



The Trumpet

of the Church of the Holy Nativity

Dear brothers and sisters,

One of the things that is central to our community and our worship is music. Sadly, it is also one of the things that is easy to take for granted. Let's face it. We show up on Sunday and the music simply happens. And because of our architecture (with the choir loft and organ above and behind the nave), we often don't even see those who are making the music. But somebody has to work very hard for it to seem that effortless: the Church Musician, the choir, and often other musicians as well.



For the last three years, the primary "somebody" responsible for the music has been our Church Musician, Pat Montalbo. After Kathy Biegler retired from the post, Pat came to us in April, 2008. She has a special talent for "shared" ministry. Pat is particularly good at seeking out talented musicians and offering them encouragement and opportunity to play and/or sing at various services.

Sadly, all good things must come to an end. The last Sunday of August was the final day for Pat Montalbo as our Church Musician. Although we were planning a brunch in her honor she preferred that we do or say nothing at the time. Instead, she wanted to concentrate on doing her best on the organ bench through all three services. But acknowledging her three years of service at Holy Nativity is important. And mentioning it in this article is the least I can do. Thank you, Pat, and God bless you.

On Sunday, the 4th of September, Gene Meyer begins his service at Holy Nativity as Church Musician. You have all heard him play before, as he has several times filled in for Pat. And some of you have met him at the 10:30 service, since he had recently made his spiritual home here with us, even before he was offered a staff position. Formerly the Organist and Choir Master at St. John's Church in Corsicana, Gene has come out of retirement to serve us for the next year. Please welcome him to Holy Nativity.

God bless you all!

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Evangelism Committee,

August 18, 2011

Present were: Fr. G., Fr. K., Jon and Marilyn, Phil, Vibert, Robby, drienne, Malcolm and Charly.

Fr. K. read Acts 15, and then opened with prayer. Acts 15 describes a turning point in the early Christian church as leaders in Jerusalem made a very intentional decision to become more missional.

Marilyn then gave a full report on the Acts 15 program developed over the past several years by Stephen Ministries, St. Louis. She and Janice Ashmore had attended a presentation of the program in Dallas by Stephen Ministry St. Louis management. The program has been “pilot tested” in Chicago area Lutheran churches. Testimonials from these churches are glowing.

Acts 15 is, a complete system for growing and deepening the missional power of congregations. It combines three vital elements:

Leadership Development. Acts 15 thoroughly equips an Acts 15 Team to successfully lead the congregation to be more missional. Trainers can also use Acts 15 resources to equip other leaders in the congregation.

Spiritual Growth and Renewal. Acts 15 provides practical resources and an intentional plan congregations can use to help members grow spiritually, use their gifts in meaningful ministry, and live as missionary Christians on a daily basis.

Best Missional Practices. Acts 15 includes a ministry toolbox filled with well researched proven ideas and resources to help congregations reach in and reach out more effectively. Congregations can choose from and adapt their best practices to achieve key ministry goals and be as missional as possible.

It is recommended that four members, including the Rector attend the first training week scheduled for October, 2012. Perhaps our parish can send as few as three including the Rector. A full discussion ensued during which several mentioned the dangers of making changes in this conservative parish. These concerns were acknowledged.

The committee unanimously agreed that Marilyn should present the Acts 15 program to the Vestry in October. Fr. K. then asked for any feedback from the personal “we care” letters sent to members of the Parish last month. Several on the committee recounted favorable feedback received.

Phil has made some progress on outside “theme” banners. The Alpha National Conference on October 14-15 will be attended by several committee members. The conference is at Irving Bible Church, Irving.

Fr. K. reported that the prayer chain ministry is ready to start in September or October. The same is true for the start-up of small groups under Jon and Marilyn

From your Seminarian

Seminary Update... I am almost done with orientation. It has been exhausting but fun. We have chapel three times daily: morning prayer, evening prayer, and noon Eucharist. We also have required meals together daily. I'm thrilled to see such community here! I will start classes next week, and I will be taking... Liturgical music, Formative traditions in American Christianity, Biblical Hebrew, History and Hermeneutics, Liturgy I, Theological research and writing, Text and context, and Spiritual formation for the person. (It's a little bit stressful that I have to take a breath to be able to make it through that list!) In addition, I will be doing a work-study program washing coffee mugs in the kitchen every day. It seems like it would all be overwhelming, but it's really not. Exciting is a better word to describe it. I can't wait to begin!



