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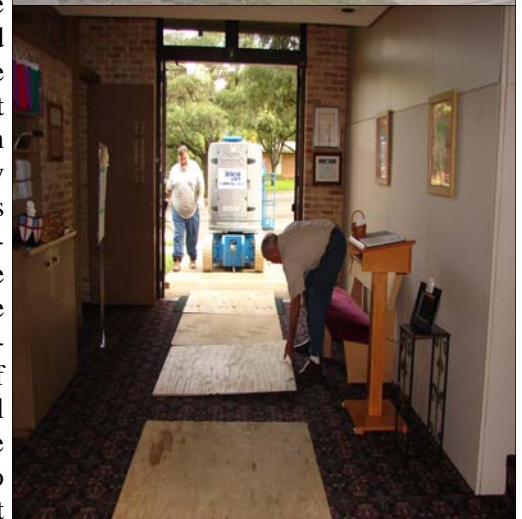
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Returning to the Rhythm of Fall

As Nat King Cole used to sing, “*Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer*” are drawing to a close, the days are growing shorter, and our faces are turned towards fall. While summer means vacations for some, time to spend with friends, swim, sleep in, get a break from the normal routine, summer can also be a time of surviving the heat, anticipating a new school year, or remembering the vacations of years past with those we love but see no longer. Regardless of where we find ourselves in the summer, the pattern of daily life feels different from our usual routine of fall. St David’s is getting ready for fall as well with preparations for Cowboy Sunday well underway along with all of the other ministries and activities that resume in the fall. One big project that occurred in gearing up for fall was bringing a large lift into the sanctuary and replacing all of the screws and bolts in each light fixture. We discovered that after 50+ years, the lights were at risk of becoming loose and/or falling due to the metal fatigue of the screws! To ensure the safety of the parish and the longevity of the lights, we went to these extreme measures of preventative care. It was quite the exciting day, and a big thank you to Bill Barnett for his wisdom and oversight!



When I think of returning to the rhythm of fall, I think of getting kids ready for a new year of school, putting events such as football games, both high school and college, on our calendars, the pitter patter of feet and squeals of joy and excitement echoing through the halls of St David’s as school resumes along with daily morning chapel. It is time to look forward to Cowboy Sunday on August 29th with great music, good food, and stories about what it means to be a Christian cowboy. I look forward to the sounds of school bands practicing for football games as you pass by playing fields and parking lots. I cannot wait for the Exceptional
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Photos by; Melanie Blanco

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Adults to resume their Saturday worship, bowling, and fellowship. I look forward to celebrating the mission and ministries of St David's at the Ministry Fair on September 12th. The rhythm is faster but steadier as we return to the season of fall. Come join your church family as we kick off fall with Cowboy Sunday and celebrate being members of the Body of Christ.

St. David's now has a Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com and search for St Davids Episcopalchurch. You can see the weekly Enews on that page.

Star Guild Members faithfully send *The Star* to friends and family: Dorothy Brown, Peggy Henry, Willie Lawley, Amory Oliver, Betty & Ray Foster, and Jean Bevans. Thanks to our volunteer photographers, A. J. Heinke, Tommy Romano, Melanie Blanco and Will Kirkpatrick; our proof-reader, Jean Bevans; and our own special mail carrier, Victor Mux. Thank you for your faithful ministry.

ST. DAVID'S VESTRY is our elected governing board of lay people who, along with our rector, The Rev. James R. Murguia, promote the spiritual welfare of church members.

Officers:

- Senior Warden *Patsy McGaughy*
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Tim and Laura Woodall are working with scheduling the ushers. We will be emailing the people currently on the list to be sure that we have a correct email address and to ask if you would like to continue ushering.

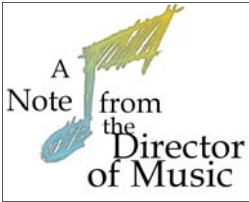
If you are not currently working with this ministry and would like to, please contact us at 210 824-2481. We look forward to hearing from you.



Donna Shreve
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We welcome to the St. David's staff Donna Shreve who is our new Financial Officer. She will work part-time.

Donna, we are glad that you could join our team.



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Get Ready for Some Great Music

Many thanks to our choir and instrumentalists for staying into the summer until Sunday, July 4, in order to present.. our special patriotic program preceding the 10:30 a.m. service.

Everyone enjoyed hearing many of the songs of patriotism and inspiration: songs that ranged from "This Land Is Your Land", to the always favorite, "God Bless America".

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Coming up in August will be our annual "Cowboy Service" to be held on Sunday, August 29. Special pre-service music starts at 10 a.m. and the service is at 10:30 a.m. Music will be presented by our own choir and cowboy band, plus the Gospel Hope Quartet, and the St. Andrew Sisters. Johnny Cozad will be guest preacher and our traditional barbecue dinner will follow the service.

So, plan to come on, and join us!

