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From the Rector

BY THE REV. MERRILL WADE

This edition of *The Word* is packed with significant plans for St. Matthew's Church and our ministry and mission to the world. Therefore, I am choosing to say as little as possible (believe it or not) because I am asking you to make a sincere effort to read this issue from cover to cover.

Vocation Celebration on Labor Day Sunday

On Sunday, September 4, at the 10:30 a.m. service, you are invited to bring a token of your work or hobby, something that symbolizes your labor, and place it on the altar when instructed during the service. This will be the third year in a row that we have done this and many of us have found it to be deeply moving. Worshipers bring diaper bags, computer mouses (mice?), resumes, priestly stoles, prayer shawls, business cards, tax forms, weekly planners and many other signs of life and labor. On that day, as well, we remember that many people are underemployed or out of work. We recognize that many of us work in fear of a layoff or downsizing. Our prayers of the people that day will reflect those ongoing concerns.

Stewardship Plans

As we begin to make plans for 2006, our efforts turn to pledging and stewardship. Fellow priest and rector of St. James, Austin, The Rev. Greg Rickel, will be with us at the 10:30 a.m. service on September 11. His sermon will kick off our pledge program for the fall. I will be writing you a letter on or around that weekend and I will offer several goals for 2006 that are based on the Vision Day work done on June 11 and the two Sunday morning Stewardship/Vision classes on August 21 and 28. You are a faithful and generous congregation; I will be challenging you to continue to be who you are!

Bob Lively, the Family Conference and Healthy Relationships

I am very happy to announce that the Rev. Bob Lively will continue his role as teacher and writer in residence on our church staff. Bob will be working part-time with us and will continue to office here. He is also working part-time at Austin Recovery Center, engaged in supporting that great ministry as it offers life and wholeness to those facing addiction. Elsewhere in this issue you will find an article about the Family Conference and the class Bob will teach afterwards on Sunday nights. St. Matthew's is committed to strengthening your relationship with God through the life of prayer and service (notice the attention to spirituality and outreach ministries), and your relationships with other people through such emerging offerings as the "How to Be a Family Conference," Edge of Adventure classes, Bob's class on "Breaking New Ground" in relationships, and Keith Millers class on "Forgiveness and Reconciliation." And we are just getting started.

Edge of Adventure – renewed and ready for you!

Are you looking for a small group experience that will help you make friends and live the Christian life with passion and purpose? As stated in the press release announcing the recent re-publication of the Christian classic "Edge of Adventure", authored by our own Keith Miller and his friend Bruce Larson, Edge of Adventure groups "help people respond to the gospel, make a serious commitment to God or develop the formational experiences of prayer, devotional reading and sharing of difficulties which lead to confession, forgiveness and reconciliation." Does that sound too heavy? Not at all. Participants in Edge of

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St. Matthew's 2005 Family Conference: "How to be a Family"

SUBMITTED BY PHIL WEBSTER

September 11 – 14

St. Matthew's has a strong commitment to family health and wholeness. In this spirit, we are pleased to sponsor this first annual family conference under the banner of "How to be a Family." This unique and informative conference is open to everyone – to the whole community, to those who have raised a family, to those who are in the process of doing so, and to those who hope to do so in the future. Beginning September 11th and running through the 14th, five knowledgeable speakers will present talks on personal and family health issues that will inspire and inform.

There are three separate yet interconnected tracks for the conference. Each evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. there will be a component for adults, for youth grades 6 – 12, and for younger children and nursery-age infants.

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St. Matthew's Day is Sunday, September 25 Feast Day Celebration!

Sunday School as usual
One Morning Church Service Only
at 10:30 a.m.

Followed by lunch in
Huffman Hall and Courtyard
Sponsored by the Associate Vestry
the Holy Smokers

Watch the Weekly Word for more details soon!

**Wear Red! Come Early! Enjoy Lunch!
Bring the Kids! Stay late!**

To Know CHRIST and to Make Him Known

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RECTOR'S ARTICLE

Adventure had equal parts fun, joy, prayer, learning and renewed relationships. Take a hard look at joining a group. Notice the article within this issue about the Edge of Adventure groups. The groups will begin to meet the week of September 18!

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Finally, I want to commend Jim Sparks and over three dozen men of our parish that are right now chartering a St. Matthew's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, an association of men committed to a rule of prayer, study and service to the church. You will be hearing much more about this in coming weeks. As for now, just mark your calendar for Thursday, September 8, at 6 p.m. for a meal and speaker in Huffman Hall sponsored by the Brotherhood and open to all men and older teenagers of the parish.

We are blessed and I am blessed to be your Rector!

Faithfully,



Merrill

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FAMILY CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 11 "Developing Healthy Families" Dr. Bob Lively

Bob is an ordained Presbyterian minister with 32 years experience as a pastor, author and college and seminary instructor. He is well-known and highly respected as a teacher here at St. Matthew's.

Monday, September 12 "Healthy People Make Healthy Families" Dr. Bob Moats

Dr. Moats is a greatly respected psychologist and intuitive therapist who has been in practice in Austin for three decades.

Tuesday, September 13, "Living With and Loving the Adolescent" Dr. Nancy Willbern

Dr. Willbern is a gifted therapist and mother of three grown children. She has practiced in the Austin area for nearly ten years and has focused upon the integration of psychology and spirituality.

Wednesday, September 14, "Single Parenting/Adoptive Parenting/Blended Families" Dr. Janettee Henderson

Dr. Henderson is a much sought-after speaker and marriage and family therapist in Austin. She is a part-time instructor at St. Edwards University and has devoted much of her life's work to healing relationships.

All Four Evenings, "Conversations With Youth" Dr. Shari Davis

Shari is a licensed psychologist who works in the Round Rock Independent School District. In addition to her extensive experience as a psychologist, Shari holds a divinity degree from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. Her parallel evening program for youth will echo the themes offered to adults in an engaging and age-appropriate way.

There will be care and supervision provided each night for nursery-aged infants and children in the church undercroft.

This informative and inspirational conference is offered to the public at no charge. The programs begin at 7:00 and conclude at 8:30 p.m. Although advance registration is not required, we do ask that those seeking childcare pre-register so that adequate staffing arrangements may be made. To register, or for more information, please contact Betty Mitchell by phone, 345-8314 x 215 or email betty@stmattsaustrin.org

Thoughts on Stewardship: Work and Money

BY KATHY VAIL, STEWARDSHIP CHAIR

The practice of giving the first fruits of our labors back to God is an ancient one. For a farmer, it might have literally been the first or best fruit, vegetables or grain. For someone who herded animals for a living, it would have been their finest young animal. The food and wool from the gifts would have been used to support the priests and their families, and the needs of the community. People gave their best, because they knew that everything they had came from God and that God was due the best that they had to give.