Again, thank you so much for everything that Holy Nativity is doing to support me in this time. It means the world to me!

In Christ,

Perry



STEPHEN MINISTRY

One of our recent Stephen Ministry in-services was on the book called Safe People. The full title is actually Safe People: How to Find Relationships That Are Good for You and Avoid Those That Aren't by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. Yes, these are the same two Christian psychologists and counselors who wrote Boundaries.

The book description says, “Too many of us have invested ourselves into relationships that left us deeply wounded. We've been abandoned or taken advantage of, and left with little to show for what we've given. We've lost our sense of security and personal value in the process. And what's worse, we tend to either repeat the same mistakes of judgment over and over . . . Or else lock the doors of our hearts entirely and throw away the key. Why do we choose the wrong people to get involved with? Is it possible to change? And if so, where does one begin? Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend offer solid guidance for making safe choices in relationships, from friendships to romance. They help identify the nurturing people we all need in our lives, as well as ones we need to learn to avoid. Safe People will help you to recognize 20 traits of relationally untrustworthy people. Discover what makes some people relationally safe, and how to avoid unhealthy entanglements. You'll learn about things within yourself that jeopardize your relational security. And you'll find out what to do and what not to do to develop a balanced, healthy approach to relationships.”

The book is available in Christian book stores, regular book stores, at Amazon, and the public library, both in print and for digital readers.



Adult Forum/Sunday School Beginning in September, there will again be two opportunities for adult education/discussion during Sunday school time between the services. Fr. Garrin will resume his educational series/preparation for confirmation (meeting in the church). Marilyn will continue meeting in the parish hall with a video/discussion series.



The Women's Bible Study will begin a new study on Thursday, September 1st. Ya'll come at 9:30 a.m. for the introductory session of **Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David**. This study is based on the Deeper Still conference featuring **Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer and Kay Arthur**. These three women explored their lives and the life of David in this women's bible study. The messages presented by these beloved authors are divided into three segments. Each segment focuses on the life of David at a different stage of his life: as a young man (sessions one and two by Priscilla Shirer), as a middle aged man (sessions three and four by Beth Moore), and as a man facing the final third of his life (sessions five and six by Kay Arthur). You'll laugh with them, cry with them and learn to love God with them.

We will meet every Thursday from 9:30 - 11:30/12:00 depending on the length of the video presentation. As is our practice, we will stretch the 6 week study to 12 weeks. Member books will be available at the first session for \$13.

Babysitting will be available for this study. Call or email for questions, times, etc. Marilyn Browne: 972-867-5857, fiskusbrownne@hotmail.com



Mercy Ships Needs:

The Mercy Ships program needs pocket folders, dry erase fine pt. assorted markers, tissue paper, pipe cleaners, blunt tip scissors, bright yarn, size 9 & 10 crochet needles, black socks.



Tuesday Night Bible Group - Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the parish hall; Summer Series: 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel; come, you're welcome anytime.



Mass is offered at 12:10 Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 7:30 a.m. Saturdays. If you are praying for people, attend and offer them to the Lord in the Eucharistic meal.

PERRY MULLINS' SEMINARY FUND

Perry Mullins is a member of this congregation and has recently graduated for the University of Texas in San Antonio with honors. He feels called to the Sacred Priesthood and has been recommended and accepted to start his Seminary studies in September 2011.

There is an account set up to collect funds from the parish to assist Perry in his pursuit. If you feel called to help Perry follow his calling, please make your check out to Holy Nativity with the memo stating, "Perry Mullins Seminary Fund".

This is expected to be a three year commitment and we pray that Holy Nativity will support Perry in this Sacred calling with your prayers and your financial support. Thank you! Your Vestry

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**Eucharistic Minister** - Have you been invited to join in a ministry of Holy Nativity? If not, I am inviting you now. The one I am asking you to consider is becoming a Eucharistic Minister. This ministry involves visiting the sick and shut in of our parish and taking the Eucharistic to them. (Normally sometime after the Sunday Services) We currently have several people and/or couples who are committed to doing this, but we are looking for others as well. This commitment would be on a rotating basis, and of course depends on how many people need serving.

