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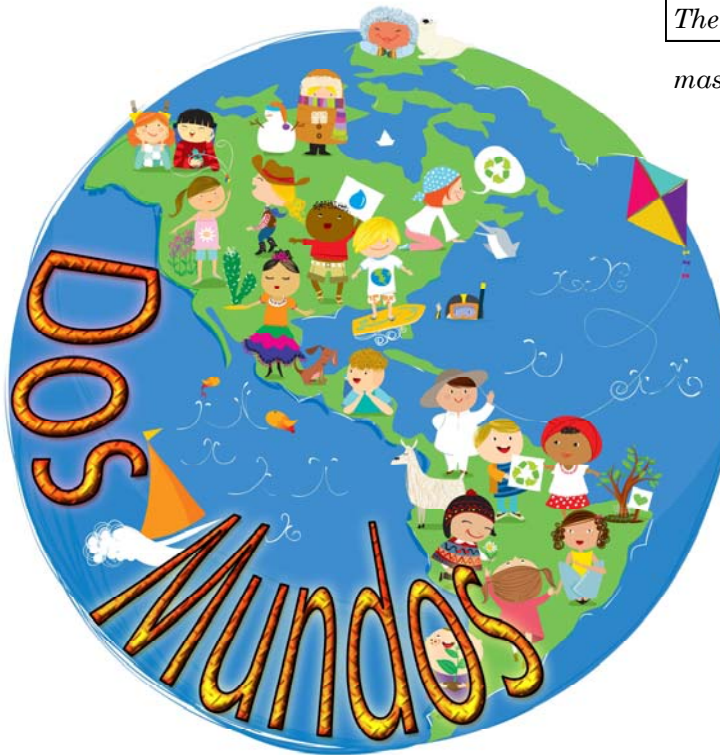
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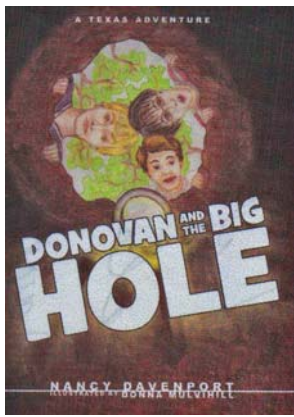


Wednesdays in October, 2010 *Dos Mundos*

The kingdom of God and the world we live in! This year during our time together on Wednesday evenings, we will be exploring how to live and grow in the kingdom of God in the midst of the daily challenges that surround us in our secular lives: consumerism, competition in the work force, temptation, business, immediate gratification for our expectations, caring for family members, and much more.

How do we invite God into our lives in such a way that we experience peace and grow in our understanding of what it means to live out the gospel in our lives? We will delve into scripture and learn from our readings and from each other how to live in the world, but also begin to live in the kingdom of heaven here and now. We will ask ourselves the hard questions such as: how can I love and care for my neighbor as God loves and cares for me when I barely have enough time to take care of my own family and my own needs? How can I learn to experience life as living and not surviving? How can I share my blessings with others when the economy is as tight as it is and my income covers less and less of my cost of living? Where is God in all of this chaos?

5:30 Evening Prayer
6:00: Dinner
6:30-7:30: Study and Conversation



Book Signing at St. David's on August 29

Author, speaker and columnist, Nancy Lambert Davenport, will visit St. David's on August 29 and will be available to sign her new book, Donovan and the Big Hole, after the 10:30 a.m. service. The Texas tale is narrated by a boy with Down Syndrome.

Nancy is Thille Newton's sister and grew up in San Antonio, graduating from Alamo Heights High School. Her children, Elizabeth and Richard, attended St. David's pre-school. Her son, Austin, was born with Down Syndrome and was one of the original twelve students at Brighton Center, formerly Brighton School. Nancy will donate \$2.00 for each book sold to our Exceptional Adults. The Exceptional Adult Benefit price is \$20.00.



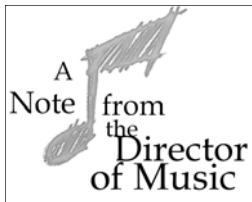
Get Ready for Ministry Fair Sunday, September 12 @ 9:00 a.m.

Here is your opportunity to tell people what your ministry does and to offer people the chance to sign up to volunteer. There will be the opportunity to sell items to help fund your ministry, and the Youth Group will sell their popular breakfast tacos. Last year a large number of new volunteers signed up. Lots of things were bought, and it was a great event.