Our society no longer accepts food or livestock as payment for work. Who among us would take a chicken or a goat in payment for our work? Can you imagine the City of Austin Utilities accepting peaches or a lamb as payment for the electricity used to run the air conditioners and electric lights at St. Matthew's or our homes? Most of us no longer produce tangible items anyway. Many of us are paid to create ideas or provide service to others. Because of these changes in society, work and money have become closely tied together in the modern world. Nothing else has really changed. We still need to give back to God our best, because we know that everything we have comes from God and that God is due the best that we have to give.

On September 4, the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, we will place on the altar, the tools and symbols of our work and labors and dedicate our labors to God. Later in the month, we will have the opportunity to give the first fruits of that labor back to God. On St. Matthew's Day, September 25, we will place the first fruits of our labor on the altar. We will do this through a pledge card, which tells God how much of the fruits of our labor we will give to St. Matthew's during the coming year. As in ancient times, these offerings will support the priests, staff and their families, and the needs of the community.

Take the next couple of days to decide what part of your work and fruits of your labor you will give back to God and then join us in this ancient tradition of thanksgiving and dedication.

Now That I Am Called, What Do I Do?

BY BABS CLENDENIN, JUNIOR WARDEN

Last Fall I attended the annual conference for Wardens and Vestry. A seminar of particular interest to me was conducted by a veteran warden who stated that "you were called to be a warden." I immediately thought, "O.K. God, your will be done; but now that I am called, what do I do?" First look for a comprehensive job description for the Junior Warden. My commandment, not HIS.

The consensus is that Junior Wardens are in charge of Buildings and Grounds. Happiness was when I learned that this was not the case at St. Matt's since I don't know a sump pump from a bicycle pump. However, I still hear complaints about rocks on the parking lot, a darkened rose window and needed storage space. I can sympathize with roof damage, broken AC's and drainage problems, but that is where my expertise ends except for praying that the budget will cover the necessary repairs. "In congregations where paid staff handle maintenance work, the Junior Warden's role is more that of assistant to the Senior Warden."

In order to delineate a comprehensive job description, I began to search for various sources that postulated the above. Four sources were found; one dated 1999, and another dated 2005, both taken from a Warden's notebook. A third source, *The Vestry Handbook of 2000*, stated that "the Canons offer little guidance to wardens as to their role." Finally, an excellent source turned out to be *The Vestry Resource Guide, Servants Called To Leadership* published by Cornerstone.

Here are highlights extracted from the four sources describing the duties, time commitments and responsibilities of a Junior Warden. The JW is elected by the Vestry from among its members to represent and support individual Vestry members and the Vestry as a whole and to channel Vestry comments and/or concerns to the clergy. The JW should represent and support the

parish at large and be aware of prevailing attitudes of the parish. The JW should be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance and should report parish concerns to the vestry and clergy. The JW acts as the corresponding secretary in sending out sympathy, get well, congratulations, etc., cards or letters to persons and organizations in the name of the Vestry.

The Junior Warden's time commitments include attending Vestry meetings; attending Vestry retreats; attending weekly worship services; representing the Vestry at congregational events, i.e. coffee hour, meals, special events, etc.; attending weekly meetings with the Rector and Senior Warden; and attending the Annual Parish Meeting

Added responsibilities include having an enthusiasm and vitality for the vocation; praying daily for the Rector, leaders and members of the congregation; and assisting the Rector and Senior Warden in providing leadership in the Vestry and overall leadership in the congregation.

Lastly, but certainly not least, the JW should exhibit the qualities of fairness and a respect for others. I pray daily to meet these obligations to the best of my ability, ever mindful of the need for God's direction and guidance.

WOW! Then you may ask, "Why do you want this job?" My answer to you, "is to learn" and learn I have. I have a much deeper appreciation for the workings of the church. I have witnessed the depth of selfless dedication by so many and above all I have gotten to know and work closely with a loving and dedicated clergy and staff – what a blessing!

Will Spong said it best, "It is not what you say It is what you do."

Contemplative Prayer at St. Matthews One Year Later

A REPORT BY FR. JIM WILLIAMS

One year ago this August, Merrill asked me to consider working in the area of Contemplative Prayer. It was an area of high interest for me, personally, but one in which I had done little in-depth work. I agreed to do it. At that time, there had been an ongoing Contemplative Holy Eucharist during Lent, and a number of people at St. Matthews were involved in Centering Prayer, including both Merrill and Susan. It has been a year of intense learning and growth for me, for which I give thanks.

The following is a brief report of the ongoing activity here in the area of contemplative spirituality. With the strong support of clergy and a body of laypersons, here is a summary of what is going on:

Contemplative Holy Eucharist Sunday, 5:15 p.m. (2 – 3 times per month)

Contemplative Prayer Services (Taize, Evening Prayer, etc.) Sunday, 5:15 p.m. (approximately once per month, as announced)

Centering Prayer – a group Thursday, 5:30 – 6:30 pm, Room B-14

"Invitation into Prayer and Silence"

Seasonal Quiet Days: as announced, through the Church year

Periodic Workshops, Seminars, Speakers - Two thus far in 2005: Thomas Keating in January and Sandy Casey-Martus in June. More will be scheduled in the future.

"Conversations on Contemplative Prayer" a monthly article in *The Word* (now to be called "Conversations on Prayer")

A resource on the intentional spiritual life: Fr. Jim Williams is available to consult with individuals and groups – not as an "expert", but as a fellow pilgrim on the journey.

On August 14, the above outline was presented at the Contemplative Prayer booth for the Seven Acre Showcase. In addition there was a display of numerous books, publications, pamphlets and videotapes on contemplative prayer. Also included was access to information on a variety of spiritual practices and disciplines from the rich heritage of Christian spirituality, i.e.: journaling, retreats, lectio divina, meditation, prayer partnering, spiritual direction, fasting and prayer, walking the labyrinth, etc.

Come Pray and Be Silent With Us

**St. Matthew's Quiet Day
Saturday, September 24**

**9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
in Room B-21
Led by Fr. Jim Williams**

Edge of Adventure Groups Are Forming

SUBMITTED BY ANDREA MILLER

Last September three Edge of Adventure groups met for thirteen weeks in a pilot study to help with editing and revision of the small group study course called *The Edge of Adventure*. Revisions are complete, and the new edition has been published. New Edge of Adventure groups are now forming, to meet for 13 weeks beginning the week of September 18. The cost per person will be approximately \$30 for study materials.

Sign up is underway now for groups forming soon. Possible times are:

Monday night, 7 – 9 p.m.,
beginning September 19.

Tuesday night, 7 – 9 p.m.,
beginning September 20

Thursday night, 7 – 9 p.m.,
beginning September 22

Tuesday morning, 10 a.m. – noon,
beginning September 20

Wednesday morning, 10 – noon,
beginning September 21

Sunday afternoon 3 – 5 p.m. (ending just
before the 5:15 evening service)
beginning September 18

There is no way to know how many will sign up to be in these groups, but if you would like to sign up, please email info@keithmiller.com and indicate your interest.

