

The **CROSS-FINDER**

*St. Helena's Episcopal Church
Boerne, Texas*

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2008
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Our Vision

*We, the family of St. Helena's,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
welcome all God's children to
grow with us in grace and
proclaim the Good News
of Jesus Christ.*



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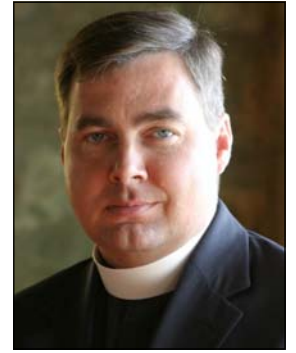
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and our community*



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FROM THE RECTOR



Dear Parish Family,

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

SUNDAYS

7:45 A.M.

TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP

9:00 A.M.

CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION FOR ALL
AGES

11:00 A.M.

TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP WITH MUSIC

WEDNESDAYS

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST

I want to cordially and enthusiastically invite you to 2 events in May that focus on the future of St. Helena's Church. In the April issue of The Cross-finder I outlined for you a plan developed by our leaders to address the next step forward in fulfilling our Master Plan for mission and ministry at St. Helena's. In this issue you will find even more information about this 3-fold plan.

This next step will address three current priorities in our life together. First, we will restore our historic sanctuary so that it may continue to be a warm and beautiful facility for Sunday and mid-week worship. Second, we will address our severe shortage in off-street parking with a plan that will almost double the available number of slots. And finally, we will reduce our debt so that it does not impact our ability to carry out mission and ministry. Details, in a question and answer format, are found in a separate article within this Cross-finder.

I cordially and enthusiastically invite you to two events that are connected to these initiatives. First, on **Sunday, May 4**, we will host a **presentation and conversation** during the Sunday School hour in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity for you to hear about these projects in more detail and ask questions.

Second, you are cordially invited to a Parish-wide worship service, Parish Family picnic, and **kick-off event** on **Sunday, May 18, 2008**. On that Sunday morning we will all worship together at **10:00 a.m.** in The Great Room. Following our worship and presentation we will gather on the patio and lawn for a picnic, games for kids, and fun.

This is an exciting time in the life of our parish family as God continues to grow us into a parish family which welcomes all God's Children to grow with us in grace and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Peace,

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT **FRAMING THE FUTURE II**

Q. Can you summarize “Framing the Future, II?”

A. *Framing the Future, II* is a plan to address three immediate needs: (1) Restore our historic sanctuary; (2) Expand our parking; and (3) Reduce our debt. These needs will be met through a 3-year capital funds campaign.

Q. Why is it called, “Framing the Future, II?”

A. We named it *Framing the Future, II* because this is the next step in an on-going process. The first part of this process – *Framing the Future* – included the development of a Master Plan to guide expansion of facilities and properties, acquisition of surrounding properties, and the construction of our Multi-Purpose Building. We named it *Framing the Future* because our Master Plan calls for the development of a campus which would frame our beautiful historic sanctuary.

Q. What specifically will happen in the sanctuary?

A. Through this plan a number of necessary projects will be undertaken to restore our 79 year old sanctuary.

(1) Our **pipe organ** has had no significant work done to it in over 15 years, other than minor repairs and regular tuning. This plan would replace the existing console with a restored and slightly smaller console, replace all the electrical circuits, and add some new ranks of pipes. The total cost of this project is \$73,500.

(2) At least six of our oldest **stained glass** windows have cracked glass in various places. The source of this cracking is likely from settlement and weathering. Cavalini & Sons, who installed two of our windows, is currently studying this situation. We estimate the cost of repairs at \$10,000

(3) The **front steps** at our Main Street entrance are steep and the landing is shallow. We would raise the landing to remove the step down at the front doors, lengthen the landing and step treads, and rebuild the stone railings to match the church and create better handrails. The overall result would be a much safer, more easily accessible entrance which matches the beautiful stone work. The total cost of this project is \$12,000.

(4) The **lighting** in the sanctuary – especially in the altar and choir area – is insufficient. Ceiling fans cause moving shadows which make it difficult for the clergy, choir members, and layreaders to lead worship. New lighting will resolve these issues and enhance the altar and cross. We would also like to have better lighting to highlight the baptismal font. We estimate the cost of electrical and lighting upgrades to be \$15,000.

(5) Our **Parish Hall** needs a facelift. Our plan is to install wainscoating, box in the steel posts, and repaint the parish hall. This will make the parish hall a much more inviting and usable space for Sunday School, meetings, and small receptions. We would also repaint the hallway and bathrooms. And finally we would create an reception area at the parking lot entrance by removing the wall directly across from our bookstore. The total cost of this project will be \$20,000.

Q. What is the total cost of restoring the historic sanctuary?

A. The total cost of restoring the historic sanctuary is \$130,500.

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Q. Why do we need more parking?

A. When we built the Multi-Purpose building we removed our largest parking lot. We added a new parking lot behind the Youth House, but we still lost some off street parking. We currently have 36 parking spaces available. The availability of parking is important to the continued growth of our parish family.

Q. Where would our new parking areas be located?

A. Our Master Plan calls for the addition of a parking lot on our recently acquired Hill Property. The house would need to be removed. In addition, there is space to add parking at the corner of Main and Rock Streets on the East side of our office building.