So, we need to know who would like to participate and the space you will need for your ministry. Will you need a table? Will you need electrical power at your table? Will you be selling anything?

We also need to be sure that each ministry has a sign. We have many of the signs from last year, and we also have the sign holders for the tables.

Please email Jerry Kirkpatrick in the church office at jerry-kirkpatrick@sbcglobal.net with your needs as soon as possible. September 12 is not that far away!



Getting Ready for Cowboy Sunday #21

Sunday, August 29, will be the 21st anniversary of our yearly Cowboy service.

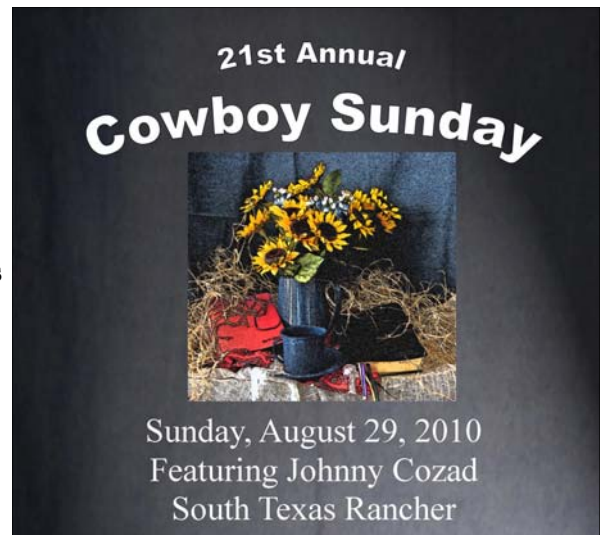
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Pre-service gathering music will start at 10:00 a.m., and the service will follow at 10:30 a.m.

The music will be similar to that of years past and will include old favorites performed by the choir and Cowboy Band, plus the Gospel of Hope Quartet and the St. Andrews Sisters.

I am happy to announce that Jim and Maggie Fox will inspire us this year with their incomparable rendition of *Whispering Hope*. Last year the Fox family was in Europe.

So, get on those cowboy boots and hats, and join us!



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“Today is the Day He has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it.”

These are the words from a song that were resonating in my head the whole week the youth group and I were in New Orleans. St. David’s and St. Luke’s youth groups traveled to New Orleans, LA and in the Lower Ninth Ward. We put on a Vacation Bible School for a church called All Souls Episcopal. This was no ordinary church. As Father Lonell Wright put it, “This is a children’s church. If we are going to change this society for the better, then we must start with the children.” Father Wright, a 70-year-old firecracker, came into the priesthood a little more than two years ago with a very important message to spread and a ruthless calling from God. He was called to lead All Souls Episcopal, a church that began after Katrina in the Lower Ninth Ward.



So early on a Tuesday morning without much of a clue, sort of ready to put on a Vacation Bible School for 40 African American children ages 3-13, we walked into All Souls and were greeted with hugs, welcomes, and a tour of the once abandoned Walgreen church. Let’s just say we winged a lot of what we did this week. The Holy Spirit was our tour guide. Our goal was to make sure the children knew they were loved by us and by Jesus. We showed them through song, dance, games, skits, and the Bible what love was all about.

All Souls has become a community center for not only church members’ children but for their neighbors and cousins as well. What a great way to evangelize! The children arrived every day at 8:30 a.m., were fed breakfast and lunch and were picked up by 3:00 in the afternoon. Every morning Father Wright opens the group with prayer. He invites the children to come forward and say out loud what they are thankful for.

After witnessing their eagerness to pray and their innocence of heart, I was reminded of what Jesus says. “Let the little children come to me. Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” Jesus was referring to any and all children. Not just cute, well-behaved, children; but also, handicapped, wounded, autistic, broken, angry, defiant children. We are to love and serve every person no matter what they

bring to the table, especially all children. Become that defiant child and try to understand why they are defiant. Surround yourself with children and pray to God they rub off on you. When you dedicate your life to Christ, God will grant you patience to live it. When you say “yes” to a call to serve children, God will give you the gifts and talents to do it. Children are victims; they are weak. They are gifts from God that we are called to love and care for.