St. Matthew's Adult Education Programs Sunday Morning Classes - Fall 2005

SUBMITTED BY THE ADULT EDUCATION COUNCIL

“What Does it Take for Forgiveness and Reconciliation to Happen?”

Taught by Keith Miller

Dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 26, Oct. 2 and 9

9:30 – 10:15 a.m. in Huffman Hall

This class, taught in six sessions, will examine the way Jesus presents the attitudes, awareness and courage necessary to hear another person's pain, to face the effects of our own behavior on others, and to enter the process of spiritual transformation that slows us to move from needing to be right, to wanting to receive God's kind forgiveness and love.

Discovery Class

Taught by The Rev. Merrill Wade

Dates: Sept. 18, through Oct. 23

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. in Room B-14

If you are new to St. Matthew's or would just like to know more about the Episcopal church, this class is for you. To prepare individuals for Confirmation, the Rector will teach this class for six weeks. On October 30, The Rt. Rev. Rayford High will be here for Confirmation.

Contemplative Spirituality

Taught by Sharon Lowe and Jim Duncan

Beginning September 18

9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

The goal of this class is to share life experiences as Christians listening to each other and connecting them to the larger story of Christianity. We seek to accomplish this through prayer, meditation, reflection, dialog, witness and the study of scripture, poetry and works by contemplative spiritual writers.

Bible Study

Taught by Joe Behen and Clive Smith

Beginning September 18

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

The goal of this study of Scripture is to gain a greater understanding of our relationship with the Lord through study of the story of God's reaching out to His chosen people as given to us in Scripture. In addition to the words of Scripture itself, fairly extensive use will also be made of study aids. The format of this study is not that of lecture but of group study. Participation in discussions is always optional but encouraged. Topics of study will be decided by the group, with deference to topics that give some logical flow to the material over time.

The History Corner

Taught by Marty Novak

Dates to be announced

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

The History Corner: Thoreau wrote that “Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in.” One Sunday a month, Marty Novak will act as historian and fishing guide in exploring a wide variety of topics relating to Christian history and belief. This fall's topics include: “Joseph and the Siblings of Jesus,” “Bishop Ussher and the Dating of Creation,” “The Council of Nicaea,” and “What We Can Learn From Discrepancies, Errors and Alterations in the Gospels.” Be assured that Marty will be chasing a great many different “fish” of interest over the course of the class.

Bob Lively to Begin Sunday Evening Relationship Course

On Sunday evening, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew's sanctuary, Dr. Bob Lively, author and pastoral counselor, will offer the first of four lectures in the How to be a Family Conference. And this series will continue throughout the fall in the form of a new and cost-free course for singles and couples entitled, “Breaking New Ground... A Course in Making Your Relationship Work.” This class, which will be interactive and involve (voluntary) homework assignments will meet in the Sanctuary from 6:15 until 7:45 p.m. each Sunday evening through out the fall.

The focus of this fun and informative experience will be to invite individuals to think and perhaps behave in new and more functional ways in the cause of making relationship systems more open and communication patterns far more honest.

Bob Lively is an ordained Presbyterian minister with 32 years experience as a pastor, author, and college and seminary instructor. He is a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and for the past 18 years, has written a regular column in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Conversations on Prayer – All Forms

BY FR. JIM WILLIAMS

Has it ever struck you that prayer is an absolutely astonishing thing? It is not like anything else. It is almost appalling to realize that we actually believe we are in touch with the Creator of all that is. And then you realize that we do this because God has reached out to us – first! It is God who initiates prayer.

The ancient definition of prayer found in the Outline of the Faith (BCP 856) is: “Prayer is responding to God, in thought or in deed, with or without words.” Responding! In prayer, we respond to what God is already doing. All our forms of prayer – individual, group, private and personal, corporate and liturgical – all, all are our responses. Worship is grounded in prayer. So is all our work in the variety of ministries, organizations and activities that make up our corporate life.

Do you have any idea of how pervasive prayer is in the life of St. Matthews? The green double sided sheet listing all of the ministries, organizations, and activities for the Seven Acre Showcase on August 14 was a stunning revelation. There are sixty -six listings on that sheet. There were sixty-six different tables, booths and displays all over our campus. No wonder many of us didn't get around to them all! Every one of these is made up of people, responding to God in some way, carrying out a ministry. And every one, because it is a response to God first, is grounded in prayer.

It has become clear to me that there are many among us who have a discipline of daily prayer and study. Many more have prayer as a major component of their lives on a regular basis. Also, we know that some among us have struggles with a more conventional patterns of personal prayer, but find great blessing in the “prayer of action,” i.e. responding to God in some form of ministry. It is all prayer, all sixty-six ministries, and all the prayers of the individuals who

are responding to God in all their various ways.

Having said the above, I am also aware both from personal experience and from conversations, that many of us individually wrestle with prayer from time to time in our own personal life. It has amazed me that a person can be quietly struggling, perhaps for quite some time period, when a chance conversation with someone else about prayer issues clears up the difficulty. We each have something of value to share with one another, and most of us have need of something someone else could share with us.

Several questions stand out in my mind as I write this:

How can we learn more and share more about the “responses to God” represented in the sixty-six ministries of St. Matthews? How can we gain a lively sense of how prayer in its fullest sense, is energizing what we are about as Christ's church in this place? How can we be more intentional in encouraging one another, quietly and gently continuing to raise the profile and visibility of prayer among us? Can we find ways to share and help one another grow in prayer, in whatever form, in deepening our responses to God, both individually and in our liturgical life?

It has struck me forcibly that my monthly writing about Contemplative Prayer, as important as that has been for a number of us, doesn't begin to cover the subject of prayer in all its forms. Contemplative Prayer is only one form, one point of focus on prayer in our life together at St. Matthews. Henceforth, this column will attempt to broaden the dialog on prayer among us. It will simply be an ongoing “Conversation on Prayer.”

Spiritual Formation Calendar of Events

(unless otherwise noted, all are at St. Matthew's)

September 11 – 14: How to be a Family Conference (see article on front page)

September 21, 6:30 p.m., El Buen Samaritano, ETSS annual Blandy Lecture, with Jim Wallis, founder and editor of Sojourners Magazine

September 24, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Parish Quiet Day

October 8, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. “Aging Well: Mind, Body, Spirit” Conference (see article in this issue for more information and www.St. Matt's website for registration form)

October 14, 15, 16, All Saints' Church, Bailey Lecture Series, The Very Rev. Alan Jones, Dean, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco. Dean Jones' topic will be “Re-imagining Christianity: Reconnect Your Spirit without Disconnecting Your Mind”.

