



St. Cyprian's Clarion

ST. CYPRIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LUFKIN, TEXAS

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Dear Friends in Christ,

On Thursday, October 1st, Bishop High will be with us to formally install me as the rector of our church. As with all of the liturgies of the church, it will be a wonderful celebration of our common life of faith. I hope that you all will be able to attend.

At one particularly poignant point in the service, members of the congregation, the bishop and priests of the diocese present the new rector with symbols of his/her office. Many of these objects are new, like a new stole or bible, purchased through the generous donations and gifts. Others, like the keys to the church or a copy of the Canons of the Diocese, are taken from the rector's office immediately before the service and effectively returned in the context of the liturgy. Unlike ordinary gifts, however, each of these symbols comes with an expectation. "Receive these keys", the wardens say, "and let the doors of this place be open to all people."

Such, I figure, is the way with many of our gifts, particularly those we think about as being important to our faith life. St. Paul speaks of the gifts of the Spirit and how they are given by God to us apart from our deserving them. But he goes to great lengths to explain that these are not simply trophies or collectables to be put on our shelves. Each gift is given, he says, for the building up of the Body. Each gift has a purpose. Each gift is a tool, put in our hand, so that we might do the work of God in this world.

On Sunday November 1st, we will be conducting our annual every member canvas. This yearly stewardship program asks each one of us to make an accounting of the gifts that God has given us in the past year and to be intentional about putting those gifts of time, talent and treasure to work in the world. Specifically, we are asked to set aside a certain portion of our gifts for the work and ministry of the Church. Your pledge will allow the vestry to account for its gifts and to discern God's intention for our common life in the coming year.

Beloved, over the course of this next month, let us all devote ourselves to a period of prayer and discernment. Let us take stock of the gifts that God has given us and ponder their intended uses. Then let us commit ourselves to passing on some of the grace we have received, for the benefit of others and the work of the Church.

Grace and Peace,

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A "BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" OUTDOOR SERVICE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Our Parish Family will celebrate "The Feast of St. Francis" with the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4, 10:00 a.m. at the outdoor altar. The celebration will feature songs, readings, prayers, a brief homily . . . all directed toward honoring St. Francis of Assisi and the love of "all creatures great and small." Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and pets/animals as we celebrate St. Francis Day. For the safety and comfort of others, please be sure to bring leashes, crates and other means by which to secure your pets.

SEAFARER'S MINISTRY FIRST WEDNESDAY SUPPER - OCT. 7 - 6:15 P.M.

Ahoy St. Cyprian's! We hope to see you the first Wednesday in October for the Seafarer's Box Wrapping Party. After boxing up all of our donated goodies we will be in the galley enjoying burgers and brownies. Donations can be placed in the Seafarer's box by the entrance to the Parish Hall. There will be lots of wrapping and fellowship, so come and join in on the fun!

Items that can be included in the boxes: band aids, combs, soap, dental floss, deodorant, disposable razors, pencils/pens, postcards, caps, Kleenex, chapstick, shampoo/rinse, lotion, nail clippers, Q-tips, playing cards, stamps, Texas Souvenirs, sewing notions, shaving cream, toothbrush, key chains, toothpaste, paper/envelopes, puzzles/games, t-shirts, hard candy. **Please avoid breakable items or things that will melt. See you there!!!



OUTREACH - SEAFARER'S MINISTRY

Seafarer's Ministry is the only Outreach program at St. Cyprian's that reaches beyond our community. The Christmas Box Program, sponsored by the Ministry to the Port of Houston, reached 441 ships from 67 different countries in 2008! After we box and wrap our goodies, the boxes are then delivered to Rev. Lacy Largent and Rev. James Scott, Retired, to be taken to the Port of Houston. As our Episcopalian Port Chaplains, they deliver the boxes to the ships. These ships are tankers and cargo vessels that deliver products worldwide. This ministry gives the St. Cyprian's church family a chance to share our gift of giving to the world. If you need more information, please contact Cathy Blanks or Traci Eckmann or go to www.houstonseafarers.com. Thanks for your support.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



ECW MEETING will be 6:00 P.M. on the second Thursday this month, October 8, in the Church Parlor. The program will be Heavenly Gardens presented in part by Dawn Stover, Director, SFA Mast Arboretum Gardens. We will have food and libations. All women of the church are welcome. A nursery will be provided.



The ECW will have its annual bake sale on November 22. We will again have a variety of items including casseroles, desserts, and side dishes to compliment your Thanksgiving meal. A list of items available will be included in your November *Clarion*. Also information regarding placing an order will be in the November issue. Please place your order by November 20 and pick up your order on Sunday, November 22 after the 10:00 a.m. service. ECW members will receive a letter soon asking for persons to donate cooked items. Watch for your letter and help us have a great Bake Sale!

