

The Weekly Word-- February 14-February 21, 2010

TO KNOW CHRIST, GROW IN CHRIST, AND SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE
PLEASE TAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET HOME WITH YOU.

THE CHURCH OFFERS NURTURING, EXPERIENCED, CHILDCARE: For the 8:00 a.m. services, the nursery for infants and children up to 4 years old is available in Huffman Hall, the nursery is located down the hallway on the parking lot side of Huffman Hall. At 9 a.m. the 2 to 4 year olds go to Room 5 of the Education Building Nursery. Both Nurseries close at 12:15 p.m. There is also a comfortable, soundproof room in the Sanctuary balcony for adults who wish to keep their babies with them during the services. 3 and 4 year old children have two options on Sunday mornings. ALL children, through age 4, are welcome in the nursery on Sunday morning. Those children who are reliably potty trained and developmentally ready for a more structured environment are invited to attend Sunday School from 9:15 - 10:15 in the Basement of the Sanctuary and Children's Chapel in Basement Room, B-18 from 10:30 - 11:05.

THANKS FOR FAITHFULLY WEARING YOUR NAMETAG EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY!

If you are a member and need a new nametag, please visit the Welcome Table in the Commons right after church.

PERSONAL PRAYER TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE DURING Communion at Prayer Stations on either side of the sanctuary. One is located on the east side by the windows, and the other one is on the west side in the gallery. Prayers will also be offered immediately after church by the team near the windows. All prayer requests and discussions are completely confidential.

HOME DELIVERY OF HOLY COMMUNION If you are unable to come to church and would like Holy Communion brought to you on Sunday, please call the church office at 345-8314.

IF YOU ATTEND CHURCH BUT ARE UNABLE TO WALK TO THE ALTAR FOR HOLY COMMUNION, please notify an usher and the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE WHEELCHAIRS, A WALKER, A PRAYER SHAWL AND A BLANKET IN THE GALLERY OF THE SANCTUARY for temporary need. Please contact the Office before borrowing the equipment.

THE WEEKLY WORD DEADLINE IS 5 P.M. ON TUESDAY. If you have an article for the Weekly Word please email them to Word@StMattsAustin.Org. The monthly *Word* deadline is the 15th of each month. Please send Monthly *Word* articles to Word@StMattsAustin.org

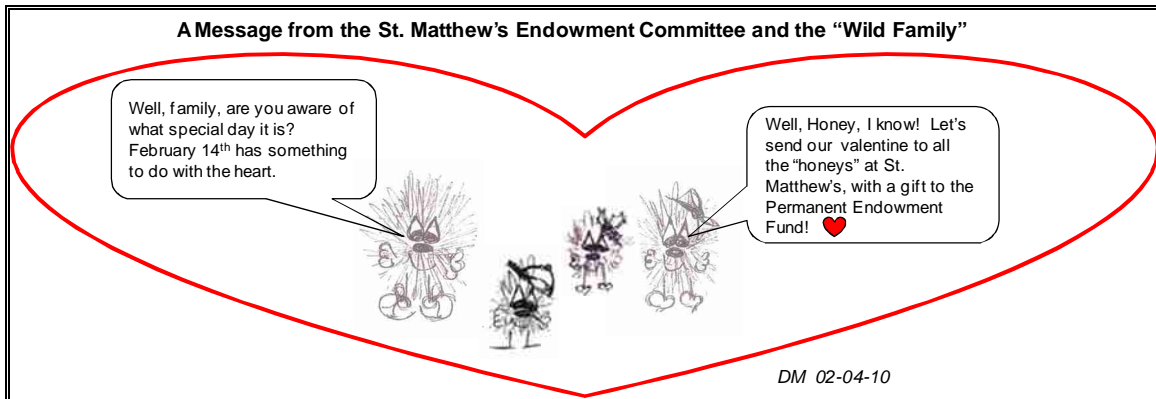
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Items marked with an asterisk () are run for the first time today.

Stewardship Tip: As part of your stewardship, share your story with others.