November 19, Daughters of the King retreat, Group Spiritual Direction, with the Rev. Michael Gemignani

Sunday, September 18th, Experiential Worship Service

BY CARA SPACCARELLI, SEMINARIAN

This 5:15 p.m. service is designed to draw us into an experience of worship that engages our whole beings. While all of our worship together strives to do this, this service will explore different ways to engage the mind, body, and soul through visual and interactive elements not typically a part of our worship life. While the flow of the service will certainly be familiar, its design provides a unique worship experience that hopes to expand our forms of communal worship.

Merrill Wade to Lead Discovery Class

SUBMITTED BY DEDEE NORMAN

Our Rector will soon begin the fall Discovery Class, for people new to St. Matthew's, new to the Episcopal church, or those who just want to get to know us better. If you are interested, drop by the Welcome Table in the Commons on Sundays, give Dedee Norman a call at 345-8314 or email her at dedee@stmattsaustin.org to register. Classes will begin September 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Room B-14.

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Senior Sentences

BY LUCY A. BOYEA,
MINISTER OF SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Trusting that the summer has been a time of rest and relaxation for all, the Senior Activity Center will “pick up the pace” in September. We’ll resume our monthly speakers and Armchair Travel and look forward to a trip in October. We’ll also have two parties: our eleventh birthday party and our annual Christmas party. We’ll also give thanks for our many blessings at our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. We hope that those of you who have yet to join SAC will be titillated by these projected activities and will make haste to become a member.

Each of us, at whatever stage of life or personal circumstance we find ourselves, has something to share with others. All of us have something to learn and ways in which we can grow. Come share and grow at the Senior Activity Center!

Hear Barbara Williams at Fall Women’s Story Circle on September 11

Barbara Williams will address the women of St. Matthew’s at the Women’s Story Circle at noon on September 11 in Huffman Hall. Barbara’s message will be the second in the fall series of monthly luncheons and talks for women of all ages.

Barbara retired from the School of Social Work at The University of Texas and is an experienced retreat and spiritual leader for Christian groups. We also know Barbara as loving wife and support staff to Fr. Jim Williams.

The Women’s Story Circle is sponsored by St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church Women. A light lunch is served and a donation of \$5 is suggested. Free babysitting is provided. To make reservations, email Carol Mynes at cmynes@austin.rr.com, or call her at 343-6801.



From Jesus to Christianity by L. Michael White

SUBMITTED BY JACK ECCLES

Merrill has mentioned in more than one of his sermons that to better understand Bible readings it is important to know the culture of their origin. L. Michael White, who is Ronald Nelson Smith Chair in Classics and Christian Origins at the University of Texas in Austin and the author of *From Jesus to Christianity*, has done that in his book.

If you wish to understand how the Jesus Movement evolved from a cult, centered on the Resurrected Christ to the religion we call Christianity, this book is important. Michael White begins with explaining the interaction of various groups of the day; the Roman Empire, Jews in Israel and elsewhere, Syrians and other peoples. He then leads the reader through the early Christian writings starting with the letters of Paul, through the Gospels, Acts and other Canonical writings. His explanation of the “Revelation of John” is excellent.

White explains the effect of the First Jewish Revolt and the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem on not only Judaism, but the budding Jesus Movement within Judaism. He also discusses non-canonical books such as the Gospels of Thomas and Peter. Early writers and leaders such as Clement, Hermas, Ignatius and Polycarp are reviewed and explained.

Later in the book we see developing the formalizing of the early church and the beginnings of the Liturgy. We can see Rome developing as the dominant influence of the Christian communities.

I enjoy reading and enjoy reading history. I also love my church and the grandeur of it. This book is one that satisfies both of these passions and I can heartily recommend it to anyone who wishes to expand his(her) knowledge of how the Jesus Movement developed into the major religion it is today.

For further interest on this subject, I would suggest our fellow parishioner’s book, *Christianity and the Roman Empire* by Marty Novak. Both of these books can be found in the Huffman Hall Library.

Note: If you have a book that is appropriate for our library and wish to donate it, please leave it in the library with a note concerning the circumstances. If you wish to have a book added to the library, please leave a note and it will go on the library’s “wish list” for purchase.

First Friday Golf after Labor Day, a.k.a. the Second Friday in September

SUBMITTED BY DAVE BOWMAN

Friday, September 9, 2005 10:00 a.m.
Jimmy Clay Municipal Golf Course

With the approach of more temperate weather we will be playing one of the best public courses in Texas. Please contact Dave Bowman at the church office to confirm a tee time. 345-8314, ext. 213 or David@StMattsAustin.org.

July 2005 Financial Statement

	MONTH-TO-DATE		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Plate & Pledges	\$76,569.76	\$69,925.00	\$619,196.22	\$625,375.00
Other Income	443.60	600.00	2,607.25	3,270.00
Total Income	77,013.36	70,525.00	621,803.47	628,645.00
Total Expenses	87,666.18	92,308.09	610,734.02	624,821.63
Diff. of Income vs. Expenses	(\$10,652.82)	(\$21,783.09)	\$11,069.45	\$3,823.37

Outreach IN ACTION

El Buen Samaritano Needs Our Help

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN ROBERTSON

If you have 1½ to 3 hours a week that you would like to use to help another person, here is the opportunity for you! El Buen Samaritano (EBS) has sent us the following letter that says it all.

"We are preparing for our fall semester which will run until December 15. We have been having a hard time getting volunteers and are in danger of being forced to cancel some of our classes for lack of teachers. This comes at a time when we are experiencing record enrollments and so we are really eager to keep our entire course schedule. Specifically, we need English as a Second Language instructors who can volunteer Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We also need Spanish speaking computer instructors who can volunteer during the day. Finally, we need someone who can teach adult literacy in Spanish on Wednesday nights from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. The computer instructors need not be computer geniuses as we only teach very basic computer skills to people with no computer experience. English instructors do not necessarily need to speak Spanish, as we teach some advanced courses entirely in English."

These students are interested and interesting and are very highly motivated. If you are able to help, please call the volunteer coordinator, Sue Guerrero at 439-0731, as soon as possible. She can also be contact through the EBS website at elbuen.org or by email at sguerrero@elbuen.org.

Help For Casa Marianella

BY SUSAN ROBERTSON

Casa Marianella is a shelter for primarily Latin American immigrants and refugees. Casa M. helps folks who are newly arrived to adjust to a new country and home. Most people have had only a few years of grade school. The typical resident is married, with children, and comes to the United States with hopes of making money to send home. They stay at Casa M. for about 30 days while they look for work and a more permanent place to live. Their resources are small, and the need is very great. There are many opportunities for volunteers from teaching English to joining the staff and residents at a Sunday soccer game to hauling recyclables to Ecology Action. If you can help in this way, please call Casa Marianella at 385-5571.