Q. How much parking will we gain through this project?

A. We will gain 33-36 parking spaces. This will depend on how we lay out the lots and how we work with the existing trees. Our desire is to save the trees.

Q. Have we approached B.I.S.D. about using their parking lots?

A. Yes. We approached the school district and received written permission to use all of their parking lots on Johns Road before we started construction on the Multi-Purpose building. We are currently sharing these lots with Watermark Church which meets in the Junior High auditorium. We are also hopeful that when the City of Boerne begins its expansion projects across Main Street that some convenient parking may be available.

Q. What is the total cost of expanding our parking?

A. The total cost of removing the Hill house and expanding our parking is \$50,000.

Q. Where did our current debt come from?

A. Our debt of \$1.586 million resulted from the construction of the Multi Purpose building. In Framing the Future we raised \$1.7 million in pledges, gifts, and bequests. The total project cost including furnishings, landscaping, architecture fees, etc., was \$3.2 million.

Q. How is this debt currently being serviced?

A. We have permanent financing with Frost Bank. The note is a 10 year note amortized over 20 years, with a balloon payment. The interest rate is 7.546%. We have enough cash in our Facilities Expansion Fund to continue to make monthly payments through November, 2008. The monthly payment is \$13,045.

Q. How will this fundraising be structured?

A. Just as we did in Framing the Future, every parish family will be invited to make a pledge payable over a period of 3 years, starting in June, 2008.

Q. Will St. Helena's accept other forms of payment besides cash?

A. Yes. There are many ways to give. We will be happy to work with you to receive gifts of stock, set up charitable remainder trusts, bequests, real estate, and other gifts. We have done this many times before and have excellent advisors available to us and to you at no charge. Simply contact David Read or David Phillip if you would like to discuss these possibilities or others.

FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR

Like branches growing from a vine, we now draw our life from Christ, and we cling to his holy commandment in order to preserve this life.

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria [444].

It was as normal a Friday morning as they come. After prayer in the office and some catching-up banter, I made my way across the street, to prepare Communion for a parishioner in the hospital. After ten months or so now, I know the routine: up the ramp, unlock the door (silver key), twist the key to the interior - first one way, then the other - reverence the altar, unlock the sacristy (gold key to the left, then push), set the Communion kit out on the counter, then, from the cabinet, pick up a still smaller gold key - tied to red ribbon - and return to the tabernacle (the locked box behind the altar), where the blessed bread and wine are kept. It was all unfolding like clockwork, but as I picked up the bread and instinctively reached out in space, something felt off on that morning: no wine.

NO WINE!

Snapped to the present, the questions start fast: "Where did it go?" "What do I do?" I walk back to the sacristy and look at the clock. I need to go soon. I check the cabinets - brimful to bursting with bottles of wine - just not the blessed sort that I need. I think through the rubrics. A quick double check of the prayer book confirms my suspicion: page four-hundred-and-eight does not apply here. Boiled down to the basics, the problem is this: there is a person in need of Communion; I am a priest, expected to bring that Communion; but I cannot bless wine - make Communion - apart from the People of God... the same *Body of Christ* that I now wish to share. The need is so clear - yet I can do nothing.

And of course, all of this makes sense. After all, Lay Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned on Sundays to take Communion to the sick and homebound *as an extension* of our worship together. Do we not pray that *this person* may know that she is a member of this part of the Body of Christ? What we share with those not present on Sunday is the same gift we receive as *one Body* on Sunday. Put another way, the promise of Jesus' presence in the consecrated bread and wine is a promise made to God's People, *together: we are one Body.*



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I bring this whole story up, not as the ramblings of a guilty conscience (the Church has long taught that those who receive only the bread or only the wine receive a complete, and full, Communion), but because the story reflects the nature of God's call for our common life together: *the Body of Christ is one; we are members of one another.*

Specifically, this story reminds us that ministry does not exude from the person of the priest, trickling pitifully out to the rest of the Church. Instead, our ministry to one another flows mightily from our *common encounter* with the Risen Jesus, in the breaking of bread *together*. Yes, it is true that the People cannot break that bread without a priest; but it is equally true that the priest is *as much dependent* on the People. Thank God (!) for this abiding reminder of our individual insufficiency. Our dependence on each other recalls us time and again to our common dependence on the One God who provides for us by His promise.

Last month, Fr. David wrote about the vision of this place, St. Helena's Church, that "the whole Body of Christ cares for the whole Body of Christ." This vision was accompanied by a description of six care-giving ministries already active within the St. Helena's family. These are folks who bring meals to the sick; who bring Communion to the homebound; who provide rides for those who need them; who care for those grieving the loss of loved ones departed - and so much, much more. These ministries - and we with them - envision what it is to be the Body of Christ *together*. Please, tend to their witness; receive them as bearers of Christ's Body; pray for them; and *share with them* in our care for each other. Do not doubt the fullness of grace God has given to us, but receive the promise of God: *We are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it.*

Amen.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan" with a stylized flourish at the end.

FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR



DIANNA LEWIS
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Welcome these new members to our parish family. The people listed below were confirmed or received when Bishop David Reed visited St. Helena's on Sunday, April 20. Seek them out and say, "Welcome."