Sunday February 14th: On Campus Activity full of games, dinner, and fellowship! Come and enjoy a night of fun filled games, great food, and good friends! We will meet in the Youth Center at 5:30 pm and conclude at 7:30 pm. Wednesday February 17th: NO HSYG, Ash Wednesday

MORE CURSILLO NEWS: The Convocational Ultreya will be hosted by St. Matthew's here tonight, 6pm in Huffman Hall. Bring a snack to share, and a friend. Paul Williams is 4th Day Speaker, The Rev. Merrill Wade Spiritual Advisor, Bill Parmeter The Rector and as always. Jim Dettmann will provide musical support. Child care provided. This is a good time to step up, turn out and support the Cursillo Community in the Convocation. See you in a few hours, Ultreya ! Submitted by Dyke Miller



SHROVE TUESDAY FAMILY FUN!

All families are invited to join us on Shrove Tuesday, February 16th at 5:30 p.m. in Huffman Hall for a pancake supper and children's activities. We will be holding a pancake flipping relay, making mardi gras hats and masks, and burying the Alleluias. We will also be having a parade around Huffman Hall so bring your skates, scooters, tricycles, and strollers! We had lots of fun last year so don't miss the festivities this year! If you have any questions, please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or helen@stmattsAustin.org.

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Services of the Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be held at the following times in the church Sanctuary:

7AM – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes with Sermon – no music

9:15AM – Day School Chapel Service – Imposition of Ashes without Holy Communion

Noon – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes with Sermon – with music

7PM – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes with Sermon and Choir

20's & 30's Monthly Bible Study: Thursday February 18th 6:30 to 8:00 pm

The 20's & 30's Group of St. Matthew's will gather for our monthly Bible study on Thursday February 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Mesa Ranch Restaurant, located right next to our church! Come and enjoy some fellowship with friends as we look closely at scripture.

Report on 2010 Operating Pledges: Special thanks to all those who have returned their pledge cards to St. Matthew's. As of 02/12/10, we have received 286 pledges totaling \$945.082. If you have not received a pledge card, please locate one in the seatback in front of you in the church and place in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office. Thanks one and all.

VISA, MasterCard or Discover Card: The church office accepts VISA, MasterCard and Discover Card for pledges, general contributions, designated gifts, Memorial Garden spaces, Endowment celebratory and memorial gifts, retreat reservations, special event or program fees etc. For more information, please visit the church office.

Boy Scout Troop 511



Troop 511 is sponsored by St. Matthews Episcopal church and has been in existence for over 35 years. The goal of the Boy Scouts of America is to build character, personal fitness, and citizenship in the leaders of tomorrow by teaching them to live up to the Scout Oath and Law. We have an active troop of approximately 80 young men between the ages of 11 and 18.

Troop 511 achieves the goals of scouting with our active outdoor program. We camp every month of the school year and attend at least one weeklong summer camp every year. We consistently send crews to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico which is one of the premier high adventure programs of the BSA. This summer we are sending 8 scouts to the National Seabase in Florida, 15 scouts to the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in Virginia, and more than a dozen will participate in the National Youth Leadership Development program this year. In addition to those activities 2 other groups of 8 to 10 scouts will participate in mid-adventure programs in Colorado.

Troop 511 has a strong history of advancement. Over the past 35 years, more than 100 boys have attained the rank of Eagle Scout here at St. Matthews. Our dedicated leaders actively work with scouts to learn the basic skills of scouting within their first year in the troop. As each scout advances through the ranks they are required to participate in an increasing number of community service hours. Our scouts gave well in excess of 1,000 hours back to our community last year. Courts of Honor are held in the winter, spring and fall to recognize the hard work Scouts put in to advance in rank. Join us on March 9th at 7:00 pm in Huffman Hall for our next Court of Honor where we will recognize at least 50 scouts for their advancement in rank, completion of merit badges, and other scouting achievements. That same evening we will be hosting a blood drive to do our part in helping the Capital Area Council collect 100 gallons of blood this year for the Central Texas Regional Blood bank. If you would like to give blood please contact Karen Flanagan at kmflanagan@sbcglobal.net.

This year the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 100th year anniversary. You will see and hear lots of great things about scouting in the USA, but know that the best of scouting is happening right here at St. Matthews because of your generous support of our Troop. Baden Powell the founder of the Scouting movement said, "Scouting is fun, with a purpose" If you are a young man between the ages of 11 and 18 or know of one that wants to be part of the fun, come join us any Tuesday night from 7-8:30 pm. Troop 511 is changing America, one young man at a time. To find out more, contact Jack Gindler, Scoutmaster, at jgindler@gcmcpa.com.

