



# THE CIRCUIT November 2009 RIDER

## An Invitation to Life in the Big Bend Episcopal Mission Fellowship!

On October 27 the St. James' Prayer Fellowship began the study of the book, *Sent to Heal*, by Australian author, the Rev. Harold Taylor. This book attempts to answer many questions people have about spiritual healing. Our first discussion was very rewarding. We are looking forward to more of the same.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US.

We meet every Tuesday evening at the home of Al and Thelma Hoyle, Four Sierra Vista Rd., off Wagon Road in Sunny Glen.

Activities begin at 6 p.m. with a bring-your-own sack supper. Coffee, tea, chips, and a diabetic friendly dessert are provided. At 7 PM we update the prayer list and hold an informal prayer service.

At 7:45 we start the book study. The meeting ends at 9 p.m. You are welcome to attend any one or all of these activities.

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## Lord Teach Us How to Pray A-Right

by William Henry Havergal, 1793-1870

Lord, teach us how to pray a-right, With reverence and with fear;  
Though dust and ashes in they sight, We may, we must draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer, O grant us power to pray;  
And when to meet thee we prepare, Lord, meet us by the way.

God of all grace, we come to thee with broken, contrite hearts;  
Give what thine eye delight to see, Truth in the inward parts.

Give deep humility; the sense of godly sorrow give; A strong  
desire, with confidence, To hear thy voice and live.

Faith in the only sacrifice that can for sin atone; To cast our  
hopes, to fix our eyes, On Christ, on Christ alone;

Patience to watch and wait and weep, Though mercy long delay;  
Courage our fainting souls to keep, And trust thee though thou  
slay.

“Man cannot live without joy;  
therefore when he is deprived of true spiritual joys, he becomes addicted to carnal pleasures.”

—St. Thomas Aquinas  
JOYFUL NOISES LETTER

## **“Experiences of Spiritual Healing by a**



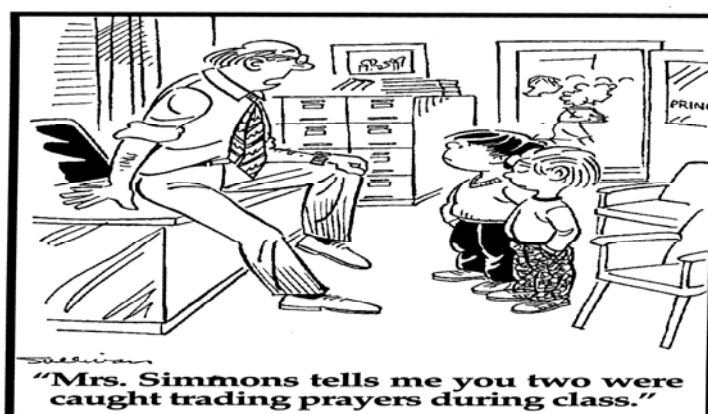
Alpine physician, Dr. David Sanchez, presented an outstanding talk at the October 24 meeting of the Big Bend Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician. It is impressive to hear a medical doctor discuss spiritual healing.

In his presentation, “Experiences of Spiritual Healing by a Family Physician,” Dr. Sanchez provided personal examples of God’s healing intervention. One remarkable experience he related was of a Sul Ross student suffering from severe headaches. Dr. Sanchez’ medical examination revealed the young man had a tumor growing around his brain stem and his spinal column. The doctor could do nothing for this patient but referred him to a specialist in Midland. This physician concurred with the terminal diagnosis. He suggested the patient go to a Dallas hospital for treatment which might prolong his life.

When Dr. Sanchez delivered this terminal diagnosis, the young man was undaunted. He told the doctor “not to worry” as he had “a lot of people praying” for him. The patient proceeded to Dallas. Dr. Sanchez received amazing news from the Dallas doctors. There was absolutely no evidence of a tumor and the headaches were gone. The patient was, and has remained, a healthy person.

Dr. Sanchez in 19 years of practice has attended patients at all stages of life. He is impressed with some of his elderly patients who expressed happiness to “go home” to their Father in heaven when the time came to leave this life. He believes, as do the members of OSL, that ultimate healing occurs when we die to this life and go on to eternal life.