Paul Alan Beresky
Jeanne Kuhlman
Gary Lawson Bowers
Thomas Christian Lipe
Macie Elizabeth Browning
Cindy Erickson
Kayla Jo Medina
Chance Riley Escamilla
Jennifer Sue Escamilla
Brian Daniel Moore
Susan Nunan
Morgan Lucy Virginia Garbett
M. Clay Rushing
Ruth Haas
Jessica Ruth Streitman
Alexander David Horwath
Julie Vickery

Also, welcome the following families who recently had their memberships transferred to St. Helena's:



John and Sue Manship, who come to us from St. Thomas Church in San Antonio



Ben and Lori Houck and their children, Katherine and Charles, who come to St. Helena's from St. Francis by the Lake in Canyon Lake.

A SERVANT'S HEART BY NANCY SCOGGINS



Greetings from A Servant's Heart!

Mother's Day, Graduations,
Father's Day, and end of school
teacher gifts...
did I leave something out???

Stop in A Servant's Heart for all your gift giving needs. We have books, cards, pens, crosses, mugs, frames and more for all your occasions!

Inspirational books make a great graduation gift; whether it's a memoir or just a great book on Christian living. And the Bible is always the perfect gift. How about a journal and pen for the writer on your gift list? We also have a great selection of frames and wall crosses in stock. And if you just can't decide, a gift certificate is always perfect.

Come see us on Sundays from 8:30-12:30 and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays during lunch hours. (check the website or call the bookstore for weekday hours) We look forward to seeing you - don't forget to tell your friends about us!

Summer is coming fast and to make sure that we are open on Sundays and during the week we need to add more volunteers. If you are over the age of 16 and would like to help out with this ministry please contact Nancy Scoggins at bookstore@sthelenas-boerne.org or call the bookstore at 249-8968.

You can do as little or as much as you want and we'll train you ... it's not hard and you meet so many people.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



BY LINDA HORTON

The Spring Assembly of the Order of the Daughters of the King will be Friday, May 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bishop Jones Center in San Antonio.

Special guest and speaker will be Joan Dalrymple our National President. Cost is \$25. This includes registration, Friday dinner and Saturday Continental breakfast and lunch.

Daughters, please put that date on your calendar. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other Daughters and hear our National President.



For more information about Daughters of the King, contact Linda Horton at (830) 755-5332.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

BY GAIL POWELL



SENIORS, mark your calendars for Thursday, June 12, for our next "pot luck" salad luncheon and program.

Details will be in the June Cross-Finder.

Many thanks again to my faithful helpers, Bill and Millie McVey and Rebecca Snell. Things wouldn't happen without them! See you in June.

For more information about Senior Fellowship, call Gail at (830) 755-4262 or Becky at (830) 981-

Remember to visit the Calendar online at www.sthelenas-boerne.org for updates!

FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

It is good to be here in Boerne, TX. Thank you very much for your warm welcome. I look forward to meeting everyone. It was quite the journey from Colorado to Texas. It was a great trip, I had a lot of time to reflect.

As I was thinking about the journey ahead of me I also thought about the journey I have had with God and the many blessings He has given me. I think of my wonderful family, my wife of almost eighteen years Keri and my two children Grace (8) Eli (6). By the way - my family will be here in five weeks. Keri is a teacher she and the kids will finish out the school year and come out.

I also had a chance to think about the wonderful churches I have served in the past and the people who were a part of those churches. I think of the youth and parents that I have served... many of those youth are now adults.

I look back at those churches and the amazing experiences that I had and I realized that they are not only a part of my story but they play a

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YOUTH MINISTER

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role in God's story. I look forward to merging my experiences with former students, parents, and mentors with this church. Now it is time for all of us to look forward and see what is ahead of us.

I will not only continue to challenge myself to look ahead, I will challenge students, parents, and volunteers. I will ask questions like:

"Who are we in the eyes of Christ? How will we serve him? What direction does He want this youth group to go?"

It is going to be amazing to see what God has in store for us. As we search for His will, I ask that you will continue pray for this ministry.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask. If you get chance please stop on by and introduce yourself.

FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTER



Thank You.



Dear Parish Family,

You gifted me with this ministry three years and 34 days ago. God has chosen to use his gentle touch to guide me. As I pray, he counsels me in whispers. I diligently listen and so many times I feel such clarity. This isn't a profession you leave behind when you walk away at the end of the day. I carry this ministry with me wherever I go.

St. Helena's, you have changed my life forever. Today God reminded me to thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to grow me as a children's minister.

As a person who possesses a gift for teaching children, I remember teaching children in the public school system thinking that that was the most important job in the world. Honestly, I could never see myself anywhere accept in a classroom with children. You would have a battle if you try to convince me that being a teacher of children is anything but one of the most honorable professions in the world. I have time and again thanked God for all of those years of experience in a classroom surrounded my little minds and little hearts, yet now a realize that there was a bigger plan. All of that time was built into my life to prepare me for the honor of serving God as a minister for his youngest disciples.

I want to share with you my commitment to work toward transforming children into spiritual champions. Yes, champions. In this world that bombards our children with teachings both explicit and hidden that are hostile to the ways of our Lord, I will work hard to equip children and parents with the experiences that nourish children as they learn to follow God.

So, thank you for yesterday's support, for today's commitment, and for all of the cheering you give this ministry's future.