Women's Story Circle: Gidget Fisher is the guest speaker at our February 21 Women's Story Circle. Her thoughts when asked to speak to at the luncheon, "Who? Me? I talk all the time and I think that most St. Matthew's women already know my story. Then, I realized that maybe they didn't know the WHOLE story. An abusive alcoholic father, wealth and poverty, divorce and second marriage, births, deaths, illnesses...good heavens! It sounds like a TV reality show. However, God has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. HE has never waivered. Church on the other hand, not so much! That being said, many life lessons were learned in church and I would like to share them with you. Some are serious and others are funny. Chances are you will remember some of the lessons you learned in church. I look forward to sharing them with you."

The Women's Story Circle is a monthly luncheon and fellowship event for women of all ages, featuring a woman from our parish telling her spiritual story. A donation of \$5 is requested for the lunch.

In order to help us be both good hostesses and good stewards in planning the amount of food we'll need, PLEASE RSVP if you will be attending. Also, if you will need childcare, please indicate so. RSVP by February 17th to Glenda Monroe at glenda@texasbankers.com, or 250-5139, or by filling out an RSVP card and placing it in the box in the Commons.

Club 345 will meet Sunday February 21st! If you are in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, please join us at our next meeting on Sunday February 21st from 3:30pm to 5:00pm as we make casseroles for our parish shut-ins and play Bunco! Cool prizes will be given out to all the winners. Look for your evite a week out and as always, bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or helen@stmattsAustin.org.

Children's Sunday School – Join us in Children's Sunday School during the month of February as we learn about Jesus calling his 12 disciples. Jesus traveled everywhere telling people about the love of God. But he couldn't do it alone; he needed some helpers. Those helpers turned out to be the 12 disciples. Jesus asks us to be disciples too – sharing the love of God with others. The children will experience the calling of the 12 disciples through art, theater, and science and cooking. We will be making beaded fish key chains in art, watching a movie of Jesus calling the disciples in theater, and making fish pizzas in science and cooking.

On February 21st, the K/1st graders will do theater, the 2nd/3rd graders will do art, and the 4th/5th graders will do art.

On February 14th and 21st, the 3 and 4 year olds will hear about miracles - Jesus calming the sea and feeding the 5,000.

Join us on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 for fun and fellowship. Children ages 3 years old (and potty trained) through fifth grade are invited to join us each Sunday morning in the basement of the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Helen Pelkey (345-8314 x227 or helen@stmattsAustin.org).

3 and 4 year olds meet in Room B-16. Kindergartners through 5th graders meet in Room B-21 for our opening and then stay in B-21 or move to B-17 or B-12, depending on their rotation. Kindergartners through 5th graders gather at the end of Sunday School in Room B-21 for snack. All ages are then escorted to Children's Chapel or picked up by their parents.

Chapel in B-18 – A Children's Chapel Service HAS BEEN HELD Sunday mornings at 10:30 in B-18 (Basement of the Sanctuary) for many years. This will all change on Sunday February 21st when we replace our Children's Chapel Service, for the season of Lent, with a Family Eucharist Service. This new Family Service is an opportunity for families to worship together in an informal environment. The Family Service will run concurrently with the 10:30 Eucharist Service. The Family Eucharist Service will last 45 minutes and will incorporate many of the wonderful parts of Children's Chapel with a homily that will have a message for children and adults alike. All ages are welcome; you don't have to have children to attend. The option to drop off your children and attend the 10:30 Eucharist in the sanctuary is still available to families. If you choose to drop off your children and worship upstairs, your children will be returned to you at the Peace. However, our hope is that you will want to attend the Family Service with your children so that you can help them develop their faith in God.

We are asking children to sign-up to be readers, candle lighters, crucifers, ushers, and oblationers (bringing up the elements). Please sign up downstairs on the bulletin board between B-18 and B-21 or by e-mailing Helen at helen@stmattsAustin.org.

We will not have a Family Eucharist on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday so that we can evaluate people's response to the new Family Eucharist Service. Instead, we will have Children's Chapel. Please share with us your thoughts and observations of the Family Eucharist Service so we know whether we should continue this new service into the summer and new school year.

The story for this Sunday, the 14th is Luke 9:28-36. We will hear the story of Jesus being transfigured on a mountaintop.

The Gospel reading for Sunday the 21st is Luke 4:1-13. In this reading from the Gospel of Luke, the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or the Rev. Kevin Schubert at 345-8314 x232.