PARISH MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 11:15 A.M.

There will be a meeting of the Parish on Sunday, October 25 following the 10:00 a.m. service. Elections will be held for vestry members as well as confirmation of Delegates to Council. The early election is to allow transition for new vestry members, and time for Delegates to Council to prepare and have some foreknowledge of their responsibilities. Biographies of parish members running

for these positions follow. **Please bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch.**

VESTRY NOMINEES:

SALLY ALVIS is a graduate of Episcopal High School, Baton Rouge and University of Texas with Bachelor of Journalism degree. Sally Alvis and her family have worshiped at St. Cyprian's since 1998. She has taught Godly Play Sunday School, co-directed the Angel Choir, volunteered at Vacation Bible School, served on the St. Cyprian's School Board and was a member of the 2009 Rector Call Committee. She has also served on the Rev. Scott Kitayama's Mentor Committee and the Youth Minister Search Committee. She is currently a chalice/lay reader. Sally is a partner in a marketing/business development firm - AinsworthAlvis, LLC. Sally and her husband, Max, have two daughters - Anna Catherine (15) and Elisabeth (12).

THOMAS BANKS (Tom) McLaurin is a radiologist with Memorial Hospital, 1995-present; M.D., Baylor College of Medicine, 1989, B.S. (Psychology), Duke University, 1980. He was a member of St. Cyprian's Vestry from 2001-2003. He has served on a Yard Team from 1998 to the present; Community Food Drive; Men's Bible Study and Fellowship; Boy Scout Troop 134 Leadership Assistant. He is married to Claire and they have two sons, Doug and Reed, age fourteen.

ALLISON MOSS is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.A. in Anthropology and worked in Austin as an archaeologist. She is currently office manager and legal assistant in her husband's, Roger Moss, law firm. She joined the Episcopal Church in 1997 and was confirmed at St. Cyprian's. She has served as the Angel Families Coordinator, 3 years; the Outreach Committee Coordinator, 2 years, and has been the St. Martha's Guild Coordinator, 5 years. Most recently, she served on the ECW Mother's Day Tea Committee and is currently in training as a member of the Altar Guild.

LOY MACK O'NEAL attended SFASU; is member/manager of O'Neal Industries, LLC; owner/manager of O'Neal Farms: a Cow-Calf, Hay, Land, & Timber resource; U.S. Army Veteran. He has been a board member of St. Cyprian's School (2 terms); member of St. Cyprian's Church for 20 years; member of Breakfast Team 7 since its conception. He is married to Linda and they have a daughter, Cody O'Neal - a graduate of St. Cyprian's School.

PATRICK RONAGHAN is a graduate of SFASU with a B.A. in marketing. He is

Director of Physician Services at Nacogdoches Medical Center (Physician Liaison & Physician Recruiter). He is a member of a Yard Team, a VBS volunteer, and was a member of the Search Committee. He is married to Karen and they have two daughters, Katie and Allie.

MARY ANN TERRY is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science and has been a biology teacher for eighteen years; ten years of which have been at LHS. She has been a VBS volunteer, Nursery Director, 4 years; Angel Family Chairman, 3 years; coffee/cookie hour volunteer; 2009 Rector Call Search Committee; 2009 Transition Committee. She is married to Scott Terry and they have three children: Nicholas, Zac and Georgia Kate.

FALL FESTIVAL - "TRUNK OR TREAT"

St. Cyprian's will have its annual FALL FESTIVAL on Sunday, October 25, 4:30-7:00 p.m. We will enjoy hot dogs and many different activities. Teri Sanders is chairing this event. Please call her @465-1849 if you want to help. You may bring candy to the church office the week of October 19th.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Following in the footsteps of Men's Fellowship but offering an experience with a decidedly feminine touch, the first Women's Fellowship gathering was held on August 31 with enormous success. About forty women of all ages attended, bringing a variety of delicious food ranging from taco dip to coconut cake to pasta salad, as well as healthy doses of energy and enthusiasm. The rectory was filled with exuberant conversation in celebration of community as women from our church became acquainted and reacquainted. Thank you to all who participated by bringing food and drink, or simply by showing up in support of such a wonderful event. We look forward to having more joyful gatherings in the future, the last Monday of every month starting at 6 pm. All women of the church and female friends, family or acquaintances are encouraged to stop by, even if you only have a few minutes to spare. By strengthening our bonds as a community of faith we can truly feel God's presence among us and do God's work in our church and our world. Come join us!

