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From Our Rector

Dear Parish Family and Friends:

Limitations. Why is it possible that God created folks who can do miraculous things in this life and He also created those of us who can't do miraculous things? It doesn't seem fair on many levels, however, that is just the way life is. There is always someone who can do things better and there are those who can't do them as well and sometimes all of that comes as a surprise in the end. This summer has an eye opener for me in many ways. This summer has reminded me how fragile life can be in many ways. A 24 year old young man who was looking forward to a long life with a family suddenly and unexpectedly has a one car accident one night and is now paralyzed with a severed spinal cord injury. Doctors hope to reconnect his spinal cord so that he might have use of his hands and arms. That would be a miracle that medical technology could make possible and it would be a blessing for him and his family. Another young man out boating and his boat is suddenly struck by another boat and it knocks the young man overboard and his body is still missing in the Mississippi River. Things happen in this life that are out of our control and the best way to deal with those things in life we don't understand is to have a strong, mature faith in God who gives us His Son, Jesus Christ as an example for all mankind. Knowing Jesus helps us through those rough times when nothing seems good or right with the world.

I learned quite a lot this summer in regard to limitations in my own life. Most of you know that I have been training for a bike ride across Iowa that is called the RAGBRAI as I mentioned in a previous Wales Tales. I trained long and hard to do something I wanted to do for a long time with my brother, sister in law, niece and their friends. The time came and I thought I was ready and I was eager to finish the first day after a long 65 mile ride. The weather was brutal at 100+ degrees everyday with night time lows in the 80's while we camped along the way. By the third day, my body could not disperse the heat quick enough and I was diagnosed with heat exhaustion on the third day. My mind and my heart said to keep pressing on and continue, but my body was telling me to stop (along with a doctor). I was very saddened not to be able to finish what I had intended to ride but I also knew that other folks were depending on me for other things and I would not be able to fulfill my promises if I had placed myself at a greater risk and ended up somewhere in a hospital in rural Iowa. I reached my physical limitation and I didn't like it and had to make a decision on what God wanted me to do. The answer I received was abundantly clear to stop and return home and recover. At the same time and on the day I returned home, I saw some disabled riders continuing their participation who were dealing with MS or CP, riding on recumbent bikes. I admired their determination and desire to continue their ride in such extreme weather conditions. It didn't seem fair or right that they were able to continue while I had to drop out but then I remembered how different God has made each of us. He has "hand crafted" each of us in His very own image for His very own will and purpose. I found myself rooting on those riders who had been given less use of their physical bodies but had been given a will and determination which exceeded even the most fit athletes in life.

We may not understand many things in life but one thing we can be assured of is God's love for us in whatever broken condition we find ourselves. He made us and we are His; and I am thankful for that. See you in church.

Faithfully,
Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC
VI Rector

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Weekday Liturgies—each week the Holy Eucharist is offered on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and again on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. If you enjoy an intimate time with God with a handful of other parishioners, come join us in the Saint Augustine Chapel.

There will not be weekday liturgies on September 14 and September 15 as the Rector will be out of town to attend the annual Synod of the Society of the Holy Cross (SSC).

The Red Mass—join us on Sunday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. here at Saint David's to celebrate the Red Mass. Those who have any connection to UNT or TWU; students faculty, or staff, are invited to join us to begin the new academic year. We will have a guest celebrant and preacher that evening. A reception will follow in our parish hall. All are welcome.

Saint David of Wales 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration—September 24-25 our parish will celebrate and observe our 60th anniversary as a parish in the Church of God. On Saturday, September 24 we will host our first 5k Run/1k Walk. This event will also include a kid's carnival, band, sponsor booths and food, and will be open to the public. Registration forms for the run/walk are available on the table in the narthex or register online at www.stdavidsdenton.org. Sunday, September 25, Bishop Stanton will be joining us to celebrate, preach, baptize and confirm. A reception will follow in the parish hall.