ADULT EDUCATION FOR FEBRUARY
Monthly Breakfast in Huffman Hall 9:00AM – 10:00AM – Sunday, February 28.
Sunday School classes for all ages meet in Huffman Hall.

All regular weekly Sunday adult offerings begin at 9:15AM.

Rector's Forum – Location – Huffman Hall

February 14 – The Rev. Merrill Wade – Lenten Studies, Part 1 – Jesus and the Wilderness

February 21 – The Rev. Merrill Wade – Lenten Studies, Part 2 – Sin and Repentance

In my classes, we will use the Bible and Book of Common Prayer for this study of the Lenten Season. This will be more than an academic encounter. My goal is for us to draw closer to God through a deeper commitment to Christ. *Submitted by Merrill Wade*

Sunday Morning Bible Study – Location – Room B-13

This spring, we will study the Book of Romans chronologically. We will read a few verses each week and talk about them. By studying Romans, we hope to gain a better understanding of many of our core Christian beliefs and values. Advanced reading is available but not required, and newcomers are always welcome. *Submitted by William Lutz and Kay Ballard*

Sunday Morning Book Group – Location - Room B-14 (Wilson Room)

Someone calls to us in our fondest memories, in our greatest loves, our noblest achievements, even in our deepest hurts. God Himself longs for us if we are but willing to risk the encounter. This spring the Sunday Morning Book Group, an adult Sunday School class that meets in the Wilson Room (B-14) will be reading "The Sacred Romance: Drawing Closer to the Heart of God" by Brent Curtis and John Eldredge. The authors claim that our lives are not a random series of events; they tell a story that has meaning and are part of a greater Story. We are each in our own sacred romance with God. Come and share your sacred story with us. Two groups meet, one at 8:30 and one at 9:15. *Submitted by the facilitators: Jim and Linda Fryer, 372.9832.*

Living What We Believe - Location - B-6

Facilitator: Paul Williams. This Study group, "Living What We Believe" will meet in Room B-6 each Sunday morning at 9:15 to discuss the Gospel lesson from that Sunday's lectionary. The discussion is lively and reveals several points of view. After the class, at the 10:30AM service, it is interesting to compare the class discussion and the sermon. *Submitted by Paul Williams*

Discovery Class - Location - Breezeway Conference Room

Have you been visiting St. Matthew's and want to learn more about the Episcopal Church? Are you a long-time Episcopalian who would like a refresher course?

Are you a member of St. Matthew's who would like to share your experience with some seekers? Discovery Class is for you! Bishop Andy Doyle is returning to St. Matthew's for Confirmation on Sunday, March 7. Our Discovery Class prepares people who wish to join the church. It also is a good introduction or re-introduction to the Episcopal Church. In addition, it is a chance to meet some cool people who are new to the church. ALL are welcome! Please contact Susan Barnes, 345-8314 Ext 217, or email Susan@StMattsAustin.org or Betty Mitchell, 345-8314, Ext 215, Betty@StMattsAustin.org *Submitted by the Rev. Susan Barnes, class leader*

VETERANS INVITED TO TELL THEIR STORIES – submitted by Steve Wilson – Vietnam, USAF

Ever heard of StoryCorps? It is an organization whose goal is to learn from, honor and celebrate the lives of others through listening. Historians have recognized that everyday memories of everyday people have historical importance and, if not heard, will be lost forever.

We have a special sub-group within our congregation whose experiences are significant, have historical relevance, and should be heard: the present and past VETERANS of our armed services (and their families).

On Sunday February 21, 28 and March the 7th from 1530-1700 (that's 3:30-5:00PM to you civilians), Merrill, Milt Williams, Army, WWII and I will host an informal open discussion with all St Matthew's veterans, regardless of war or branch of service. We will hold these gatherings in Room B-18 in the basement of the Sanctuary. With a little luck, we hope that each of you will tell us about your personal experiences, what you did, where you served. What was it like? How did it affect you? What should the rest of us know about the experience? Did faith play a part? Your stories are unique, valuable treasures for your family and your community. Please come share them and listen to the stories of your fellow veterans. We have a lot to learn from each other.

Merrill is not a veteran and he wants to make sure that all non-veterans know that their presence is an integral part of this experience. If you plan to attend, please email Betty Mitchell at betty@stmattsaustrin.org so that we can have ample seating available! We hope to see you there!