Smiles and love,

OUR ICON HAS ARRIVED

BY DAVID READ

The members of "The Department of the Interior" have strived for two years to help make the atmosphere of the Multi Purpose Building warm and inviting. In particular, they have strived to make The Great Room a worshipful place for our 9:00am worship service. Several months ago they proposed to the vestry that we create an area behind the altar that will give worshippers a focal point. The decision was made to install an icon behind the altar. Here's some information about our new icon.

The following is taken from *Praying with Icons* by Jim Forest.

- o An icon is an instrument for the transmission of Christian faith and tradition. Through sacred imagery the Holy Spirit speaks to us.
- o Icons are an aid to worship. It is not an end in itself, but assists us in going beyond what we see into the realm of the sacred. Wherever an icon is set, that place more easily becomes an area of prayer.
- o Through line and color the iconographer (artist/painter) seeks to convey the awesomeness of the invisible and divine reality. The icon is theology written in images and color.
- o The icon is the fruit of many generations of believers uniting us to the witness of the Resurrection.
- o The faces of people in icons rarely express emotions or movement. Instead they suggest virtues such as purity, patience in suffering, forgiveness, compassion, and love.
- o Icons are not "painted." They are "written." As each layer of paint is added the iconographer-often a monk- is praying. Iconographers avoid personal stylistic innovations that act as signatures. They are unsigned.

Our icon:

- o Our icon came from Greece, where it was "written" during the month of March.
- o The image is "Jesus, the Good Shepherd." The original icon containing this image is found in the Monastery of the Savior in South

Elvia, an island north of Athens.

o Jesus himself refers to his role as "The Good Shepherd," and to us as the members of his flock. (see John 10:11)

o In this image you see Jesus our Good Shepherd carrying a sheep over his shoulders. It reminds us not only of Jesus' role as Good Shepherd, but of the parable of the Lost Sheep, "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices..." (Luke 15:3-5)

o The words on the icon are written in Greek, "O Poimin O Kalos," translated "Good Shepherd."

o The symbols at the top corners of the icon are Greek letter representing Jesus' name.

o The symbols on Jesus halo are translated, "I AM," the name God reveals to Moses when Moses asks, "Who shall I say sent me?" God replies, "I AM." (Exodus 3: 13-15)



After unwrapping eight protective layers and much anticipation, the Beth Adam and David Read unveil the icon in the church office.

The icon now hangs in the Great Room behind the altar.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

St. Helena's Episcopal Church
Parish Financial Report
Year to date March 31, 2008

Unrestricted Funds

Receipts:

Pledges	\$ 157,954.91	
Plate Offerings	\$ 27,299.44	
Misc Cash Gifts	\$ 7,363.55	
Gain on Securities	\$ -	
Total Receipts		\$ 192,617.90

Disbursements:

Apportionment	\$ 25,332.00	
Clergy Salary & Benefits	\$ 58,057.99	
Staff Salary & Benefits	\$ 77,713.11	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 15,228.39	
Music Program	\$ 1,432.00	
Youth & Family Ministries	\$ 1,611.83	
Christian Formation Programs	\$ 9,684.09	
Adult Education/Discipleship	\$ 382.31	
Maintenance/Operation of Buildings	\$ 28,522.11	
Outreach/Special Events/Misc	\$ 2,854.44	
Total Disbursements		\$ 220,818.27
Surplus (Deficit)		\$ (28,200.37)

Restricted Funds

Receipts	\$ 19,033.74	
Real Estate Fund	\$ 47,709.01	
Memorial Fund	\$ 950.00	
Women of the Church	\$ 2,118.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 69,810.75

Disbursements	\$ 16,869.63	
Real Estate Fund	\$ 30,512.39	
Memorial Fund	\$ -	
Women of the Church	\$ 8,788.19	
Total Disbursements		\$ 56,170.21
Surplus		\$ 13,640.54

March 31, 2008 Balances

Unrestricted Cash	\$ 7,218.40
Restricted Cash & Investments	\$ 297,181.00
Total Parish Debt	\$ 1,614,874.03

Bishop Reed's visit - April 13

On Sunday, April 13, The Reverend David M. Reed, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas, visited St. Helena's. He preached at all three services, received, confirmed and reaffirmed members of our parish family, and visited with us during breakfast and Sunday School time.



Above, Bishop Reed visits with Ed Prather and his daughter, Paula, after the contemporary service.



Bishop Reed answered questions asked by parishioners during breakfast and Sunday School.

Senior Fellowship Wildflower Road-Trip

Seniors gathered on Tuesday, April 22 for a road-trip around the Willow City Loop to view wildflowers. Flowers were scarce but scenery alone is worth the trip. Bill McVey drove van and was such a great Captain, helping those less able in and out of van. Eight seniors enjoyed the day and stopped in Fredericksburg for lunch at Peach Tree. The road-trippers were Marjorie Carroll, Jo Caldwell, Irene Diettrich, John and Helen Kreuger, Bill McVey, Colleen Sanderson and Rebecca Snell.