Saint David of Wales Church 60th Anniversary 5K Run/1K Walk

FREE events after the run to celebrate our 60th anniversary

5K run/1M walk begin 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

623 Ector Street, Denton

Free games, live music and food from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Saint David's

- 5K run pre-registration \$20, day-of \$25, commemorative T-shirt included
- 1M walk \$10
- Register online: www.stdavidsdenton.org
- For more information, call 940-387-2622

All proceeds go to benefit Fisher House (www.fisherhouse.org), which provides free or low cost lodging to U.S. military, veterans and their families receiving treatment at military medical centers.



Request for Race Volunteers and Donations—the 5K Run/Walk Committee would like to request your help. We are in need of volunteers to work on the day of the race. Also, we would like to request donations of granola bars and nutrition bars for the runners and walkers. Other items that are needed are stopwatches, rope, coolers, reflective or safety vests. If these items could be loaned to us they will be returned the Sunday after the race. A sign-up sheet for workers has been placed on the table in the narthex and a donation box for items requested is in the parish hall.

Parish Roster—copies of the parish roster are available on the table in the narthex. If you need to change any information in the roster please contact Holly in the parish office at 940.387.2622 or email to office@stdavidsdenton.org. Do we have your email address? If you are not receiving regular emails from the parish office please check with us to be sure that we have your correct email address. Thank you!

Christian Education News

Adult Bible Study—will be offered again this Fall beginning Thursday evening, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Come join us for this one hour look into God's inspired word.

Adult Christian Education—will begin on Sunday, September 11 at 9:15 a.m. The adults will have the option of attending a New Testament Class in the parlor taught by John Kensinger or the Rector's Forum in the library.

Children's Sunday School—Sunday School also begins on Sunday, September 11 at 9:15 a.m. in the Saint Augustine Chapel. We are very excited to begin our new school year and we have a lot planned.

Children's Chapel—Children's Chapel meets during the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Ages 5-8 are welcome. Please take your children to the 10:30 a.m. liturgy, the children will be dismissed to leave for Children's Chapel following the processional hymn.

Inquirer's Class—is someone in your family in need of the sacrament of confirmation? Come join us for an informational and organizational meeting on Monday evening, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. Teens attending will have their own class and organized that evening

Ministries and Organizations

Acolyte Ministry—the acolyte ministry under the direction of Joe Holland is currently looking for new members. All young people ages ten to eighteen are welcome, no previous knowledge or training is required. If you are interested please contact the Rector or Joe Holland.

Adult Choir—is a ministry for adults that meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to rehearse and they sing every Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. If God is calling you to use your singing voice in this ministry please contact the organist/choir director, Dr. Pam Youngblood at 940.591.1100.

Daughters of the King (DOK)—the Daughters of the King will meet Saturday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the parish library. If you need child care for the meeting, please call Holly at the church office one week in advance.

Men of Saint David's (MOSD)—The MOSD will meet on Saturday, September 17 at 8:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and coffee, and then to canvas the area to tell all of our neighbors about Saint David's and our 60th Anniversary Celebration. At 12:00 p.m. the men will meet back at the church to grill hot dogs and hamburgers. All men of the parish are invited to join us for fellowship, prayer and service to God and His Church. Please e-mail Steve Hale at steve.hale@stewart.com or Vern Bassett at vern@hurricaneoc.com to let us know if you can attend.


Military Troop Ministry—are you called to help support our troops overseas? The following items are most needed by our troops overseas and a receptacle will be placed in the parish hall for donations. Thank you in advance. The items needed are: camouflage bandanas, heavy socks, stuffed animals or shoes for small children, beef jerky (individual packets), canned nuts, noodle soup packets, pistachios, powdered Gatorade, raisins (small individual boxes), sunblock. For more information please see Betty or Wes Upchurch.

Order of Saint Luke (OSL) —is an ecumenical healing order and we have begun a local chapter in the parish. We are currently training weekly with Father Robert McBride 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. All are welcome.

Women of Saint David (WOSD)— the WOSD will hold their third quarter meeting on Saturday, September 17 in the parish hall. Come for refreshments at 8:30 a.m., the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. All women of the parish are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Esther Andrews at 940.566.1938.