Ladies of St. Matthews, The 2010 ECW Retreat, February 26-28 at Camp Allen, is almost upon us! Please sign up today to reserve your space for what promises to be an inspiring, relaxing weekend with your Sisters in Christ. Registration will continue in the commons area after the 10:30 service, and the registration form can also be found on our website: <http://www.stmattsaustrin.org/2010ECWRetreat.htm>

Please let Nora Foster (rdcnct@aol.com) know if you have any questions. We will need final deposit paid no later than Sunday, February 14th.

MPAC needs your help! On Tuesdays, MPAC is looking for a few volunteers that could help set up coffee, etc. for the participants in our program. Starting around 9am, it should take about 30 minutes. All supplies are provided. If you have a little time to share, MPAC would be most appreciative! Contact Gidget Fisher @328-2088 or gidget@stmattsaustrin.org Many thanks!

Baptism on Easter Eve. The Saturday evening before Easter is very special at St. Matthew's. If you, or one you know, adult or infant, desires to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, April 3, it will be offered at that service. Please email Betty Mitchell in the church office and she will be happy to visit with you about the details betty@stmattsaustrin.org or 345-8314 x 215.

St. Matthew's Laity Lodge Adult Retreat – Held at the beautiful H. E. B. Foundation Laity Lodge Retreat Center on the Frio River, this annual weekend retreat is one of the great spiritual events in the annual life of St. Matthew's Church. Our 2010 retreat will be held on April 23-25, 2010. Our guest speaker is Tod Bolsinger, Pastor and Head of Staff, San Clemente Presbyterian Church, San Clemente, CA. Author of *It Takes A Church To Raise A Christian* and *Showtime: Living Down Hypocrisy By Living Out The Faith*

Registration has begun. You can sign-up after the 10:30 service. First time attenders have priority! Please contact Tom Uhl at 658-3989 with your questions. Register today.

Opt For Organic



We know that organic foods are better for our bodies (see tinyurl.com/5c7wkv), but did you know that they're significantly better for the planet too? Since organic farmers don't use toxins on their crops, they prevent chemicals from contaminating our soil and water, and from harming wildlife (see tinyurl.com/ybccj23). It isn't just the turkey or ham that's organic; it can be the wine (see tinyurl.com/cjx2uw), too, or the vegetables in the side dishes (for more see tinyurl.com/ya2pcnw). An added plus: organic foods frequently taste better too!

LENT AT ST. MATTHEW'S

LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

February and March – 12:05 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Thursdays

February 25—Marc Witmer, piano/arranger; Tom Jeannett, sax and woodwinds

March 4—Chorale of Anderson High School, David Beuseman, director

March 11—Adam Paul Williams, tenor; Stephen Burnaman, piano

March 18—Jean Farris Fuller, organ

March 25—The LBJ Orchestra, Dr. David Davenport, director

Other special music opportunities in Lent include:

March 24 – 7 p.m. –Wednesday Evening

CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON, Artistic Director of *conspirare* ---Lenten Program (part of the series)

*Special Lenten Prayer Times: Many of us have practiced different forms of silent prayer--be it called meditation, Centering Prayer, or Contemplative Prayer. During the season of Lent, anyone who is interested in silent prayer is invited to join together in the Wilson Room (B-14) for special times. The door will be open. Enter and sit in silence.

-Wednesdays (February 24-March 31), 5:30-6:00

-Thursdays (February 18-April 1), 6:15-6:45

If you are interested in trying out silent prayer, Susan Barnes will lead a "practice" session at 5:30 on Thursday, February 18. Questions? susan@stmattsaustrin.org

Lenten Wednesday Night Suppers beginning February 24: Each Wednesday evening during Lent beginning at 6:00 p.m., we will have a meal in Huffman Hall prior to the program. The Kitchen Guild will provide the meals on the following dates: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24. In keeping with Lenten disciplines, the food will be simple but ample for an entire family. There will be a suggested donation to cover cost of the food.

Children's Lenten Series begins February 24th and continues through March 24th!

We invite kids' ages 3 years old through fifth grade to gather with Helen and Margaret each Wednesday in Lent, immediately following the Lenten Supper for their own Lenten lessons! Our lesson series is titled Magnify the Lord. Each week we will make crafts, do nature activities, and whip up tasty treats! Don't miss the fun! Please join us from 7pm to 8pm in B-17 each Wednesday in Lent. Questions? Contact Helen Pelkey (345-8314 or helen@stmattsaustrin.org).