Thank you for your consideration, Bob Braack

Please call me at 972-345-1407, or email me at [mctexbob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mctexbob@sbcglobal.net).

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The Food Pantry is looking for a volunteer to fill orders the ***2nd & 4th Tuesdays*** of each month. If you have a couple hours in the afternoon, twice a month, please give Sharon a call at 214-704-5689.

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**Intercessory Prayer** – is offered every Sunday morning after both services. Please come to the altar rail and a Stephen Minister will offer private prayer for your request, whether for yourself or for another's need.

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Holy Nativity Nursery is in need of a ***TV that is in good working condition***, has sound, a DVD player and an old large cassette player too. Please contact Charly Clark if you can help.

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**Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Prevention** For years, it has been recommended that all adults get a booster shot for diphtheria and tetanus every 10 years. Now it is recommended that all adults also get one booster shot for Pertussis (Whooping Cough) along with the Td (tetanus/diphtheria) booster as it has been documented that the protection against pertussis fades with time. Most adults have not had a booster for whooping cough since elementary school and are at risk. Yes, this means you could get whooping cough. Now, given the size of the airway in a healthy adult, this might not be serious. But if an adult gets it, even if you aren't very sick yourself, you could easily pass the disease to an unimmunized or only partially immunized infant or small child. The airway of a little person is about the size of his pinkie finger, so pertussis would be a serious disease, even life-threatening, disease for him or her!!

The dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) can be given earlier than the 10-year mark we think of as necessary for tetanus & diphtheria, so it is a good idea for adults to talk to a healthcare provider about what is best for their specific situation. Even adults 65 years and older (grandparents, child care providers, and healthcare providers) who have close contact with infants should get a dose of Tdap, following the newest vaccine recommendations. It is available at many pharmacies, so talking with your pharmacist is also an alternative.

This is new information since 2006, but only now being widely disseminated. I had mine recently. Ask me if you have questions...

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Brotherhood of St. Andrew Our participation in the Dallas Habitat for Humanity effort is now set for October 29. We are seeking all men to participate in this worthy endeavor.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew needs YOU! Even though we are among the largest chapters in the Diocese, we still have so many of the men in the Parish not participating in one of the most valuable experiences in our church for men. Why not come and experience the Brotherhood.

Our next meeting is September 10th. Meeting starts at 9AM with breakfast at 8:30AM. Please come out and hang with us for great fellowship and Christian Study – currently featuring Jim Cymbala's "When God's Spirit Moves".

Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

AMANDA GOODWIN	02
MICHELLE GERBER	03
TED MOOREHEAD	05
VIBERT LAMAISON	06
ANDRE WHEATLEY	06
DONALD WEBB	08
TERRY LEONARD	09
PINKIE WEBB	12
LINDA TEFEND	13
FR. GARRIN DICKINSON	18
CHARLES TURNER	18
TRINKY MATTHEWS	19
DALLAS VIBBERT	19
MARGARET WRIGHT	23
WILLIE WRIGHT	23
ABIGAYLE GERBER	26
LUCY DICKINSON	29
JOHN BELL	29
EMILY WYMAN	29
FRANCES ANDERSEN	30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

JON & MARILYN BROWNE	3
FR. GARRIN & JENNIFER DICKINSON	4
VIBERT & DOLORES LAMAISON	6
PHILLIP & CAROLEE WYLIE	6
MIKE & CHRISTINE WEEKES	9
TOM & SHARON MACDUFF	10
ART & ISABEL KIRSCHT	12
TONY & ALLISON FEDERICO	14
STEVEN & SANDY SMITH	19
TONY & MELANIE GERBER	24
BOB & CHRIS PEEL	25

