

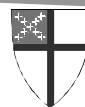
Come and See!

Calvary Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 721
Bastrop, Texas 78602
512.303.7515 • 512.303-6615

June 2010



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Nurturing a Loving Courageous Connection to Life



From the Interim Rector

Though I would not want to forego Nancy's and my trip to Italy, which we have been planning for two years, I hate to miss the close of the Easter season at Calvary Church, and especially Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. The latter feast has always seemed somewhat abstract to me, but in recent days I have been fascinated to read in Karen Armstrong's book *The Case for God* a summary of the Cappadochian Fathers' understanding of this mystery. The "Cappadochian fathers" included Basil of Caesaria, his brother Gregory of Nyssa, and his friend Gregory of Nazianzus. All were outstanding theologians of the fourth century who lived in what is now central Turkey. Ms Armstrong's commentary on this subject is as follows:

The Trinity has been very puzzling to Western Christians, but it has been central to Eastern Orthodox spirituality. In the early modern period, when the West was developing a wholly rational way of thinking about God and the world, philosophers and scientists were appalled by the irrationality of the Trinity. But for the Cappadochian fathers the whole point of the doctrine was to stop Christians from thinking about God in rational terms. If you did that, you could only think about God as *a* being, because that was all our minds were capable of. The Trinity was not a "mystery" that had to be believed, but an image that Christians were supposed to contemplate in a particular way. It was a *mythos*, because it spoke of a truth that was not accessible to *logos*, and, like any myth it made sense only when you translated it into practical action. When they meditated on the God that they had known as Three and One, Christians would become aware that God bore no relation at all to any being in their experience. The Trinity reminded Christians not to think about God as a simple personality and that what we call "God" was inaccessible to rational analysis. It was a meditative device to counter the idolatrous tendency of people like Arius, who had seen God as a mere being. . . .

Nobody was required to "believe" this as a divine fact. The Trinity was a "mystery"—not because it was an incomprehensible conundrum that had to be taken "on faith". It was a mystery because it was an "initiation" that induced Christians into a wholly different way of thinking about the divine. Basil always distinguished between the public message of the Church and its dogma, which could be grasped only after long immersion in liturgical prayer. The Trinity was prime example of *dogma*, a truth that brought us up against the limits of language but could be suggested by the symbolic gestures of the liturgy and the silent reflective devotion of the Christian.

In other words the Trinity is not a mathematical formula, but a teaching that goes beyond rational thought and pushes us into the infinite mystery of God. As we reflect on this mystery, may our minds and spirits expand to embrace the love of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in new and thrilling ways. JHL

Downtown Bastrop ~ 603 Spring Street ~ Bastrop, Texas 78602

Calvary Announcements & Information

AN UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY

Fleeta Cunningham, our Altar Guild Directress, has been invited to participate in an Altar Guild study trip to England, where she can "learn her craft" in Canterbury Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral, Westminster Abby, and other distinguished churches and cathedrals. This is quite an honor. Only twenty-five persons have been invited to do this. There is a cost: the price of the trip is \$2300, exclusive of air fare. A parishioner is working on providing frequent flyer miles, and parishioners have already donated \$600 toward the price of the trip.



Suzanne Sanders is working tirelessly to gather further donations to make this unparalleled opportunity a reality. If you would like to make a donation, large or small, please pass it on to Suzanne or bring it to the church office. Donors should write "Altar Guild Training" in the memo line of the check. And please support Fleeta in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your help.

Pat Orr
Senior Warden



THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING Chapter, The Sisters of Mary and Martha hold a prayer service the second Monday of the month. The next prayer service will be held June 14th. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please fill out the prayer request located on the pack of the pews and on the table in the Narthex. The prayer request may be placed in the collection plate or the box located on the table in the Narthex. All prayers are strictly confidential. The Daughters will continue to pray for you throughout the month. For more information, please contact Robin Powell at 512-304-5619.

8th ANNUAL

Virginia Wright Memorial Golf Tournament

Benefiting Calvary Episcopal School

Saturday, June 5, 2010

PINE FOREST GOLF CLUB

Bastrop, TX



It's a 3-Man Scramble - Three Flights, Amateur Golfers Only.

Shotgun Start at 8 A.M.

Entry Fee: \$100 for individuals, \$300 for 3-Man Teams

Also included are a Raffle and Silent Auction, Fish Lunch provided by Chicken Express.