St. Matthew's will once again be supporting Heifer International as our Lenten Outreach Project. Heifer International is the gift that keeps on giving. We are in need of a co-chair to assist Betsy McCraine. This is an important Outreach Ministry and the plans are in place, we just need YOU to help. Please contact Betsy McCraine at bmccraine@aol.com for more information.

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN

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2010 LENTEN *Soul Series*



For five consecutive Wednesday nights, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Austin will host guests to explore the "soul" or essence of several relevant topics.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH - 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY



The Soul of Ordained Ministry a conversation with THE REV. BRAD WHITAKER

In this talk Brad will tell the story of his call to the ordained ministry and will reflect on some of the changes he has seen in the Church in his 20 years as an Episcopal Priest. Brad is a highly motivating and encouraging presence, known for his wit and playfulness.

The Rev. Brad Whitaker is the Rector of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, he graduated from Young Harris College and University of Georgia (1983). He is also a graduate of The General Theological Seminary (1989) in New York City. Brad is a member of the Standing Committee as well as The Commission on Ministry, both of the Diocese of Michigan. He is also a Deputy to General Convention. Brad has served as the Rector of Christ Church since 2002. Prior to this call, he was the Rector of Christ Church in Newton, NJ and has served as an Assistant to the Rector at Holy Innocents' Church in Atlanta and St. Peter's in Rome, Georgia. Brad recently returned from a sabbatical in Scotland and Burundi, Africa. He and his wife, an educator, have three active children.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD - 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY



The Soul of the American Sports Culture a conversation with ERIN HOGAN

In an interview format with the Rector, the Rev. Merrill Wade, Erin will give his thoughts on the ethical and moral dimensions of such topics as the celebrity culture of sports, steroids in baseball, and head coaching salaries, to name a few. Erin is a cerebral, personable and skilled public personality with thoughtful opinions and ideas.

Erin Hogan grew up in Houston as an avid Oilers and Astros fan, and at the young age of 12, he had already decided to become a sports host. He moved to Austin in 1991 to attend St Edwards University for a degree in Media Communications. From there, he went on to work for 1490 AM where he served as a board operator, producer, promotions writer, and had time to do sports updates on air as well. Eventually, these updates led to a job at AM 1300 The Zone in 1999 where he soon began a successful run as a co-host with Bucky Godbolt on the morning drive-time show, "The Buck on Sports". After leaving The Zone, Erin has since partnered up with former Longhorn Legend and NFL Lineman Dan Neil for the Bud Light Morning Rush. With his raw insightful commentary, Erin's show features Longhorn coverage as well as a local perspective on national sports. Erin is married with three kids.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH - 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY



The Soul after Conversion a conversation with
JOAN BALL

Joan will tell the story of her Christian conversion, which is moving, amusing and deeply thoughtful. In an immensely noisy world of opinionated and ideologically driven Christian bloggers, Joan is a voice of reason, with deep respect for God and people and a child-like sense of awe and wonder.

Joan Ball is a professor of communication and marketing and author of the upcoming book, *Flirting with Faith: My Spiritual Journey from Atheism to a Faith-Filled Life*. A seeker-turned-skeptic who was raised without a prescribed notion of God, she experienced a dramatic and unlikely conversion to Christianity at age 37. A prolific blogger at Beliefnet.com, her posts reflect an insider/outsider perspective on living a faith that both delights and confounds her. She lives with her husband Martin and their 11-year-old son Ian in a northwestern suburb of New York City. Their son Andrew (20) and daughter Kelsey (19) are undergraduates.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH - 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY



The Soul of Reconciliation a conversation with
THE REV. ROBERT WOODY

A son of this parish, we welcome Robert home with this opportunity for him to catch us up on his life and ministry and to tell the story of his sabbatical experiences in Rwanda. Robert is a much-loved and respected priest of the Episcopal Church!