PARISH FAMILY: Vibert LaMaison, Don Webb, Pinkie Webb, Stephanie Gentry, Sid Bigby, Sarah Niday, Joyce Eberle, Virginia Brandon, Nona Light, Carol Wright, Ed Simmons, Louise Turner, Geri Carpenter, Pat Sessions, Bill Shrewsbury, Bonnie Jean Chase, Bill Backvold, Rob Backvold, Ginny Hale, Marty Johnston, Ann Vibbert, Bud Marecek, Ben Moore, Stephanie Hilton, George Belshaw, Justin Clark, Sue Adams, Isabel Kirscht, Bob Braack, Sharon Macduff, Juanita Frances, Nancy Darley, Frances Andersen, Helen Rhine, Richard Gay, Marge Shrewsbury, Chris Tao, Amy Strow, Richard Kincaid, Patty Dahlberg, Phil Wylie

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Kiersten*, Tavis, Jim*, Bernice*, Miriam (Tex), Jessie*, Robert*, Allison, Merrell*, David*, Grover*, Irina*, Donnie*, Brian*, Ginny*, Ron+, Barbara*, Ronnie*, Donna*, Ronald*, Howard*, Ann & family, Charly*, Ron+, Abbey, John, Julia, Angie, Jerry, Denton, Sara, Linda, Kathy, Bill, Billy, Erin, Gordan (Woody), Lindsay, Jesse, Terry, Debbie, Terrance, Cherry, Jonathan

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Vernon Allison, Karl Anker, Norman Bodley, Frank Colon, Kevin Fralish, Devin Frank, Jesse Gerber, Brice Glasscock, Aaron Greenhaw, P. J. Grube, Mark Jones, Nathan Jones, Orion Jones, Glenn King, Christopher Kirscht, James Kirscht, Bengamin Luker, Nick Mitchell, Brett Muse, Brian Patton, Greg Phillips, Todd Prichard, Dion Quintanilla IV, Anthony Rives, Edward Matthew Schmidt, Timothy Shrewsbury, Garrett Stevens, Albert Tao, Rob Taylor, Patrick Webb



De misión en Perú

El pasado 3 de agosto viajamos al Perú un equipo misionero de 10 personas (5 Hispanos y 5 anglos) para servir en el área de Arequipa, al sur de Perú. La experiencia fue muy edificante para nosotros como también para los hermanos que fuimos a servir. Desarrollamos dos escuelas bíblicas, por la mañana en el colegio anglicano de San Lucas, donde hubo una participación de 280 alumnos. Por la tarde viajamos a la población de San Antonio Yrabamba, lugar donde se encuentra nuestra iglesia hermana de la Santa Natividad. En este lugar tuvimos una escuela bíblica para todas las edades, con muy buena participación de la comunidad.

Nuestra convivencia con nuestros hermanos de la iglesia de Santa Natividad, tuvimos la oportunidad de conocernos más, pudimos ver y sentir su necesidades, una en especial tener su templo. Fuimos testigos la buena labor que Dios está realizando a través de Padre Juan Carlos, ya que durante nuestra estancia la alcaldesa entrego a la comunidad un terreno de mil metros cuadrados. Fuimos testigos de la alegría de nuestros hermanos al recibir su terreno donde construirán su Iglesia (templo). Nosotros como sus hermanos debemos orar por sus necesidades pero también pedirle a Dios que nos abra nuestro corazón para poder ver la manera como poder ayudarlos con fondos para los materiales necesarios para la construcción de su templo.

The Rev. Fr. Noe Méndez
Agosto 2011

Escuela Dominical

Pastos del buen Pastor

Comenzamos las clases el próximo domingo,
para educación cristiana, primera
comunión, confirmación y bautizos.

Septiembre 11, 2011 a las 10:45 am

***NOTICE! The printed Trumpet newsletter is
available for pick-up in the Narthex.***

***You may download your own copy
of the electronic format at www.holynativity.org***

The Chapel is open 24 hours a day for those who desire to say Morning and Evening Prayer, and to meditate in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available at any time by appointment. Please call the parish office to schedule a time.

**The Rt. Rev'd James M. Stanton, The Bishop of Dallas
The Rt. Rev'd Paul E. Lambert, Bishop Suffragan
The Rev'd Fr. Garrin W. Dickinson, Rector
The Rev'd Canon John W. Kline, Priest Associate
The Rev'd Fr. Noe Mendez, Spanish Speaking Ministry
Mr. Eugene Meyer, Church Organist
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