Players receive Green Fees, Cart Rental, Course/Clubhouse Beverages, Range Balls and Lunch.

For Registration Contact: Will Jenkins at 512-718-2179 or willjenkins@austin.rr.com.



It's a sacred day to all war veterans: None need to be reminded of the reason that Memorial Day must be commemorated. But what about the general public, and more important, future generations? Do most non-veterans really recognize the importance of the day honoring their fellow Americans killed in war?

Judging from what Memorial Day has become - simply another day off from work - the answer is a resounding no. Perhaps a reminder is due, then. And it is the duty of each and every veteran to relay the message.

Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens recall and be aware of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime.

Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day.

This should be regarded as a civic obligation. For this is a national debt that can only be truly repaid by individual Americans. By

honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice in the memories of future generations.

They came from all walks of life and regions of the country. But they all had one thing in common - love of and loyalty to country. This bond cemented ties between them in times of trials, allowing a diverse lot of Americans to achieve monumental ends.

We remember the loss of loved ones, a sense of loss that takes group form. In essence, America is commemorating those who made the greatest sacrifice possible - giving one's own life on behalf of others.

Means of paying tribute vary. Pausing for a few moments of personal silence is available to everyone.

Attending commemorative ceremonies is the most visible way of demonstrating remembrance. Placing flags at gravesites, marching in parades, sponsoring patriotic programs, dedicating memorials and wearing Buddy Poppies are examples.

Whether done individually or collectively, it is the thought that counts. Personal as well as public acts of remembering are the ideal. Public displays of patriotism are essential if the notion of remembering war dead is to be instilled in youth.

As America's older war veterans fast disappear from society's landscape, there are fewer standard-bearers left to carry the torch of

remembrance. Such traditions will live on only if there is a vibrant movement to which that torch can be passed.

Now, more than in past years, the enduring relevance of Memorial Day should be clearly evident. With two wars underway, the public has no excuse not to remember.

This much is owed to the more than 5,400 Americans who have died thus far in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Thomas J. Tradewell, Sr.
Commander-In-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars

COLUMBARIUM RESERVATIONS



Reservations are being taken for Columbarium Niches (vaults for ash remains) and for Memorial Plaques. There is a display in the Parish Hall with information and the application can be obtained from Caren at the Church Office. For more information call Betty Kesselus at 512-303-7720.



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. ~ Rite I ♦ 9:00 a.m. ~ Contemporary ♦ 11:00 a.m. ~ Rite II
10:00 a.m. - Christian Formation

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Memorial Day	1	2 6:30 pm Finance Mtg 6:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	3 1:00 pm Bulletin Folding	4	5
6 Sunday Services	7	8	9 6:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	10 1:00 pm Bulletin Folding 4:00 School BD Mtg 6:30 Vestry Mtg	11	12
13 Sunday Services	14 6:30 pm Daughters of the King Prayer Service	15 News Letter Article Submission Deadline	16 6:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	17 1:00 pm Bulletin Folding	18	19
20 Sunday Services 12:00 pm Daughters of the King Monthly Meeting	21	22	23 6:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	24 1:00 pm Bulletin Folding	25	26
27 Sunday Services	28	29	30 6:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal			

CALENDARS, SERVER'S SCHEDULE & SUNDAYS' LECTIONARY READINGS ARE JUST A CLICK AWAY

Visit us at www.calvaryepiscopal-bastroptx.org

Calvary's Youth

GRADUATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate the high school graduation of Michael Felps, Evan Kice and Joey Thompson with us on Sunday, June 6th. All three are graduating from Bastrop High School.

Michael Felps is a member of the National Honor Society and the American Sign Language (ASL) National Honor Society. He reached the rank of Life Scout in the Boy Scouts. He has been a four year member of the Bastrop High School Band, and in the Rockne 4-H Club for six years where he has shown market goats at local and major show, as well as competed in Food and Nutrition events on the County, District and Major level where he won several ribbons. This summer he will be working as a council for Down Home Ranch in Elgin. He will be working with mentally challenged teens and adults. In the fall, he will be majoring in Forestry - Wildlife Management at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacodoches where he has been awarded a partial grant. He will also be marching in the SFA Lumberjack Marching Band. Michael has accomplished all this despite being diagnosed with Sensory Integration Dysfunction as a toddler, that required occupational and speech therapy most of his life, as well as having dyslexia and dysgraphia.