After practicing law in Dallas, NYC and the Catskills for 13 years, in 1991, Robert moved with his family, Julie, Seth and Sam (in the womb at the time) to Austin. In their first weeks in Austin, during a crisis pregnancy and premature birth, the St. Matthew's family embraced them. Soon after joining St. Matthews, Robert entered the "conscious" stage of his discernment of a call to ordained ministry, and 5 years later, entered the Seminary of the Southwest, graduating in 1999. Robert has been the rector of Reconciliation Episcopal Church in San Antonio for the past seven years. Recently Robert completed a 4-month sabbatical to rest, recharge and explore more deeply his call to the ministry of reconciliation. He spent two months in Rwanda observing and participating in faith-based reconciliation ministries, working to bring together the perpetrators and victims of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Julie and the boys joined him for the last three weeks for a family and ministry adventure.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH - 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY



The Soul's Music a conversation with
CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON

Craig has long been a friend of this church and his Conspirare Symphonic Choir has been rehearsing on our campus for several months. Craig is a virtuoso musician and his sensitive style and talent merge into a musical experience that defines the word soul!

One of the most influential voices in choral conducting today, Craig Hella Johnson brings depth of knowledge, artistic sensitivity, and great imagination to his programs. As Conspirare's founder and artistic director, Johnson assembles some of the finest singers in the country to form a world-class, award-winning organization committed to creating dynamic choral art. Johnson's programs are consistently hailed as thought-provoking musical journeys. A unique aspect of Johnson's programming is his signature "collage" style: through-composed programs that seamlessly blend sacred and secular, traditional and contemporary, classical and popular. A Minnesota native, Johnson studied at St. Olaf College, the Juilliard School, and the University of Illinois and earned his doctorate at Yale University. Craig is an excellent vocalist and pianist and he will offer a superb conclusion to our 2010 Lenten "Soul Series".

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IN OUR PRAYERS*--FEBRUARY 14-FEBRUARY 21, 2010

THIS LIST IS READ ALOUD AT EVENING PRAYER (DAILY 6 P.M. CHARLOTTE CAULEY GRAY BELL TOWER CHAPEL) AND IS INCLUDED ON THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK.

Rowan of Canterbury, our Archbishop; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Rayford, and Dena, our Bishops; Merrill, Susan, Kevin, Chuck, Jerry, and Jim, our Clergy. The Rev. Miles Brandon, The Wardens, Staff, and Vestry of St. Matthew's; our Outreach Ministries: ETSS, Kairos, Habitat for Humanity, El Buen Samaritano, Care for the Caregiver, Alternative Gifts Market, Heifer Project, Diocese of Manicaland (Zimbabwe), Katrina/Rita Relief, SafePlace, West Austin Caregivers, Casa Marianella, Caritas, Capital Area Food Bank, General Seminary, St. James Episcopal School, Children's Hope Chest, Women's Story Book Project, Samaritan Counseling Center, Hope House, Interfaith Hospitality Network, The Students, Parents and Staff of St. Matthew's Day School, Hill Elementary School, Murchison Middle School and Anderson High School (adopted via Austin Partners in Education) and the Daughters of the King prayer list; Building on Our Sure Foundation Capital Campaign; Our Men and Women in the Armed Forces and others who serve our country at home and overseas.