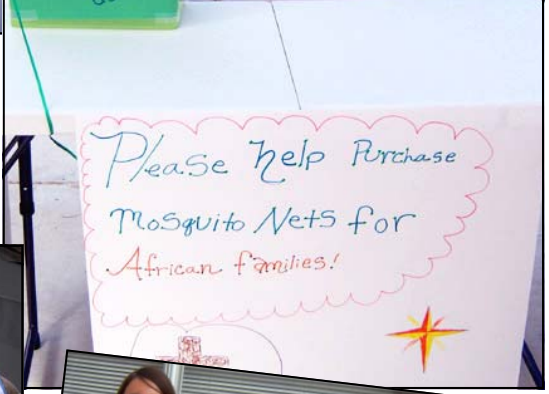


Photo by Jo Caldwell

Vacation Bible School Sunday - April 20

Sunday, April 20 was Vacation Bible School Sunday. Breakfast was hosted by the Children of St. Helena's and held on the patio. Over 50 children registered for Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 16-20, 2008. To register, visit www.sthelenas-boerne.org, click on the Christian Formation page and scroll down to

the form, or contact Ms. Dawn at (830) 249-3228 or dawn@sthelenas-boerne.org. Registration forms are also available at the Church Office.



A celebrity in our midst...

Yes, that's *our* Brian Scheele on TV Land's new show, "The Big 4-0!"

On Wednesday, April 23, 2008 St. Helena's family member Brian Scheele was featured on a new television show called, "The Big 4-0." Brian and his family spent several days last November filming the episode for the show that highlights the fortieth birthdays of five exceptional people in America chosen to be featured on the show.

Brian and his wife Cindi are active at St. Helena's with their children, Kyle, Heather, Nicole and Brooke, also known around here as "The Quads." The Quads grace the cover of this newsletter.

These photos are found on "The Big 4-0" website, along with many others. If you missed the show on television, you can watch it online at <http://www.tvland.com/originals/thebig40/>

Brian's episode is Episode 3. Congratulations, Brian!



St. Helena's April foolery brings smiles

If you passed St. Helena's on April 1st, chances are you saw the "For Sale By Owner" sign in the front yard. Many people stopped to pull an information flyer from the sign, which read, "Happy April Fool's Day from St. Helena's!" and got more than a few chuckles from those that stopped for information.



MAY 2008 AT ST. HELENA'S

What's Happening ...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7am Men's Bible Study 10am Bible Study (Crown Rm) 6pm Girl Scouts (Parish Hall) 6pm Centering Prayer	2 10am Friday Folding Angels	3 10am AA Women's Meeting (Annex W)
4 7:45am Worship 8:40am Breakfast 9am Worship 10:15am TownHall meeting (Great Room) 11am Worship 6:30-8 Jr. High 8pm AA meeting	5 9:30am Women's Bible Studies 4pm Capital Campaign Comm. meeting. (Crown Mtg.) 6:30pm Disciple 6:30pm Financial Peace University	6 5:30pm Circle of Care (Stage) 6:30pm Parenting Class (Annex-W)	7 10am Holy Euch Rite I 4-5:30pm Rock Solid 6pm Sr. High 7pm In Hymn 7pm Choir	8 7am Men's Bible Study 10am Bible Study (Crown Room) 4-5pm Flower Guild (Parish Hall) 5:15 School Vision 6pm Centering Prayer 6pm Worship Team 6:30-8pm New Member Class	9 10am Friday Folding Angels	10 10am AA Women's Meeting (Annex W) 11am-2pm Sisters of Grace luncheon Retreat for youth confirmands
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Office Angels for May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jo Caldwell	2 Lucille Peugeot	3
4	5 Netta White	6 Carol Mathews	7 Sammye Reagan	8 Rebecca Hooks	9 Nancy Scoggins	10
11	12 Jayne Pritko	13 Judy Duesing	14 Frances Lipe	15	16	17
18	19 Jo Caldwell	20 Carol Mathews	21 Sammye Reagan	22 Barbara Hill	23 Lucille Peugeot	24
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	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Acolytes	9:00- N. Black-C J. Dominguez-S 11:00 - S. Tippetts-C P. Cook-S	9:00- M. Mann-C M. Dralle-S 11:00 - Ham. Tyler-C Han. Tyler-S	9:00 - H. Atkins-C E. Copelan-S 11:00 - A. Read-C M. Dralle-S	9:00 - C. Kreuz-C J. Dominguez-S 11:00 - C. Baldwin-C E. Copeland-S
Altar Guild	Team 2 P. Calder S. Crimmins D. Hamilton P. Neese S. Pollom	Team 3 J. Beesley K. Cluck S. Gross L. Kelley S. Welch B. Wynn	Team 4 P. Bergmann J. Burns D. Mathews A. McClelland T. McGuire M.A. Vallad	Team 1 L. Byrne D. Highsmith B. Hill L. Maddox A. Martin J. Olender
Lay Readers	7:45 - D. Powell, F. Keith 9:00 - T. Mathews K. Lipe 11:00 - J. Sill, S. Sill	7:45 - B. Pollom, R. Tribo 9:00 - K. Medina, S. Berry 11:00 - M. Mayfield M. McMullen	7:45 - A. Sanderson, J. Bergmann 9:00 - Y. Dralle, D. Beesley 11:00 - J. McGrew C. Baldwin	7:45 - F. Keith, D. Powell 9:00 - S. Crimmins, T. Mathews 11:00 - P. Cluett J. Caldwell
Ushers	7:45 - J&J Benedict 9 - T&G Lipe, M. Glick, B. Topper 11:00 - G&K Short	7:45 - M&J Olender 9 - J&K Kreuz, C. Kelley, G. Fuller 11:00 - B. Vincent, R. White	7:45 - G. Smith, JB Cudd 9 - M. McClelland, G. Adams, J. Moon, C. Baker 11:00 - J. Rand, B. McVey	7:45 - B&S Pollom 9 - T&D Phillip, C. Baker, K. Towery 11:00 - B&P Calder
Greeters	7:45 - R. Hooks 9:00 - J&D Duesing 11:00 - M&G Clarke	7:45 - H&R McBride 9:00 - M. Koch, K. Phillip 11:00 -	7:45 - 9:00 - B&R Wright 11:00 -	7:45 - M&D Wilson 9:00 - A&P Shorter 11:00 - H&V Wistrand
Vestry Host	S. Berry	J. Duesing	J. Kreuz	J. Cluck