Evan Kice is graduating in the top 10% of his class with honors and has been recognized as a Rising Star by the Bastrop Education Foundation. He has participated in Bastrop High School Band all four years. He has also been a member of the Interact Club, has worked as a youth counselor at Camp Allen, and has earned Eagle Scout level of the Boy Scouts. Evan plans to do some traveling with friends this summer. He will be majoring in Computer Engineering at the University of Texas at Dallas with a plan of getting his Masters Degree in Software Engineering. He received full 4-year scholarship funding from UT of Dallas, as well as a scholarship from the Rotary Club of Cedar Creek.



Joey Thompson is graduating with honors. He was a member of the Robotics club and participated in several school sponsored competitions through out the state. He received an academic achievement award & scholarship from UNT College of Engineering. This summer he will be working at the Performance Art Center (PAC) in Bastrop. He has been accepted at University of North Texas College of Engineering.



A blessing from the graduates' parents will be given at the 11:00 Service, and a reception in their honor will be held in the Community Life Center following the Service. Please join us to celebrate this milestone in their lives.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Calvary offers congratulations to our college graduates:

Theresa Frieburger graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology - Ecology, Environment and Diversity.

Miles McDonald graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in Radio, Television, & Film.

CALVARY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

A graduation ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in the Community Life Center.

School Board Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Library of the Community Life Center. There will not be a meeting in July.

Calvary Episcopal School is now enrolling for Fall 2010 – 3 years old thru 1st Grade.



CALVARY CONCERT CHORALE

The initial concert by our Chorale was a rousing success. We had an enthusiastic full house, and the music was inspiring. Gary Perrenot is producing an audio CD and video DVD of our concert. If you are interested in either, contact Gary at: gperreno@austin.rr.com. The video of the concert will be shown on Bastrop Community Access TV (Time/Warner) at a future date.



RECTOR SEARCH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. *How can I nominate a Rector for Calvary?*

A. You can pick up a nomination form in the Narthex, the parish hall on the table under Rector Search Update Bulletin Board, or in the church office. Please take time to prayerfully consider why the candidate would be a good fit for Calvary. Once you have filled out the nomination form, drop it off in the church office.

Q. *Can the new rector come from outside the Diocese of Texas?*

A. Yes, candidates may be considered from anywhere in the Episcopal Church of the United States.

Q. *What happens after I submit a nominee?*

A. Nominations are turned into the Bishop's Office. The Bishop determines which nominees are duly qualified, available for transfer and are a potential match for Calvary. A list of approved candidates is sent to the Search Committee. This may include other candidates who have been approved by the Bishop.

Q. *How does the Search Committee select a candidate from the Bishop's approved list of names?*

A. The Search Committee has identified desirable characteristics for a new Rector from the parish survey. The Committee used these characteristics to develop a set of interview questions. The members of the Search Committee visit the candidates at their current parishes to conduct interviews and observe the candidate to present to the vestry.

Q. *What happens after the Search Committee selects a candidate?*

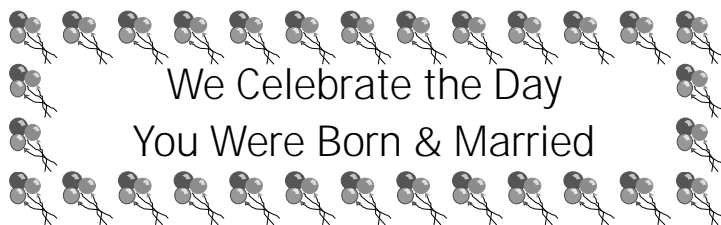
A. Once the Search Committee has narrowed the search down to the top candidate, the Committee presents that candidate's name and qualifications to the Vestry for consideration. The Vestry then notifies the candidate and schedules a visit in preparation of the call..

Q. *When will the congregation be informed of the selection?*

A. After the candidate has accepted the call from the Vestry, an announcement will be made during the services at Calvary and at the Rector's previous parish on the same Sunday. The congregation of Calvary will also be informed by letter.