Dr. Sanchez graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He grew up in Tyler, Texas.



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## NOVEMBER 2009

**Church Services**

St. Paul's Marfa 9:00 AM

St. James' Alpine

**Anniversaries**

No information

**Birthdays**

11/10	Judy Probst
11/15	Nancy Antrim
11/15	Aurie West
11/19	Bill Smith
11/28	Bill Brown

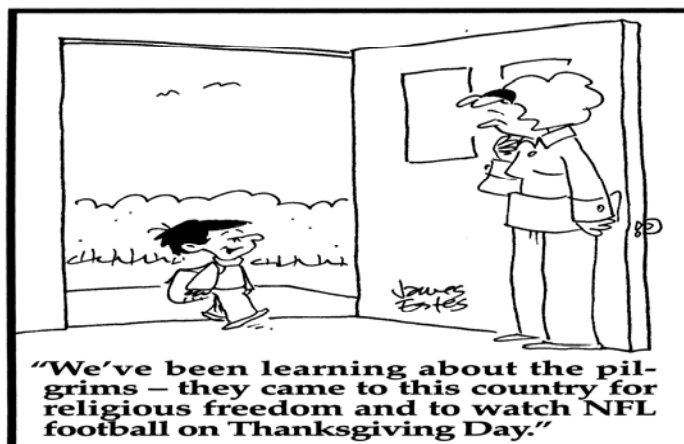
**THE WRIGHTS' VISIT** by Al Hoyle

St. James' congregation was pleased to welcome Jim and Marilyn Wright to church services last Sunday as part of a visit they made to this area. Those parishioners with long memories may remember that the Wright family lived in Alpine and was active in St. James' during the 1950's.

During the coffee hour, Mr. Wright pointed out his picture and that of his younger sister among a group of parishioners in a picture posted on the bulletin board with other news articles detailing the church's history. Jim was an acolyte at the time. The mid-1950's was the time during which the present church structure was built, and Jim reminded everyone that the Union Pacific Railroad gave the bell which is still in use in the church tower. He mentioned that this gift was made at the instigation and good efforts of one of our church members who served as a Vice President of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Jim's brother, Ben Wright, serves as priest at St. James' Episcopal Church in Clovis, NM. Some may remember that Ben attended our 100th Anniversary celebration last April.

Our congregation looks forward to a return visit by the Wrights in the not too distant future.



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## THIS AND THAT

### **SERVICE:** Virginia Knab - one busy woman in the Big Bend Episcopal Mission

- Virginia is active in the Alpine Ministerial Alliance and with the Food Pantry of Alpine.
- Virginia assigns and sends the readings to parishioners for each St. James' service.
- Virginia is active within the OSL.
- Virginia recently attended the Convocation of the Diocese in El Paso as BBEM lay delegate.
- Thanks from us all Virginia.

### **KUDUS:**

Congratulations to Rhys Butler and Peyton Marett for making the Alpine Honor Rolls in their first six weeks of classes. Keep up the good work boys!

### **Church and Community HAPPENINGS:**

- Prayer Fellowship 6 PM every Tuesday night at the Hoyle's.
- Centering Prayer at St. James Parish Hall 6:30 PM every Wednesday night.

### ***Anonymous Poem by 15 year old Arizona Student***

*Now I sit me down in school, Where praying is against the rule. For this great nation under God, Finds mention of Him very odd. If Scripture now the class recites, It violates the Bill of rights. And anytime my head I bow, Becomes a Federal matter now. Our hair can be purple, orange or green, That's no offense; it's a freedom scene. The law is specific, the law is precise, Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice. For praying in a public hall, Might offend someone with no faith at all. In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is prohibited by the state. We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks. It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong, We're taught that such "judgment" do not belong. The Ten commandments are not allowed, Now word of God must reach this crowd. It's scary here I must confess, When chaos reign the school's a mess.*  
from the Joyful Noiseletter

### **NOTE FROM the EDITOR**

A note of sincere and heartfelt appreciation to **Al and Thelma Hoyle!** Without their unwavering assistance, encouragement and contributions there would be no newsletter.

Thanks to Virginia Knab for her contributions.

Please send news items to [pamelamarett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamelamarett@sbcglobal.net).

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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