Blood Drives at St. Helena's - giving the gift of life

BY ART LINDLEY

For those of you that are new to the Parish, or if you've been here a while and are wondering why we host blood drives, let me shed some light on it for you.

The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center services a large portion of south Texas. They have a mission of taking care of the needs of folks requiring blood & blood products. Hemophiliacs, accident victims, and those undergoing surgery all get their much needed life giving blood products from the STBTC. Some of you may have even partaken in their services.

To keep costs down the STBTC asks for donations from the citizenry of South Texas. In return if you donate you and your entire family are covered for an entire year. Covered for what you ask? Free blood and blood products in the event that you require them due to an accident or a needed surgery.

This is a tremendous bonus for you and your family in addition to the good you do for someone else in need.

So again the question is why are we, St. Helena's Episcopal Church hosting all these blood drives? It seems they are here every other month. As a matter of fact, they are! You can donate every eight weeks so we schedule the drives every eight weeks. The STBTC also has another wonderful policy...

Our Church is designated a "family." What are the implications of that? Well now when we donate everyone at our church is covered for the entire year. There are numerous members of our church that for various reasons cannot donate. So by donating regularly you not only cover you and your immediate family, you cover your extended family, the members of your Church.

The STBTC makes it very convenient by com-



ing out. You always get a gift, usually a T-shirt, sometimes a hat or a bag or an umbrella. Every quarter the STBTC has a drawing for even bigger prizes, like plasma TVs, \$200 gift cards and more. They don't advertise these because they don't want people to withhold donations in anticipation of an opportunity to win a prize.

We have two drives scheduled this summer, one in June and one in August. If you give at both, you will get a \$20 HEB gift card in addition to your other gifts.

As you can see there are a multitude of reasons to donate, but mostly its just the right thing to do to help out your fellow man.

When we first started our drives our donations were around 10 per drive. They gradually grew and we were regularly giving 15-20. Then we were at 20 or more.

Due to some technical difficulties with their buses a couple of our drives were either cancelled or rescheduled. This has caused our donations to slip back.

This past drive we only had 11 donations. I urge each and every one of you that are able to please donate regularly. Again the benefits to our community and our families is immeasurable.

So to get started, mark your calendar for June 15th and get ready to roll up your sleeve.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (830)229-5249.

SISTERS OF GRACE

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Allison Bottke on May 10



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**When: Saturday, May 10
from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Where: Great Room
of St. Helena's**

Cost: Tickets are \$10 and include lunch, live praise music and presentation by Allison Bottke.

**Tickets will be sold at A Servant's Heart Bookstore and at the Church office.
For more information, contact Cary Atkins at (830)230-5414.**

SISTERS OF GRACE

As we share, we multiply, we grow!

Vision Statement

We, the Sisters of Grace, grounded in scripture, prayer, and sacramental worship, seek to intentionally build the Body of Christ by hosting events for women that provide opportunities for ministry, spiritual renewal and transformation.

Goals

Using various types of events, we will:
Provide opportunities for the all women's and care-giving ministries of St. Helena's to serve as a collective group.
Provide low cost spiritual opportunities for all women of St. Helena's and the Hill Country.
Provide refreshment and renewal for our servant leaders.
Help women identify and achieve who they desire to be in Christ.
Motivate women to take an active role in a

church ministry.

Strategies

1. **Quarterly.** Host luncheons featuring motivational speakers.
1. **Semi-Annually.** Host Conferences via:
 - a. Simulcasts
 - 'Home Grown' utilizing the talents and resources of Worship Team, Speakers, A Servant's Heart
3. **Annually.**
 - a. Off-site retreat
 - b. Organize participation in a national conference (i.e. Women of Faith, Beth Moore)
 Share opportunities for women provided by the Diocese of West Texas and churches within the Diocese.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS MAY 15

The next gathering the Men's Fellowship will be Thursday, May 15 at John Benedict's home at 308 Zoeller Lane in Sisterdale.

Bring your own beverage and join us for great food and fellowship! Please RSVP to John at (830)324-6654 or email Bruce Calder at rbcald@texas.net or Mike McClelland at macbaffin@aol.com



FLOWER GUILD

Do you enjoy arranging flowers?

On Thursday, May 8th at 4 p.m., we will gather in the Parish Hall to discuss plans for the first ever St. Helena's Flower Guild!