Q. *How long will the search process take?*

A. The search process can take anywhere from a few months to over a year.



We Celebrate the Day
You Were Born & Married

- Jun 1 Barbara Kayton, Cheryl Green, *Glenn & Carol Gruetzner, Bill & Peggy Gunter*
- Jun 2 Dee Ternus, Lincoln Gwin
- Jun 3 Pat Pugh, *Richard & Dawna Armstrong*
- Jun 4 *Byron & Theresa Rentfro*
- Jun 5 Caitlyn Lopez
- Jun 6 Bob Murray
- Jun 7 Larry Albers, Jr.
- Jun 9 Bob Jenkins III
- Jun 10 Jered Rabensburg, Nicole Rabensburg
- Jun 12 Dolores Hestdalen, Allyson Clayton, *Shawn & Dana Barnes*
- Jun 14 Harry Green Jr., Kathleen Moore, *Ken & Toni Kesselus*
- Jun 15 Vicki Henry, Nina Ostrander, Randy Cours, Ashley Hessler, Zoe Picciandra
- Jun 16 Holly Ward, Kristen Alley
- Jun 17 Miles McDonald, Sheamus Meier, Meaghan Barnes
- Jun 18 Gerald Hanna, Devlin Hunter
- Jun 19 Nancy Jensen-Case, Jana Patrolia
- Jun 20 Justin Pickering, *Austin & Becky Walker*
- Jun 21 Chris Dickson, *Larry & Katty Albers*
- Jun 22 Lori Chapin, Linda Voight, Kevin Barnes
- Jun 23 Chris Gunter, Thomas Powell, *Carl & Marci Kincheloe*
- Jun 24 Carol Wellso, Theresa Murray, *Gary & Laura Boes, Mike & Marty Moran*
- Jun 25 Claire Johnson, Oliver Gwin
- Jun 28 Sara Clayton
- Jun 29 *David & Caitlyn Lopez, Stan & Carol Wellso*

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

This is a very strong committee and each person brings a unique set of skills, experience, and talents to its activities. It is exciting to anticipate the good work and the results that will come about. Members of the Rector Search Committee are:

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Sue Brubaker | Nancy Jensen-Case |
| Staci Calvert | Richard Kesselus |
| Sara Clayton | Clay Kibby |
| Betty Dunkerley | Erika Moore |
| Bill Ennis | Robin Powell |

COME & SEE The monthly Come & See newsletter, along with three previous month's issues, can now be viewed from our website www.calvaryepiscopal-bastroptx.org under Newsletter in the left panel.

Calvary's Staff
Office Hours
Monday-Friday ~ 9 am-4 pm
Rector - Father John Loving

Adm. Asst. Caren Nelson-Pettersen	Lay Ministries Jamie McDonald
---	---

Bookkeeper Dorothy Cours	Music Director Fred Ratliff
------------------------------------	---------------------------------------

Custodian Bryan Zirkelbach	Nursery Briana Stellman Isela Mederos
--------------------------------------	--



Vestry 2010

Senior Warden Pat Orr 304-5862; 985-5342	Junior Warden Chris Dickson 304-8938
Mary McMurrey Tom Clayton Joe Ternus Carol Brown Cam Chavez Richard Kesselus Bill Ennis	303-2160 303-5016 237-3022 581-2633 577-0410 431-2940 303-0442
Vestry Clerk Bill Ennis 303-0442	Treasurer Betty Dunkerley 985-6200

Ministry Team Leaders

Acolytes Stacey Arantes Sara Clayton	581-8020 468-8364
Adult Classes Susan Crone	694-2520
Altar Guild Fleeta Cunningham	303-1533
Calvary Support Ministry/Pastoral Care Tim O'Neil	308-0938
Chalice Bearers & Lectors Open	
Christmas Boxes Robin Powell	303-0459
Daughters Of The King Robin Powell	303-0459
Greeters/Oblationers Lisa Berdoll Lori Chapin	303-1244 303-0135
R.A. Green Mercantile, LLC Bill Ennis	303-0442
Music Director Fred Ratliff	360-4198
Newsletter Doris Kershaw	321-2104
Sunday Hosts Jamie McDonald	988-1511
Thanksgiving Dinner Maurine Weber	321-4977
Ushers/Bell Ringers Chris Dickson Gerald Hanna	304-8938 303-5042
Website Doris Kershaw	321-2104
Youth Christian Formation Susan Crone	694-2520

Calvary Episcopal School: 512- 321-1610
Website: www.calvaryschool.net
Candace Grigsby, Director
Susan Winters, Assistant Director