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT DRIVE KICK-OFF

The EMC Committee for this year has assembled its leaders, Carol Moore, 2009 Chair, Rufus Duncan 2010 Chair, and Cotton Whiddon, 2008 Chair, Marsha Miller, and Art Callaham. The following members have agreed to be captains: Cathy Blanks, Scott Ratcliff, Jim Miller, Alys Ray, Max Alvis, Don Brawley, Buddy Zeagler, and Kevin Jones. Your chair is very appreciative of the captains' support and volunteer spirit.

We ask that each parishioner examines his own situation in prayer, as we work together to determine what our own commitments can be. St. Cyprian's continues to grow in numbers and programs. The committee is confident our needs will be met, with your help and God's help.

A Prayer for our Stewardship

O gracious God, who has given to each of us the many gifts of your love; a life to live, this good earth in which to live it and the greatest gift of all in your Son, Jesus Christ, help us to be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Important EMC Dates

October 12	Worker Training and Pledge 5:30 p.m.
October 16	EMC Letters and pledge cards mailed
November 1	EMC Sunday Canvass

RALLY DAY RECAP



Our Rally Day celebrations and activities on Sunday, September 13 were a huge success and enjoyed by all. As Rally Day fell on the Feast of St. Cyprian, our Eucharists were celebrated accordingly including Fr. Callaham's sermon on the historical background and ministry of St. Cyprian in the early church.

Many thanks to our ministry and outreach leaders who decorated tables on the breezeway for our Ministry Fair, highlighting our many and varied service and fellowship opportunities here at St. Cyprian's. At 9:00 a.m., Sunday School for all ages got off to a great start due to our terrific teachers and appropriate, meaningful curriculums.

Then, finally, the day was concluded with an "indoor picnic" in the school gym.

Since rain was an issue, the school gym provided an excellent place for our 3 huge inflatable airjumps for our younger parishioners and friends, as well as for bingo and barbeque!! Our bingo games were great fun thanks to Ron and Judy Temple. Thanks to Linda and Loy Mack O'Neal for the delicious barbeque and to the Parish Life Committee, coordinated by Claire McLaurin, for all the terrific side dishes and desserts. Lastly, we must thank the two clean-up teams headed by Kerrie Picou and Betty Preston, as well as the many parishioners who pitched in to return the gym to its original state.

NEWS OF ST. CYPRIAN'S

Recycling - Please be sure to make use of the blue recycling boxes scattered around the campus. The City of Lufkin will accept paper, aluminum, and #1/#2 plastics for recycling. The vestry is also looking for ideas that will help us to reduce, reuse and recycle an even greater amount of our resources. Thanks, in advance, for your help!

New Church Calendar - Be on the lookout for a new link to the Church calendar that will be showing up on our web-site in the next month or so. The vestry and the rest of the church staff have been working hard to develop a robust, on-line resource for those who plan and attend events here at Church. More details will accompany the roll-out of the new calendar software.

NEW Clarion Deadlines - in order to ensure that the staff can get you the news you need in a timely fashion, the deadline for materials to be run in "The Clarion" has been revised to the 15th of each month. Articles, calendar dates, photos, etc. can be submitted in electronic format or hard-copy to Betty (bhill@stcyprianschurch.org). If you are a frequent contributor to our newsletter, please do your part to ensure that we "go to press" in a timely fashion.

Outreach Ideas - Members of the Outreach Committee are looking for the next *BIG* idea in service. Following on many years of success and enjoyment in our Thanksgiving food drive, we are hoping to find an additional idea or two for new ventures to begin this winter or spring. Pass your *BIG* ideas onto Bruce Love, Mark Picou, Erica Callahan or Patsy Hineman.

C. S. LEWIS FOUNDATION SOUTHWEST REGIONAL RETREAT - Camp Allen Conference Center, October-November 1. Check the bulletin board for more

information or on line at campallen.org or call 1-866-334-CAMP.

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YOUTH NEWS

Youth were extremely busy the month of September. We had six youth travel to Camp Allen for Y.E.S. They are all eagerly waiting to go back and help staff Y.E.S. Sunday School and youth are finally getting under way. We are blessed to have wonderful teachers in both Sr. High and Jr. High Sunday School. Sunday School begins at 9 :00 a.m. Thank you to the Squiers for hosting the youth at their house the beginning of the month. Our meal coordinator for the Fall is Suzie Powell. Please contact her if you would like to help prepare a meal for youth. [Our service project:](#) Bring \$5 for a scavenger hunt for items to go in the box the First Sunday in October.

October 4	All youth scavenger hunt for Seafarer's Boxes
October11	Youth at Church
October18	All youth fellowship - 4:30 p.m. St. Cyprian's gym

October 25 Youth at Church

Youth starts at 5:00p.m. for all and ends at 7:30 p.m.

There is a place for you.