Here is the wish list for Casa Marianella: (These items can be new or slightly used)

Men's clothing – work pants and jeans (waist sizes 28-36), socks, tennis shoes and work boots (sizes 7-10), sweatshirts and jackets, winter hats and gloves

Bedding – twin sheets, pillows, blankets

Toiletries – bath towels, new toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel-size shampoo, razors, cold/headache medicines

If you have any of these items that you would like to give to Casa Marianella, please contact either Mary Lou Henshaw at 336-0111 or Sarah Williams at 345-0499.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Family News

BY AMY NOVAK

Last month we said goodbye and wished luck to four families who had been part of our church family for three weeks as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. As he left, one of the little boys was grumbling about giving up "his bed". He wanted to stay longer. One of the adults commented on how different and homey St. Matthew's felt compared to some of the other places that they had stayed. Our loving Susan hugged her and told her that she would always have a home here. We made a difference in the world.

After a month, we have good news from all the families. One family has moved into a lovely condo. They now have a proper nursery for their baby girl. Mr. Chicken was found and Daddy's little girl was very happy when Don Edwards delivered the beloved toy! Daddy has just completed training for a position which pays more than the telemarketing with less stress. (Nothing was said about his foot so let's assume it has healed.) The family of four that was with us this summer finished their housing application with everything now in picture perfect order so that they expect to have housing within the month. The kids both started back to school, including a great day one of first grade. Our intrepid bicyclist still commutes every day by pedal power. She told us that every day she was dodging cars on rain slick roads, she was hoping that someone at that church was praying for her...Keep It Up. Despite some application delays, she was expecting housing any day as this article was written. The new place will be large enough that her two older children (who were not eligible to be in shelter with us) will be able to join her. The family will be reunited.

ATTENTION: Randall's Shoppers

Don't forget that if you use a Remarkable Card when you shop at Randall's, you can add St. Matthew's Outreach's number (#8955) to that card, and their Good Neighbor Program will send us 1% of your purchases to be used for Outreach. All you have to do is go to the Customer Service Office at Randall's and fill out a form. You only have to do this once. What an easy way to support the Outreach at the church.

Youth Calendar - September 2005

Each Wednesday	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	<p>Exploration: Join your friends for an evening of community building, active learning, and prayer. We will start most evenings in Huffman Hall and end in the Youth Building. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 7: "We Want to Pump You Up!" (Adult-led) • September 14: "Family Conference" • September 21: "Lectio Divina" (Prayer experience) • September 28: "Friendship Matters" (Youth-led)
Sunday, Sept. 11th	5:00 - 6:45 p.m.	<p>Celebration: Welcome to Emery House. This will be a special opportunity for youth grades 6-12 and the whole parish family to experience the prayer and hospitality enjoyed by the Discipleship Journey participants. The evening will begin with a monastic-style evening prayer in Huffman Hall. After prayers, there will be a light meal, a special video presentation of the weeks in Boston, as well as an opportunity for fellowship.</p>
Sunday, Sept. 11th through Wednesday, Sept. 14th	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. nightly	<p>The 2005 Family Conference: "How to be a Family". This will be dynamic opportunity for adults, youth, and children to focus on the value of family. Each night there will be an informative presentation offered for adults, as well as a special program for youth grades 6-12 led by Dr. Shari Davis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, Dr. Bob Lively – Developing a Healthy Family. • Monday, Dr. Bob Moats – Healthy People make Healthy Families. • Tuesday, Dr. Nancy Willbern – Living with and Loving the Adolescent. • Wednesday, Dr. Janettee Henderson – Adoptive Parenting/Single Parenting/ Blended Families.
Sunday, Sept. 18th	5:30 - 8:30 p.m.	<p>The Austin Area Episcopal Youth Laser Tag Tournament. We will meet at Blazer Lazer on Ben White for a laser tag tournament with other area Episcopal churches. Cost is only \$15.00 and includes pizza and a drink. This is open to anyone grades 6-12. Permission forms are required.</p>
Sunday, Sept. 25th	6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	<p>Youth Movie Night. Join your friends, grades 6-12, for an evening of food, discussion, and a movie in the youth building.</p>

RSCM Choirs: A Voice for Life

BY TIM SMITH

The children's choirs at St. Matthew's begin regular rehearsals on September 18.

At the information meeting on August 7, 28 kids, with their parents, came to check out our plans. Our numbers have grown since then, and there is still time to be a part of the fun. The rehearsals are Sunday afternoons. Here is the schedule for the choirs for 2005-2006.

2:15 - 2:45 p.m. Boys and Girls, Grade 2 and below
 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Girls, 3rd grade and up
 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. Boys, 3rd grade and up

We want the kids will be able to sing regularly. Sometimes they will sing at 10:30 a.m. at varying places in the service and sometimes at the 5:15 p.m. service. Barbara Pitts and I are working together closely to make this work with the Christian Education program.

I'm excited, and looking forward to our first rehearsals on September 18. Please write or call if you have questions: tsmith@stmattsaustin.org

Sundays 4YOUTH

Sundays 9:15 - 10:15

BY BARBARA PITTS, DRE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

As young men and women - 6-12th graders - explore the spiritual life, listen to God's call, and dig deeply within themselves to discern what has abiding value in life from what has transitional meaning, St. Matthew's Church offers to come along beside them in their journeys. One way we do this is through fun and meaningful events on Sunday mornings.

This fall, in further support of our teenagers, we have expanded our selection of fall classes.

Faith in Action – Taking advantage of Austin's reputation as the Fine Arts Capital of Texas, each month an artist – guitarist, singer/songwriter, painter, potter, poet, author, etc. – and person of faith will perform and challenge our youth to consider God in their lives in fresh ways and to consider how they might be drawn to respond to the Lord.

Bible Study – "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I become an adult, I put away childish ways..." Join us each month to gain an understanding of Old Testament people and times, to encounter the face and heartbeat of God in Jesus Christ, and to see the theology – the greater truths that stories point to – of God's unchanging Word. Our Bible contains many genres of literature and provides a full range of styles in writing. Approached through serious seminary-based study, it becomes a marvelous vehicle to knowing God and appreciating God's great plan for us and for all creation throughout history.

Breakfast Club – Our youth need time to make new friends and build community. Toward this end, Middle School and High School each take one Sunday a month to meet at Luby's Cafeteria for breakfast and buddies. The cost is \$5 + a permission slip; adult leaders facilitate the gathering and drive the youth to the 10:30 church service at the end.

Journey to Adulthood – Rite 13 for middle schoolers and J2A for high schoolers are lessons focused on four aspects of a whole person: self, society, sexuality, and spirituality, in light of the Gospel. The aim of these sessions is for young people's lives to be strengthened, encouraged, healed, and empowered by the life and wisdom of Jesus Christ. Using the scriptures and our Episcopal heritage and liturgy, our leaders and young people explore what it means to live as a Christian in the world today. We honor and address the needs and realities of our young people, while helping prepare them for a time when they will face the challenges of living their lives as Christian adults.