Women of Saint David's— Ladies Bunco Night—the WOSD is sponsoring a women's Bunco Night on Friday evening, September 9. All women are encouraged to attend this evening of fellowship and fun. Invite your women friends and neighbors to participate! No skills are required for this game, just come, have fun, and socialize. Please read the insert in today's bulletin for more details."

Calling all Women



It's a Social Night!

It's all about fellowship with other women

Disguised as a Bunco Party

No skills required to play this game


Participation open to all women:
Members, friends, neighbors, relatives

Friday Evening, September 9, 2011
7:00-9:00 p.m.
St. David of Wales Parish Hall

RSVP's are requested to ensure seating for all.
Please RSVP to Esther at 940-566-1938
or email to esther@jsandrews.com

Childcare provided upon request

Donations welcomed to support WOSD projects.



Saint of the Month **Holy Cross Day, September 14**

During the month of September, the Church throughout the world observes Holy Cross Day or in some places, Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Some of the history of its origin follows below. The cross is a sign and a symbol that is used by all Christians throughout the world and it would serve us well to stop and reflect on its power and the supreme act of love offered to us by our Savior.

Early in the fourth century Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the

people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September 14th anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

"How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us a tree now brought us life".

A Brief History of The Red Mass in Denton

The Red Mass has its origins in Cambridge and Oxford, where at the beginning of the academic year a liturgy is held to offer prayers and thanksgivings for all who teach and all students. The eucharistic propers for the liturgy are for the Holy Spirit, whose liturgical colors are red. Bishop Robert Terwilliger who was the Suffragan Bishop of Dallas began celebrating the Red Mass in Denton to kick off the academic year. It is especially supportive of our Canterbury College Ministry but educators and students of all ages and from all schools are welcome. The liturgy is hosted by Saint Barnabas or Saint David of Wales in alternating years.

Parish Register

For the Faithful Departed: Col. Robert Gossett; Steve Wolf; Jodie Marshall; Norman Gingerich; Lola Conder; Russell Armstrong. **For the Bereaved:** the Bahnsen and Gossett families; the Wolf and Marshall families; the Gingerich, Kensinger, Rose, and Horton families; the Conder family; the Armstrong and Hotchkiss families.

Our Prayers and Best Wishes to those celebrating a birthday or anniversary in September and those who celebrated in August!

August Anniversaries

8/12 James and Mary Bridges; **8/13** Kevin and Laura Palmer; **8/14** Jan and Lynn Rousey, Vern and Bonnie Bassett; **8/16** Buck and Judy Powell; **8/17** Ross and Rebecca Canterberry, Michael and Jane Boyle; **8/24** Jay and Ginny Anderson.

September Anniversaries

9/5 Russell and Carolyn Miller; **9/15** David and Ann Poinier; **9/17** Sam and Lynne Prater; **9/18** Jackie and Robin Mills; **9/19** Fortunato and Victoria Sunio; **9/30** Ken and Gwynda Bahnsen.

August Birthdays

8/1 Glen Barber; **8/3** Karen Hale; **8/4** Jennifer Rayson; **8/5** Virginia Utter, Arline Hargrove, Steffan Jones-Duffy; **8/6** Andrew Hope; **8/7** Webb Golston, Clint Brown; **8/8** Bonnie Ivins; **8/9** Rachael Lindgren, Amanda LaComb, Sophia Rose; **8/12** Judy Nichols; **8/13** Dana Goff; **8/14** Thad Stone, Brittany Cotton; **8/18** James Baird, Danielle Touraine, Harper Carr; **8/19** Sylvia Wright; **8/20** Toni Sams, Grace McKeown, Robert Knox, Robert Chafin; **8/21** Sean Hall; **8/22** Ginger Herrmann; **8/24** Scott Porter; **8/25** Bob McMillen; **8/27** Pete Bradbury; **8/29** Meredith Cade.