It is our hope to have enough members to meet monthly. Come help us plan this new ministry! For questions, contact Patty Calder at (830)755-4639.

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS MAY 11 - WEAR RED, GET FIRED UP FOR GOD!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP SET FOR MAY 25



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28: 19-20
The Great Commission

Christ sends us out into world ministry. St. Helena's Church has participated in the mission effort, Constructores Para Cristo (Builders for Christ), since 1999. This work-retreat is headquartered out of Piedras Negras, Mexico across from Eagle Pass and a two and one-half hour drive south from Boerne.

St. Helena's will participate in the building of our sixteenth house this spring beginning **May 25, returning May 30.** We will team with Glen Levin Presbyterian Church - Nashville once again this year.

No construction experience or Spanish speaking skills are necessary. There is a job for everyone. Our last home (June 2005) consisted of the faithful ranging in age from 15 to close to 80, several of whom went for their very first time. Is God calling you? Applications are at the church office.

Not only is the home built by the labors of our parish family, but also building materials are purchased through the congregation. Each home costs approximately \$13,000. If you would like to make a financial donation to help build a home, make your check out to St. Helena's and mark it for "Mexico Mission".

For more information or interested in signing up, call **Ben Adam (249-4051)** or **Mike Glick (249-3938)**.

Summer fun at St. Helena's

Vacation Bible School 2008
June 16th- 20th

Pilgrimage Seeking the Kingdom of God

Stop by the church office to enroll
For more information contact
Ms. Dawn @ 249-3228 or dawn@sthelenas-boerne.org

Children's Activities

We started a tradition three years ago, and we're still **going strong!**

**Sunday school
all summer long!**

Join us!

This summer we'll offer:

- a unique class for parents and kids together
- Pre-k, Kinder, 1st, 2nd
- 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th

Each week's lesson is independent,
so come for some



Hey kids!

Pre-k, Kinder,
1st & 2nd graders
Take a break from
the summer heat
and join us for
Primary Story
Hour

Each Tuesday in
July from
1:00-2:00 p.m.

**3rd-6th graders get ready!
Camp W.A.C.K.Y. - Aug. 5th, 6th, 7th!**



St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program needs your support.

Here are some ways you can help.

THINGS TO DO...

- Pray for God's loving guidance as St. Helena's opens an innovative, enriching program for preschoolers.
- Save calendar date to attend St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program "Quest for the Kingdom" Gala on July 18th.
- Purchase individual tickets or a table for the gala.
- Think of an item to donate for the fund-raising auction at the gala.
- Remind my friends to attend wonderful event.
- Decide what to wear to the gala.

Acolyte Festival set for May 3

Don't miss out on the Acolyte Festival on Saturday, May 3 at St. George in San Antonio... it promises to be a day of fun, fellowship and empowerment for our acolytes. Detailed information and registration forms are online at www.dwtx.org, or contact Ms. Dawn at (830) 249-3228 or dawn@sthenas-boerne.org

If you are interested in the Acolyte program, please e-mail Jonathan Cluck at jcluck@ndjca.com.

Beth Moore Bible Study

Summer Series begins June 9

Have you ever wished you could study the Bible but have been fearful because you do not own a Bible or have never opened one?

Are you afraid of being called on to provide an answer in a Bible study?

Does the thought of having to find a book in the Bible make you tremble?

If you have answered yes to any one of these questions, then the Women's Beth Moore Bible study is for you.

In a safe environment, with women in all stages of Bible knowledge, you can come and feed on His word. Once you have tasted, you will not settle for anything less.

We will start a summer series on Monday, June 9th at 9:30 in the Parish Hall.



Beth Moore

With a series of videos and a workbook, we will be lead on an incredible journey that will teach us who God is and what He calls us to be in the world in which we live.

Please pray about joining us... the adventure will be unforgettable.

For more information and childcare sign-up for all ages, contact Jamie Beesley at (830) 249-0231.

What's Happening...



Hey, All you Young & Restless

Mark your summer calendar for events planned at the last group meeting. Coordinators will be the ones sending out more specific info emails, as the respective months draw near, so watch your inboxes!

MAY: San Antonio Missions Nite - Todd and Leah Calder

JUNE: Wii Night at the Church - Bryce and Leanne Boddie (elected in absentia)

JULY: FRIO River Day - Ben and Lori Houck; Jeff and Amanda McVean

AUGUST: Guy Night/Girl Night...DETAILS TO BE DETERMINED

The Young and the Restless of St. Helena's is a Christian fellowship opportunity for singles and couples in their twenties and thirties. Meeting once a month, they share friendship, explore outreach, and always have a good time. Watch the Cross-Finder and www.sthelenas-boerne.org for event specifics, or contact Jonathan Melton or Krysta McDaniel at (830)249-3228 for more information.

**Got news to share with the parish family?
Send it to krysta@sthelenas-boerne.org!**

Adult Christian Formation at St. Helena's

The opportunities available at St. Helena's in the coming year are offered in the spirit of our mission statement: "grow with us in grace..." And they are offered with the prayer that you would find St. Helena's to be a place of challenge and rest; a place of growth that takes you beyond where you are or have been--wherever that is--and closer to God.

Please prayerfully consider where God would have you go in 2008. Stretch yourself. If you've never taken a Bible Study, try one. If you've only ever attended Bible Study, try something else. Together, may we grow to the offering of our whole lives to God.