The picture of the All Souls’ children singing and dancing to “*Today is the Day He has Made*” will forever be imprinted on my heart. I picture their dazzling eyes looking up at me and my youth group, following our motions exactly, smiling and singing the song at the tops of their lungs.



I would love to chat with anyone about this mission trip. There is so much to tell and not enough space or words to describe it.

Fall Parent Meeting on Aug 31st at James Murguia’s house- 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Come and get your calendars and Youth News for the fall

Our first Taco Sunday is Sept 12th. Come, help make and sell tacos!!!

Parish Retreat Weekend is Oct 8-10th at Camp Capers. Sign up in the church office. I will be there with bells on and a new husband! Woo-hoo! Come and celebrate our community, and grow together in Christ.



Beth and Tony Price

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- thousands of retired U.S. and Canadian citizens are enjoying a safe retirement in Mexico. While the majority have congregated around Guadalajara and San Miguel Allende, the southeastern states are even more attractive (although less English is spoken).
- with a lower cost of living, beautiful beaches or tropical mountains, U.N. Heritage sites and friendly people, Southeast Mexico offers an unparalleled opportunity for adventure, learning and community involvement or whatever your talents and skills may be.

The Anglican Diocese of Southeast Mexico welcomes your help with church planting and outreach projects in these fascinating cities:

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- Merida / Progreso
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- Veracruz
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If you have a basic knowledge of Spanish or experience with another foreign language, or if you are passionate about outreach and mission work in your present Episcopal Church community, and if you and your spouse would enjoy an international lifestyle, please call Tony Price for more information at 210-767-3398 (San Antonio TX number).

ANGLICAN NEIGHBORS TOGETHER



Come and Grow Guest Speaker: The Rev. Scott Brown

Can it really be time for the annual St David's Retreat? YES!!!!

On October 8th, 9th, and 10th, we are all invited to gather as a parish family at Camp Capers. We will be encouraged to play, eat, visit, share stories, learn, sing, pray, and rest. A retreat is a time to step out of the daily pace of our routines and just be....be relaxed and be present to God in the beautiful space that is Camp Capers. It is through spending time with God and with each other that we grow in our lives and in our relationships with God and one another. So, come and grow with your parish family, and enjoy the teachings of Scott Brown, rector of St Alban's, Harlingen and a former assistant rector of St David's. Scott is husband of Kimberly and father of two; he is also a published author. Registration information is available in the church office and on our website. Come and Grow, Lisa+





Murray & Victor Mux

Memories of Honduras 2010

We were happy to introduce first timers Sarah Bauml, Sarah Cozad, Sara Goebel and Katy Riggs to the joy of mission work in Honduras!

Highlights:

- Katy and James blessing children, new mothers and their new babies.
- Victor taking Hectorcito shopping for his very first new shirt, jeans and shoes. (No thank you, he said, on the socks!)
- Presentation of 100 Mommy Kits to the Birthing Center and the subsequent TV interview of Brianna and Victor.
- Mothers-to-be sitting outside in the breezeway, as the Birthing Center is not yet air-conditioned.
- Seeing the new water system at the orphanage; installation was coordinated by Fr. Luis and made possible by Vicky's sister, Sally.
- Sunday school students happily making cards for Mommy Kits: "*Dios la bendiga a usted y a su bebé.*"
- Flannel blankets, one for each child at the daycare, hand-knotted and presented by Sarah C. and Brianna.
- Barrie and Katy touring la *Catedral de San Pedro Sula*.
- Seeing the new kindergarten class which is taught by a 14 year-old graduate of The School in the Clouds.
- James, Sarah C., Brianna and Roberto pushing the van and Mario (eventually) popping the clutch.
- Seeing the sadness of Luis (who is 8) at the orphanage where two thirds of the children were moved to other orphanages, including his two older sisters.
- Sarah B. breaking the ice at the daycare with bubble wands!

- Visiting the little dental clinic behind the Sunday School room: two new female dentists with used equipment and much pride in and hope for their new venture.
- Katy giving communion on Sunday morning to parishioners and visitors at *Iglesia San Juan Apostol*.
- Presenting 1200 student packets and notebooks to Don Palacios of the Education Ministry for distribution to children who need them.



St. David's now has a Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com and search for **Stdavids 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 photographer 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.

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