September Birthdays

9/1 Tucker Wright; **9/4** Cole Brown; **9/7** Jane Crout, Julie Diebold; **9/8** Kristin Pulido; **9/9** Mike Sutphin; **9/10** Robert Gilbert, Estelle Powell; **9/11** Nathan Febre, Eddie Touraine; **9/13** Deacon Carol Hobson, Ed Nancarrow, Daniel Wingfield; **9/14** John Siegmund, William Cox; **9/16** Joey Diebold; **9/17** Arden Oliver; **9/18** Ellen Ralph; **9/19** Pam Brooks, David Bridges, Joe Holland III; **9/20** David Rayson; **9/21** Jamie Miller; **9/22** Roger Bussell; **9/23** Karen Robertson, Stiles Keffer; **9/25** Donna Ryan, Juliana Baird, Donald Walsh; **9/27** Roy Busby, Stephen Knox; **9/28** Molly Sims, Tom Williams; **9/29** Gaylord Connor, Linda Touraine, Brittany Han; **9/30** Brent Wingfield.

Financial Report from Treasurer, Jan Rousey:

These numbers were presented and approved at the April meeting of the Vestry.

	June actual	June budget	2011 YTD actual	2011 YTD budget	2011 budget
Income	\$ 18,024	\$ 25,496	\$ 170,178	\$ 152,976	\$ 305,692
Expense	\$ 30,438	\$ 27,671	\$ 193,245	\$ 169,026	\$ 332,043

	July actual	July budget	2011 YTD actual	2011 YTD budget	2011 budget
Income	\$ 25,105	\$ 25,496	\$ 195,283	\$ 178,472	\$ 305,692
Expense	\$ 22,838	\$ 27,671	\$ 216,385	\$ 193,697	\$ 332,043

September 2011 Ministry Schedule

	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
<u>Ushers</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Rousey	Miller	Touraine	Rousey
10:30 a.m.	Mays Odom	Easley Baird	Danzig Mays	N. Hundley B. Hundley
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
	Team III	Team IV	Team I	Team II
<u>LEM's</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Rainey	Rainey	Phillips	Pickens
10:30 a.m.	Seatvet Bradbury	Danzig Johnston	Hundley Hale	Mays Kensinger
5:00 p.m.	Ballantine	LaCour	Hodges	Sager
<u>Acolytes</u>				
	Team I S. Connor K. Stafki C. Prater	Team II B. Keffer W. Sims	Team III M. Connor C. Sims	Team IV D. Bussell R. Jones-Duffy
<u>Hospitality</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Ballantine Weathers	Pickens Mills	Prentice Bassett	Poinier Rainey
10:30 a.m.	Andrews	Shultz Brown	Holland Fisher	Mallory Ealey
<u>Golden Nook</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Miller	Hale	Touraine	Sidor
10:30 a.m.				
<u>Vestry Greeters</u>				
8:00 a.m.	Andrews	Pickens	Rousey	Johnston
10:30 a.m.	Oliver	Caruthers	Keffer	Mays

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I	2 Rector's Day Off 2:00 Conder Funeral	3 10:00 OSL
4 8:00 HE Rite I 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 HE Rite II	5	6	7 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	8 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I	9 Rector's Day Off	10 10:00 DOK 10:00 OSL
11 8:00 HE Rite I 9:15 Christian Ed 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 HE Rite II	12 7:00 Saint David's Anniversary Committee	13 6:40 Vestry	14 NO Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	15 NO Morning Prayer, HE Rite I	16 Rector's Day Off	17 8:00 Vestry 8:00 MOSD 10:00 OSL
18 8:00 HE Rite I 9:15 Christian Ed 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 The Red Mass	19 7:00 Saint David's Anniversary Committee	20	21 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	22 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I	23 Rector's Day Off	24 8:00 60 th Anniversary Celebration 5K/1K Run Walk 5:00 Wedding
25 8:00 HE Rite I 9:15 Christian Ed 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 HE Rite II	26 6:30 Inquirer's Class	27	28 6:30 Healing Liturgy, HE Rite II	29 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 6:30 Adult Bible Study	30	

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:15 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

A Nursery is provided for children up to the age of 5. Please see an usher for directions.

Schedule on Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Healing Liturgy and Holy Eucharist Rite II

Schedule on Thursday

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist Rite I
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study