1st Sunday of each month		All Sunday morning programs meet 9:15 - 10:15
Faith in Action (6-12th Gr.)	Youth Building	
2nd Sunday		
Bible Study		
Middle School	Day School Breezeway	
High School	Youth Building	
3rd Sunday		
Middle School Breakfast Club	Luby's \$5 + permission slip	
High School J2A	Youth Building	
4th Sunday		
Middle School R13	Day School Breezeway	
High School Breakfast Club	Luby's \$5 + permission slip	
5th Sunday		
Middle School R13	Day School Breezeway	
High School J2A	Youth Building	

Second Sundays for YOUTH

SUBMITTED BY CARA SPACCARELLI

Do you feel that you've heard all those Bible stories a hundred times? Do you wonder what makes them so compelling to people? Do you wonder what in the world makes the Bible the bestselling book of all time, even surpassing the sales of Harry Potter books? If you're ready to learn more about the Bible - not just what it says but what it means - not just how we understand it but how the first readers understood it and why those two understandings may be radically different and what in the world we do with that . . . then come ready to explore this amazing book the Second Sunday of every month with the seminarians - middle school with Cara Spaccarelli and high school with Joe Behen. Come ready to think, question, and engage each other in a way that gets deep into one of the most popular books of all time!

"When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, a woman, I put away childish understandings...."

*Sunday, September 4
Labor Day Weekend*

*Don't miss:
The Big Bash with
Ragan Courtney*

*...storytelling like you've
never heard before...*

*St. Matt's Youth Bldg.
Grades 6-12th
9:15-10:15*

The 2005 Discipleship Journeys: “Listening for the Heartbeat of God”

BY ELLIE BYROM, ABBEY SMITH AND PHIL WEBSTER

The Discipleship Journeys were sacred opportunities for twenty-three youth and adults to experience God in new and life-changing ways. The grounds and people of Emery House, the monastic community of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, provided the context for us to taste and see the goodness of God in creation, in ourselves, and in each other. Living in community gave us the opportunity to understand ourselves in relation to others, and to place the needs of others before our own. The Discipleship Journeys were about accepting grace and about being gracious in our service to others. In short, each Discipleship Journey was about participants living the life of a disciple.

A common theme for both weeks was “Listening for the Heartbeat of God”. Taken from the title of the book by J. Philip Newell, the focus for both weeks was on becoming intimate with God. Intimacy is a strange and wonderful thing. It requires vulnerability and trust, and these are hard concepts for people of all ages – not just youth. Intimacy with God also required us to leave behind the distractions of life – the idols of business and technology and status that so often turn our focus from God – so that we could hear God’s voice in our lives. For some of us God was heard in the regular cycle of prayer (four times each day). For others, God was heard through the spiritual direction offered by the brothers of Emery House. Others encountered God’s presence in a renewed sense of community or in the voices and smiles of those we served. What has become clear to me in reflection over the last couple of weeks is that God was all around us, waiting with passionate patience, for us to hear and feel the warmth of his love for us.

As representatives of the rest of the participants, Abbey Smith and Ellie Byrom each offer these reflections upon their time at Emery House:

Abbey Smith (July 4-10):

This summer I was given the opportunity to take part in the Discipleship Journey. I, along with twelve others, stayed at a monastery for a whole week learning, searching, and discovering how we are disciples of Christ and what it means to be a disciple. There is one phrase that our youth director Phil told the group that helped me throughout the week: “focus on being and not just doing”. I didn’t truly understand

what it meant until the course of the week played out.

The brothers of Emery House showed us incredible hospitality. Whenever we had a question, needed help or to be shown something by example, the brothers were always willing to help. Throughout the week we praised God by having four services each day. These services, including our noonday Eucharist, gave us guidance each day. At Emery House we all got into a routine of having a prayer service right before meals. Most of the meals were eaten in silence with background music. It know it sounds crazy- eating in silence-but it was actually very peaceful. Silence is something I have been struggling with for some time now. Going on this trip turned out to be a great chance for me to reach beyond my comfort zone. I made a promise each day to spend a certain amount of time in solitude, which at first was incredibly challenging. Yet, I didn’t give up. Sure enough, after just three days, I began to be able to open myself up to the Lord in order to create a further romance with him upon a level unimaginable.

The entire week was based upon a serve and return cycle of unending love, namely, to thankfully accept what gifts we were given and to graciously give to others in a spirit of thanks. During our week at Emery House we helped serve the Boston community by feeding the homeless. This is/can be an eye opening experience. It makes one realize how much we have for which to be thankful. It felt really good to be able to give these people, who are normal just like you and me, food, prayer, and our companionship. Just seeing the faces of the kids made it all worthwhile. I am also very thankful for the gifts that I have been able to bring home with me to share with others. Who know what is was...being surrounded by pure beauty made up with real trees (unlike in Austin, haha), its location, the atmosphere created there by the hospitality of the brothers...there’s something about that place that helped me to experience God on an unfathomable level.

Ellie Byrom (July 25-31):

Anyone who has ever seen Monty Python and the Holy Grail thinks of monks as the guys in robes chanting in Latin and smacking themselves with wooden tablets. I’ll admit that during the drive from the airport to Emery House it was hard to get that image out of my head. The last thing I ever

expected to see was a monk with a full head of hair wearing a t-shirt and shorts.

The main thing that struck me about the monks was that they were real people. They talked, they laughed, they ate, slept, and drank just like you and me. They even had a dog. However, they did chant Psalms every day, sang hymns, and didn’t talk during most meals. The dog, “Brother” Duke, didn’t bark much and was trained to stay out of the chapel and dining room. But they were still guys, and Duke was still a dog. It might have been quieter there, it might have been peaceful, but we were still living life. It was the most wonderful and strange feeling to come home and realize that life still went on, that nothing changed or stopped. I changed. I stopped. I stopped giving in to this never-stopping world and got truly quiet for the first time in my life, and that, not the chanting, not the singing, brought me closer to God than I’ve ever been. That is what living the life of a monk is all about.

The Discipleship Journeys gave us the opportunity to experience the very essence of discipleship, namely, listening to God and having the courage to follow. We learned that being a disciple is not about having all the answers, being perfect, or always knowing what to do. Instead, it is about being in an intimate relationship with the God who created us, love us, and has called each of us by name. May the long obedience of discipleship continue in each of our lives. Amen.