Cowboy Sunday

August 29, 2010



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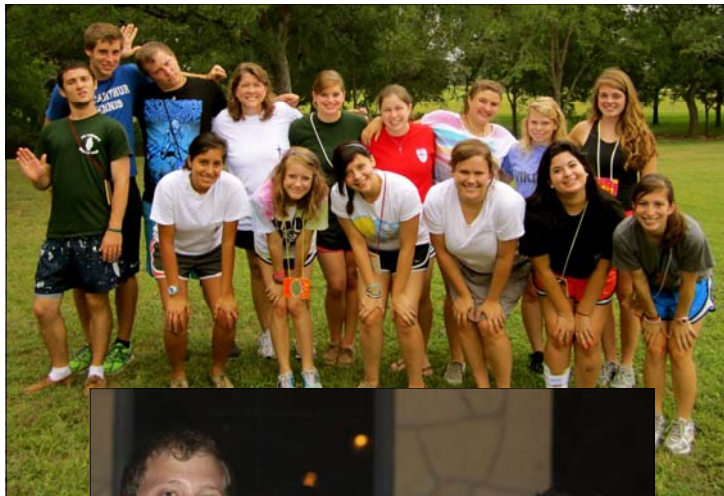


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An Eventful Summer

Wow! Summer is going fast. I started out the summer at Camp Capers Senior High Camp A as the



teacher with Lisa as the Dean. It affirmed my work and love for youth. Our Diocese's future is in good hands. There were 14 St. David's peeps at Senior High A including camp-

ers, counselors, staff and Lisa and me. They are hungry for knowledge and real stories of faith.

As fast as camp ended, Vacation Bible School began. We had about 40 kids attend VBS this year and it was a great adventure through



Photo by A. J. Heinke and Tommy Romano

the sea and the Bible. There are some great pictures online taken by A.J. Heinke and Tommy Romano. The week would not have been possible without the volunteers. Thank you to all who participated. More and more I come to see that St. David's is such a generous parish.

The 4th of July rolled in and the one year anniversary of my Mom's death. The actual day wasn't as difficult to bear as I anticipated; it was actually the week leading up to it that brought back the homesick feelings and grief. My family all got together for the weekend to celebrate my Mom's life. I realized the importance of milestones and how they need to be shared and marked as sacred. It allows us to bear one another's burdens and come to endure life's tragedies. Something my Dad and I realized is that sometimes things are taken from us so that we can fully rely on God. My Mom was such a cornerstone. She was a rock, my rock. Her death has helped me come to know who I am and how much I need God. Doors are opening for all of us that would not have opened if it were not for her death. We see that now. It still hurts, and we miss her terribly but God is so good. Think about the disciples and how much they must have missed Jesus when he died. But because of his death and resurrection we have life and we have come to know Him that much more. We have come to believe and truly rely on God. Thank you God for St. David's and for steering me to this vocation.

The Senior High youth group along with two

other people from St. Luke's will be traveling to New Orleans next week for our summer mission trip.

We will be conducting a Vacation Bible School in the 9th Ward. More



to come in next month's *Star* about the trip. Thank you for being so generous when we had a carwash on Sunday July 11. I am amazed at how much money we raised. It was the perfect amount we needed for the trip.

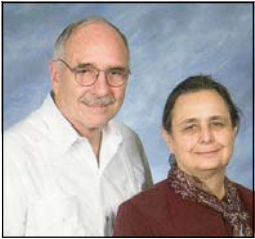
Looking forward to the fall... I am excited to kick off another year at St. David's. I have learned an incredible amount about myself, youth ministry and the youth of St. David's. What an honor and pleasure it is to witness youth growing in their faith. I am so blessed to have this job.

Senior High Youth Group Kick off is Monday, August 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the loft.

Junior High Youth Group Kick off is a pool party at Trevor Nelson's house

Sunday, August 29th at 4:30 p.m.

Cant wait to see everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



MISSION News

Beth and Tony Price

KIDS FOUNDATION

Hi, everyone, The hot days of May have given way to more moderate temps and the coming of the rainy season in Coatepec. Kids had to go to school until the 9th of July this year due to being out a few weeks during the flu scare last fall, but they are finally on vacation. The Kids Foundation stays busy as ever and has a long list of kids waiting for appointments to see the dentist.



Right now there are several kids receiving very extensive and expensive care. Though our precious pediatric specialist, Dra. Irma, cuts her usual charges in half, the bills are still very challenging for us to pay. There are several other children on the waiting list that need the same kind of treatment.



It is very difficult to be bold in asking for donations, but that is what needs to be done. Every donation is so very much appreciated. Please consider carefully making a donation to help the kids. Some folks have chosen to make monthly or every third month contributions, and we appreciate these so much. Your prayers are also needed and valued.

If you would like to make a donation, please email me (ajprice@van-norden.com) and I will send you the information on how to make a deposit to our account. Sorry, but the non-profit status account is not yet ready. Things move very slowly in Mexico.

Please take a moment to view the pictures of the kids with Dra. Irma and Dra. Gloria attached to this letter. The Kids Foundation will be 2 years old in August and has helped nearly 100 children with medical, dental and eye problems. We REALLY want to be able to keep doing this, but we need your help. Thank you so much for all you have given in the past and for your prayers. *(Continued in next column.)*

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It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.

Charlie and the kids... Chucho, Miguel, Rosalina, Rafael, Sair, Chuchi, Lourdes, Juan Jose, Zaira, Areceli, Mayra, Maricella, Jose, Maria, Ivan, Marbella, Victor, Coral, Pablo, Arleny, Ximena Gabriel, Edna, Lorena, Rodolfo, Jose, Noberto, Jose Manuel, Mia, Luis, Uriel, Jose Angel, Alicia, Manuel, Vanesa, Jonathan, Paola, Rey Davis, Gustavo, Iris, Yamileth, Jesus Alberto, Javier, Antonio, Angel, Vania, Jorge, Gilberto, Tonancy, Luz, Braulio, Dario, Jennyfer, Yesuali, Guadalupe, Angel Manuel, Luis Eduardo, Jose Aron, Rafael, Maria Nancy, Maria Paola, Gael, Diego, and 35 more precious children.

