary Kilgore
- 5/21 Addison Ramirez
- 5/21 Charles Elrod
- 5/22 Katie Barillas  
Deanna Gonzales
- 5/23 Richard Arthur  
Mike Conoly
- 5/25 Roseann Boynton-Jones
- 5/26 Sherry Sasser
- 5/28 Posy Jackson
- 5/30 Sam Houston

When you are “down” to nothing, God is probably “up” to something.

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible.

The next time Satan is knocking at your door, consider stepping aside and saying,

*“Jesus, could you get that for me?”*

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, May 6 from 7:00—9:00 PM – Graceful Gatherers** at the home of Lee & Jayne Davis

**Tuesday, May 24 from 5:30—7:30 PM—Circle of Care** will be dining with the COH class and then have its separate meeting in the Library, led by Charlene Lutz & Sandra Linton.

**Senior Sunday, May 29—Celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating Seniors.**

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

**EPISCOPAL NIGHT @ MINUTEMAID PARK**

**ASTROS VS RANGERS**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28 @ 7:05 PM**

**FIELD BOX SEATS \$26, SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE BACK OF CHURCH**

### 2011 FOUNDATION BOARD

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**Vickie Robertson, Clerk**

**John McCulley, Jr. Warden**

**Dan Ricketts**

**Carol Ramirez**

**Derek Paget-Clarke**

**William Jones**

**TREASURER— Derek Paget-Clarke**

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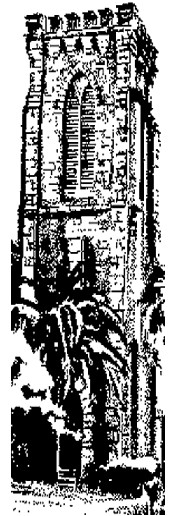
If you miss a sermon or want to share one with a friend who is seeking a church family, please help yourself to the sermon CD's in the back of the church. You can also find many of Fr. Paul and Rev. Helen's sermons on our Grace Church website: [www.gracechurchgalveston.org](http://www.gracechurchgalveston.org)

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