Interfaith Hospitality Network 2006 Hosting Weeks

BY AMY NOVAK

To prevent Primary Coordinator burn out, we are continuing our practice of rotation. Margaret Carpenter will be the 2006 IHN Primary Coordinator. We are scheduling our host weeks with Foundation for the Homeless. There are just a few details to nail down (showers and Thanksgiving 2005 vs. a week in 2006) but we have tentatively chosen January 1 to 8, and June 18 (Father's Day) to July 9. Mark your calendars.

We are making two changes to streamline volunteer signups next year. First we are gathering contact information now to build a database of volunteers, potential volunteers and "I'll call you" volunteers. We would like contact information even if you end up deciding not to participate (there is a box to check so we won't call). The motivation is to allow us to focus only on scheduling time slots during the sign up next summer. We also have more time to make sure that all coordinators receive the contact information to avoid some of the problems we experienced this year with missing phone numbers or incorrectly transferred numbers. The second change is to give every volunteer a reminder card (like those you get from your dentist) to take home when they sign up.

Safeguarding God's Children is Required for St. Matt's Volunteers

SUBMITTED BY AMY NOVAK

All volunteers with programs involving children (including IHN evening and overnight hosts) are required to have completed the Safeguarding God's Children program. No news here you say. But, do you know all three steps to be finished? Many of you have completed the training... Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. That is step one. The three steps that must be completed are:

Safeguarding God's Children Training

Class: The short form is sufficient for IHN volunteers unless they work in another program with children.

Background Screening Interview:

R.C. Thompson has a mammoth job of doing all of these interviews. We will be included with all Sunday School staff to be interviewed by November 1. I will have a table setup in the Commons the last two Sundays in August and every Sunday in September to get everyone signed up for an interview slot. You can do your interview before taking the class. You will be asked to bring your Driver's License, completed Background Check Release form (see #3) and proof of Social Security Number to the interview.

Background Check: The Diocese has very exacting requirements about the background check. No other checks will suffice. Unfortunately, this means that

everyone OK'd last year through Foundation for the Homeless or AISD will need to be redone. There is a specific form (pick it up when you sign up for your interview slot) to be filled out and brought with you to the interview.

To make it convenient for you, several training sessions are coming up soon. Please arrange to be at one of them.

Safeguarding God's Children Schedule

St. Matthew's, Thursday, September 8,
9:00 am - noon

*St. Matthew's, Friday, September 9, 9:00
am - 10:30 am

*St. Matthew's, Thursday, September 22,
9:00 am - 10:30 am

*St. Matthew's, Friday, September 23,
9:00 am - 10:30 am

**(for occasional volunteers only)*

There is no charge for this program. Registration is through the Diocese of Texas at www.epicenter.org Forms may also be picked up in the Church Office but must be mailed or faxed to the diocesan office.

Call if you have questions, need forms or interview slots. Amy Novak 795-8089 (new number not in parish directory)

SEPTEMBER KIDS' CALENDAR "U" COMPLETE O_R FAMILY

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE		
9:30 Sunday School - Children are checked in by their parents		
Level I	3 yrs. (by Sept.1) - Kinder	Basement-16
Level II	1st - 3rd Grades	Basement-17
Level III	4th - 5th Grades	Basement-13
10:30 Sunday School - Children are checked in by their parents before the service at B-21		
3 yrs. (by Sept.1) - 3rd Grade		Basement-21
<i>Children who turn 3 by Sept. 1 may remain in the nursery for free play, or they may join the Level I (3yr.-Kinder) class for a more structured morning program.</i>		

IN SEPTEMBER		
September 8, Thurs.	9:00 - Noon Safeguarding God's Children Training	B-13
September 9, Fri. OR 22, Thurs. OR 23, Fri.	9:00 - 10:30 Safeguarding God's Children Training Take one of these courses, if you are an 'occasional' volunteer. See article above.	B-13
September 11-14	7-8:30 Family Conference. See article on front page.	Church
September 18	Noon-2:00 Annual Fall Meeting of all 9:30 Teacher/Catechists	B-18
September 18	Noon-2:00 Annual Fall Meeting of all 10:30 Teachers	B-13
September 20	Noon-1:30 Children's Council	B-14

Aging Well: Mind, Body, Spirit October 8, 2005

SUBMITTED BY BETTY MITCHELL

Americans are living longer and healthier lives. Join the interfaith community of Central Texas to celebrate this phenomenon and explore new resources for vital, positive living for older adults. This conference, **Aging Well: Mind, Body Spirit**, is designed for older adults and those who care about them and for them, although all interested in this topic are welcome. Austin area gerontologist, Jungian therapist and popular speaker, Nancy F. Lamb, will offer plenary addresses. Workshops and exhibits will introduce opportunities for stimulating the mind, body and spirit to promote healthy aging. Workshop subjects include Educational and Volunteer Opportunities, Intergenerational Communication, Nutrition and Fitness, Yoga and Meditation, Singing, Life Stories, Spiritual Eldering and more.

This conference is co-sponsored by Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, All Saints' Episcopal Church, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Complete information may be found at www.stmattsaustrin.org The cost of the conference is \$15 per person, which includes a light lunch. To register, simply send your name, address, phone and email address along with your check for \$15 to All Saints' Episcopal Church, 2009 West 27th Street, Austin, TX 78705.

St. Matthew's Day School is Back in Session

SUBMITTED BY PAM LITTLEFIELD

Once again St. Matthew's School is filled with laughter, hugs and unsaturated curiosity.

We are proud to announce our 2005-06 teaching/staff members. They are:

TEACHERS:

Tuesday/Thursday 2 year olds

Leads Debbie Bell
Kathy Pape
Asst. Zahra Teymourian
Betsy Schulz

Wednesday/Friday 2 year olds

Lead Debbie Bell
Asst. Zahra Teymourian

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 2 year olds

Lead Kathy Pape
Asst. Betsy Schulz

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 3 year olds

Leads Jamie Loftin
Suzanne Harakal
Kathy Noack
Asst. Lisa Staley
Thilde Smith
Susan Gluckman

Leads Amy Herrin
Susan Mangum
Asst. Elizabeth Neale
Karen Cullen

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4 year olds

Lead Pattie McDonald
Asst. Bebe Boone

Four Day 4 year olds

Lead Kathy Dugat
Nancy Crichlow
Asst. Susie Rich
Stephanie Sutherland

Daily 4 year olds

Lead Eileen Cole
Asst. Joan Prchlik

Kindergarten

Leads Suzanne White
Tracy Rodriguez
Asst. Cindy Thornton
Kate Pluta

SPECIALS

Music	Shannon Magee
Motor Skills	Sandra Torres
Spanish	Tracy Rodriguez
Sign Language	Mary Dell Morgan

ADMINISTRATION:

Director	Pam Littlefield
Business Manager	Debbie Noack
Purchasing Manager	Pattie McDonald

We officially open our doors on Thursday, September 1, and begin our new school year. Orientation for our parents was held on August 31.