Conny	Heather	Marib	Nichols Family
Connie Statz	Hillary	Hannah	Clarice Meer
Diane Smith	Ashley Adams	C.J. Carl & Family	Byron Howard
Laura & children	Alex Acosta	Caitlin Kennedy	Lindsay Cage Ivory
Lynn Horabin	Keaton Anderson	Price/Robbins Family	Trevor Webb
Beth Ann Sikes	Arlon Boyd	Ashley Wingo	James & Paul
Rhonda Myers	Libby	Paul Cage Rayburn	Lori
Hilary Mears	Helen Schmidt Collins	John & Rosie	Rachel
Ann & Tom	Andrew	Danny Young	Christiane
Craig Ramsey	Carolyne	Troy Cernosek	Bryce Hicks
Sue Dumond	Paulette Till	Susan & Frank Ford	Juan Rojas, Jr.
Matthew Hauser	Camilla	Sarah	Jaime Fuller
Ann Fry	Bernard Stratman	Susan Youngblood	Eduardo Flores
Jane Groves	Vanessa Gross	Kim Jones	Donita & Whitney
Abbey Taylor	Michael Thompson	Larry Wilson	Wheeler
Bill, Pam and Levi	Samuel	Janice	Molly & Lloyd
Tara Fisher	Allie Turner	Ann Castleberry	Hollie
Jeff Gray	Bob Webb	Stephanie Eshelman	Anne
Pat Davis	David House	Jean Allison	David M. & family
Patty Brock	Tucker and family	Jane Bray	John Garland Burton
Judy Seebald	Sarah Woodall	Chad	Spencer Family
Mitch Hall	Jake & Gina Guevara	Emily	Reid Kirchem
Lillianna Krebs	Maggie Poff	Paul LeMond	Mary Hill
Ann	Polly Coleman	Matthew Anderson	Bill & Marilyn Wenzel
Bob	Gary Martin	Sarah R.	Ryan Rivette & Family
Geoff Shannon	Gloria Moore	Doris Dixon	Phyllis Davidson
Bill Lester	Lee Edwards	Billy & Andy Robison	Odai
Dolores Muhich	Logan Drifuss	Jay Robison	Jaime & Ron
Gay, Margaret, Ruth & Billie	Jeremy Williford	Jake Thomas	Bob & Deirdre
Beverly Z.	Bethany Billman	Dr. Jenny Johnson	Samantha
Kelley & Shirley Meyer	Scott Nimori family	Nathan & Carol Ina	Matthew
Alex	Jacob & Kathryn Melear	Dan Speilman	Betty Boden
Elizabeth Wellman	Rawlings Wilbur Family	Daniel	Pat Wade
Milo Nimori family	Laurie & Chuck	Mary Satoro	Jay & Brad Mooney
Virginia Bockholt	Allison Mamquist & baby	Sandy Brown	Joe, Liz & Adeline
Margaret Richardson	Janet Troell	Michael	Rita Eccles
Janet Ogden	Dan Eccles	Jim Collins	Paulina & family
Ann O'Connor	Suzi & John Parker	Sam Windham & Family	Wendy, Devon & family
Kristen	Jerry & Dave Kerkes	Ray	Little M & family
Milton Williams, Jr.	Joanne Reynolds	Gail	Hillary & Leigh
Catherine Ann Dunlap	Bob L.	Denise Scott	

*Prayer requests will be listed for one month after the initial request is made unless extenuating circumstances prevail. If you would like to see a name added back on after one month, simply call the office, 345-8314 and ask Barbara to add it.

Vestry Persons for February 2010: Hink Johnson, Betty Di Paola

The Flowers on the Altar are giving to the Glory of God by
Billie Stallworth and family in loving memory of Richard(Dick) Stallworth

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

FEBRUARY 14 FEBRUARY 21, 2010

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY- FRIDAY, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

EVENING PRAYER DAILY AT 6 P.M. IN THE CAULEY BELL TOWER CHAPEL

SUNDAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

SCOUT SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Children, Youth and Adult Education Hour
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Children's Chapel in B-18
- 6:00 PM Cursillo Convocational Ultreya in Huffman Hall
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Eucharist in Wilson Room
- 5:30 PM Youth Group in Youth Center
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Tai Chi in Huffman Hall, Board Games in B-18
- 12:00 Noon Job Support Group in Wilson Room
- 5:00 PM Grief Support Group in B-6

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16

SHROVE TUESDAY

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting in Conference Room
- 11:30 AM Mom's Time Out in Youth Center
- 2:30 PM Alanon Meeting in Wilson Room
- 5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Huffman Hall
- 7:00 PM Troop 511 Boy Scouts in Huffman Hall
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study in B-13

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with Ashes in Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Tai Chi in Huffman Hall, Board Games in B-18
- 9:15 AM St. Matthew's Day School Chapel in Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Wilson Room (B-14)
- 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II with Ashes in Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Grief Support Group in B-6
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice in Choir Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 6:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast in Huffman Hall
- 9:15 AM St. Matthew's Day School Chapel in Sanctuary
- 12:00 Noon Women's Study Group in Wilson Room
- 1:00 PM Senior Activity Center, Bridge in B-18
- 5:30 PM Lenten Special Prayers in Wilson Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 9:00 AM Order of St. Luke in Wilson Room (B-14)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Children, Youth and Adult Education Hour
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Family Eucharist in B-18
- 12:00 Noon ECW Women's Story Circle in Huffman Hall
- 1:30 PM Haiti Relief Concert in Sanctuary
- 3:30 PM Veteran's Story Telling in B-18
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Eucharist in Wilson Room
- 5:30 PM Youth Group in Youth Center
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

Attendance for February 7,8:00 a. m., 39, 10:30 a.m. 322, 5:15 p.m., 4 Total : 365