Adult Sunday School

"So You Wanna Use a Prayer Book"

Have you ever wondered what on earth that book is good for (I mean, other than the Sunday stuff)? Have you ever wondered where it comes from? Have you ever sat down to say your prayers, only to get lost in the small print? You're not alone, and this class is for you! Led by **Jonathan Melton in the Crown Room.**

"The Revelation to John"

This Sunday morning Bible study explores one of the Bible's most popular, mysterious, and misun-

derstood books. Come learn how Christians might faithfully approach Revelation, and hear what God would say to us through it. Led by **David Read in the Parish Hall.**

Weekday Bible Studies

- *"The Letters of Paul"* is in session. **Contact Sheri Digby at (830) 229-5042.**
- *"Steppin' Up" A Beth Moore Series exploring Psalms 120-134.* Begins Monday, April 14, 9:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall. **Contact Jamie Beesley at (830) 249-0231.**
"Ladies Lectionary Study," Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary to get a better understanding. **Contact Linda Horton.**
- *Thursday Bible Study,* Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Crown Room. **Contact Gail Powell at (830) 755-4262.**
- *Men's Breakfast,* Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m., in the Great Room. **Contact David Read (830)249-3228.**
- *Men's Bible Study,* Thursdays at 7 a.m. **Contact Dre Beesley at (830) 249-0231).**
- *"Financial Peace"* began in February and meets Monday at 6:30 p.m. **Contact Beth Adam at (830)249-3228.**

Summer jobs are available at Camp Capers!

Good Samaritan Community Services is looking for a Camp Coordinator and Camp Intern for the summer! Are you familiar the Episcopal Church and Camp Capers? This is the perfect job for someone home from college for the summer!

Summer Camp Coordinator

Responsibilities include coordination and oversight of the promotion, registration, preparation and transportation of youth attending sleep-away summer camps, as well as Vacation Bible School programs. This is an excellent opportunity for an indi-

vidual with an interest and experience in serving youth. Applicant must be at least 21 years of age, and have a valid driver's license. This position begins as a Part Time position on May 19, and from June 2 to August 22 becomes a Full Time position requiring some weekend hours.

Summer Camp Intern

Responsibilities include assisting the Summer Camp Coordinator in promotion, registration, and preparation of youth to attending sleep-away summer camps, as well as Vacation Bible School programs. This is

an excellent opportunity for an individual with an interest and experience in serving youth. Completion of at least one year of college is preferred. Applicant must have a valid driver's license and a vehicle. This is a Full Time position, extending from June 9 to August 21, and requiring some weekend hours.

If you are interested, please contact Scotty MacDaniel at macdaniel_s@goodsamcenter.com or 210-434-5531 x2008.

Parish Staff and Church Leaders

The Rev. David G. Read
Rector

The Rt. Rev. Bill Frey
Assisting the Rector

The Rev. Jonathan Melton
Assistant to the Rector

Randy Dent
Senior Warden

John Duesing
Junior Warden

David Phillip
Treasurer

Bryce Boddie
Contemporary Worship Leader

Chalon Murray
Music Director

Dawn McLendon
Children's Minister

Glenn Meschko
Youth Minister

Dianna Lewis
Parish Administrator

Beth Adam
Financial Secretary

Cindi Holder
Facilities Coordinator

Chris Dorantes
Maintenance Coordinator

Krysta McDaniel
Communications Coordinator

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for Eric, Scott, and Darr who are serving in the Middle East.



Margaret	Roger	Teresa
Dorla	Doris	Rachel
Bobby	Ronnie	Hattie
Sandy	Brooke	Bill
Shawn	Harris	Marsha
Betty	Ruby	Thor
Grover	Brian	Garet
June	Sammye	Barbye
Bernie	Hunter	Edward

Deceased: L.M. Holman, Roberta Shumard, Jean Anderson, Robert Snell

YOUNG ADULTS -VOCARE IS BACK!

Vocare is a spiritual formation and renewal weekend for young adults who are facing serious decisions that set the direction for their adult lives. Vocare weekends focus on your life and how to deal with adult situations. There will be presentations, music, time for reflection and opportunities to speak with the Spiritual Director about the hard questions that may be on your mind. Vocare is designed for young

adults from the upperclassmen in college through 30 years of age. There are also opportunities for older persons to be a part of the weekend.

Vocare #24 will be at Camp Capers May 16-18, with check-in at 6 p.m. on May 16 and Closing service at 3 p.m. on May 18. For more information or a registration form, contact Stacy Dowdy at the Diocese at (210)824-5387.

Registration forms are also available in the Church office.

St. Helena's golfers are in swing!

It's golf season at St. Helena's!

Play Days will be the first Saturday of each month as long as weather permits. **The Next Play Day will be May 3 .**

Contact Joe Bob Cudd at jcudd@satx.rr.com or (210)698-1926, Ed Prather at oled@boernewireless.com or (830)249-8101 or (210)326-5138.

We will keep you informed by e-mail, both the Sunday and Monthly Cross-Finder and postings on all bulletin boards.

The Cross-Finder is a monthly publication. Deadline for submissions for the June issue is May 16. Deadline for the weekly Sunday Cross-Finder is noon Wednesday. E-mail articles to krysta@sthelenas-boerne.org



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