Crystal Edwards will be leading our policy-making school board as President this year. Other members of the St. Matthew's School Board are:

Vice President: Sydney Searcy
Secretary: Millie Roden
Treasurer: Kent Zarbock

Members at large: Carlin Mihm, Dana Fallon, Ken Wright, Layne Levine, and Michael Mashburn

School Administration: Pam Littlefield and Eileen Cole

Vestry Liaison: Babs Clendenin
Merrill Wade: Chairman of the Board

We are excited to be back and look forward to a new and wonderful school year.

Birthdays

September

- 1 Ryan Nichols
- 2 Sofie Alcocer, Gidget Fisher, David Price
- 3 David Carrier, Joanne Hummel, Laura Mekanick, Patty Steed
- 4 Phil Hatlen, Allen Keith, Warren Marshall, Fossie Moore, Mike Zimmermann
- 5 Colleen Hale, Tom Holt, J. D. Johns
- 6 Todd Bankler, Diane Smith, Sam Smith, Skyler Thorn
- 7 Judy Bomar, Sarah Neely
- 8 Glenda Monroe, Kay Whitney
- 9 Tracy Smith, Gray Levine
- 10 Dianne Calder, Margaret Myers
- 11 Suzanne Coalter Balsanek, Ethan Luce, Jill Miller, Austin Udelhofen, Marilyn Wright
- 12 Davis Fisher, Angela Gaston, Ben Sain, Dick Tandy, Savannah Thorn
- 13 Carrie Buckley, Clarissa Vazquez
- 14 Keith Kirkgard, Bill Kjellstrand
- 15 Mary Jo Culver, Dan McLendon
- 16 Easton Banta, Jill Bacon, Kathy Dugat, Dave Hart, Larry Richards, Mark Smith
- 17 Carol Mynes, Kimberly Nesmith, Nancy Richards, Kelly Smith, Alex Swanson
- 18 Keni Anne Cunningham, Todd Le, Sharon Roberts
- 19 Pam Godfrey, Madeline Sutherland-Meier
- 20 Mary Eastberg, Barbara Ekerdt, Dennis Featherstone, William Fisher, Carol Price
- 21 Steve Brock, Larry Roden
- 22 Elliot Bankler, Jane Adolph, Alyssa Moore
- 23 Tori Clitheroe, Ariana Patron
- 24 Claire Lawrence, Diane Sparks, Lisa Williams
- 25 Val Bray
- 26 Lamar Doyle, Woodie Jones, Andrew McAdams, China Petersen
- 27 Margaret Huffman, Millie Scott, Clif Steed, Pat Sutherland
- 28 Susan J. Barnes, Ralph Comer, Nancy Johnson, Nate Lawrence
- 29 Pat Boon, Mary Nell Frucella, Gene Hinkle, Gabe Ireland, Tom Robinson
- 30 Russ Adams, Andrew Bushong, Shelly Kirkgard, Kian McLay, Brad Smith, Penny Stephens

October

- 1 Laura Fatter
- 2 Lucas Alcocer, Cynthia Wilson
- 3 Molly Price, Debbie Simons, Bill Smith, Mary Ann Squires
- 4 Michael Mashburn
- 5 Kevin Burnett
- 6 Miller Bursk, Elaine Goessling, Rachel Zimmerman
- 7 Sue Johnson, Betsy McCraine

Marriages

Lori Wenhoff and Charlie Cole
were married on June 18, 2005.

Malissa Moore and James Sparks, Jr.,
were married on July 14, 2005.
James is the son of Diane and Jim Sparks.

Jonelle Wilson and Jerry Chapman
were married on July 23, 2005.

Virginia Hauser and Bob Ascott
were married on August 7, 2005.

New Members

Sherri and Craig Tolliver

Verna Hazlewood

Memorial Gifts to the Permanent Endowment Fund

In thanksgiving for
the Grief Support Group
by
Mary Love Bailey

In thanksgiving for
the marriage of
Virginia Hauser and Bob Ascott
by
Leslie and Bill Kjellstrand

In memory of
Lucy Harrison
by
Connie and Dane Harris

In memory of
Tom DeWitt
by
Tammy DeWitt Le

In memory of
Frank E. Jones
by
Betty Jones

Births

Pablo Zavala,
was born to Jenny and John Zavala
on August 11, 2005

Deaths

Betty McLean,
mother of Joe McLean,
died July 14, 2005

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Worship Schedule

Sunday

7:30 a.m. - Noon Contemplative Prayer in
Brides Room (B-6)
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Christian Education
for Adults
9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Christian Education
for Youth (grades 6-12)
9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Christian Education
for Children
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II
5:15 p.m. Evening Liturgy

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II
12 Noon Holy Eucharist: Rite II with
Healing Service

Daily

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in the
Cauley Chapel

The Charlotte Cauley Gray (Bell Tower) Chapel and the
Kinney (Outdoor) Chapel are always open.

The nursery is open each Sunday from 7:45 a.m. to
12:15 p.m., where childcare is cheerfully provided for
little ones from birth to age four.

Vestry

David Price (698-7676)
Babs Clendenin
John Muhich (452-7789)
Bert Hooper (346-6675)
Joe McLean

Members—Jerry Ballard, Vickie Blumhagen,
Stephen Brock, Bill Donnell, Esther Garcia,
Reid Kirchem, Kevin McGillicuddy, Warren
Marshall, Kathy Morris, Susan Robertson,
Jay Robison, Kathy Vail, Clarissa Vazquez
Assigned Vestry Members for September —
Vickie Blumhagen and Warren Marshall

Vestry Commission Chairs

David Barrow, Jr. and Mary Nell Frucella
Kevin McGillicuddy
Steve Ryder
Warren Marshall
Susan Robertson
Kathy Vail

School Board

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Mashburn, Carlin Mihm, Kenneth Wright

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The Rev. Joe Di Paola Assisting Clergy
The Rev. Jim Williams Assisting Clergy
The Rev. George I. Wilson Assisting Clergy
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Dave Bowman Business Manager
Lucy Boyea Minister of Senior Activities
Margaret Carpenter Bookkeeper
Barbara Haynes Administrative Assistant
Bob Lively Teacher
Betty Mitchell Communications Coordinator
Tracey Nichols Nursery Coordinator
Dedee Norman Membership Coordinator
Barbara Pitts Director of Religious Education
for Children and Youth
Jose Prado Sexton
Tim Smith Director of Music Ministry
Phil Webster Director of Youth Ministry

Lay Ministry Councils

Martha Webb Children
Bill Donnell Adult Education
Jeri Muhich Newcomers
Milt Williams Parish Life
Merrill Wade Worship
Kristi Robison Youth

Deadline for the **October** issue
of *The Word* is

Friday, September 16, 2005

at 5:00 p.m. Email your article to
betty@stmattsaustin.org

Articles may be edited for content and length.