



The Circuit Rider

Life in the Big Bend Episcopal Mission – April 2009

Get Ready for St. James' Barbecue and Celebration

On Saturday, April 25th, St. James' Church will celebrate its 100 year anniversary. If you are a member of the Big Bend Mission, a member of the Big Bend Community, or just a friend of St. James', join us for a barbecue dinner and celebration starting at 7pm at St. James'. The cost for the dinner is \$9.00 per person. Reservations are required by April 15th in order to guarantee a meal. Make your check to St. James' Church and mark it "barbecue dinner." Place it in the collection plate or send it to St. James' Church, HC 65, Box 272, Alpine, TX 79830.



Special guests for the celebration will include The Rt. Rev William Frey, Retired Bishop of Colorado, now serving as the Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande and members of the Southeast Deanery council. Bishop Frey will be available for confirmations and receptions into the Episcopal Church. If you would like to be confirmed or received, please contact the Vicar.

The celebration will continue on Sunday, April 26th with a Sunday service at St. James' at 10am followed by a reception. There will be no other services in the Big Bend Mission on Sunday, April 26th so plan on joining us at St. James'.

You are invited to the
100th Anniversary Celebration of
St. James' Episcopal Church,
Alpine, Texas.

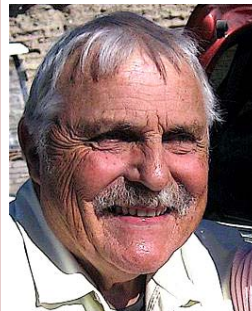
Please, join us for a barbeque dinner on
Saturday, April 25th at 7:00p.m.
at St. James',
510 North 6th Street.

Cost for the dinner is \$9:00 per person.
If you plan to attend the dinner, please
enclose a check with your R.S.V.P. card.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at
10:00a.m., April 26th
followed by a reception.

Services Resume at Sts. Mary and Joseph's, Lajitas

The Rev. Mel Lafollette of Redford, known affectionately as Father Mel, has graciously offered to come out of retirement and celebrate the Holy Eucharist at Sts. Mary and Joseph's, Lajitas on the first Sunday of each month at 11am. He will celebrate on Easter Sunday, April 12th and then each first Sunday, beginning with May 2nd.



Marcy Reed will be celebrating Morning Prayer on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays, time permitting. Check with Marcy at 371-2921 to see if services will be held on a particular Sunday. Marcy teaches at the Big Bend High School and lives in Terlingua with her husband Reagan and her daughter Asa. She has served on the Bishop's Committee of the Big Bend Mission. Her enthusiasm and help are much appreciated.



Photo Language and Mutual Invitation at Casa de la Rosa

On Tuesday evenings during Lent, members of the Big Bend Mission met at Casa de la Rosa in Ft. Davis, for a meal and some unusual approaches to Lenten study. Each week the Vicar posed a question for the group to consider. Each question included a key word or phrase, such as suffering, forgiveness, vulnerability, or new life. For example, "Choose a photograph or two that speaks to you about forgiveness, being forgiven, or forgiving. Each participant then selected photographs from a large selection provided. (continued on page 2)



Terlingua Discusses The Shack

Members of Sts. Mary and Joseph's Church and other members of the Terlingua community have been discussing the national best selling book *The Shack*. It's not too late to join us each Wednesday evening for a pot-luck supper, discussion, and Eucharist. For information, contact the Vicar at 371-2255.



Dear Hankie

Advice to the lovelorn and
spiritually downtrodden

Dear Hankie....We are brother and sis.
Our person went away, and we mean far,



far away. For better or worse, we dogs
were designed by our creator to live in the
present. We don't think of the future and
we have a different sense of the past than
our person does. So, while she counts the
days to the time we can all be together for
a visit, we don't. Should we feel guilty?

Our person worries too much about us.
What can we do to help our human live
life in the NOW, like we do? Is that what
we're supposed to teach? Humans seem to
write whole books about it. What's up
with that? Maybe if they had tails to wag,
they would understand.

Presently yours, Perplexed.

Dear Perplexed,

Don't give it a second thought. (I know
you won't because that would be living in
the past.) Guess what, humans are created
to live in the "now" too, but they screw it
up. They get all tied up in knots regretting
things they have done in the past and stew-
ing over what might happen in the future.
They jump right over the present moment
even though it is the only moment that is
real.

Can you help? Maybe. Just continue be-
ing yourselves; eat, sleep, and play in the
present moment. Sometimes humans have
grace filled breakthroughs and realize that
they live in a fantasy world made up of
memories and fears. When a break-
through happens, be there if you can.
Nothing teaches humans like experience,
and you guys know how to experience and
enjoy the present moment. Maybe some of
your life in the "now"
will rub off.



Photo Language and Mutual Invitation (continued from page one)



Once photos were selected, each partici-
pant was given the opportunity through
mutual invitation to explain why they
picked the pictures they picked. The
Vicar participated and started with her
explanation, then invited another specific
person in the group to explain their
photo(s). Each person in turn spoke
about what their photos meant to them,



and then invited the next person by name to
speak. Photo language provides an easy way
to talk about difficult subjects, and mutual
invitation eliminates the need for participants
to "compete" for their time. The evenings
were well attended and well received.

Last Month's Question: What is The House of Bishops?

Answer: The House of Bishops is all the bishops of the Episcopal church sitting as a legislative and judiciary body of the church. The House of Deputies is the lay and presbyter delegates sitting as a legislative body. These two legislative houses make the decisions at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

This Month's Question: Who are our delegates to General Convention?

Enneagram and Gender

In the most recent issue of "Radical Grace" from the Center for Action and Contemplation, author Katy Taylor raises the question, "Is spirituality different for men and women?" While men and women certainly have differences in the way they experience life, Katy Taylor asserts that at the deepest levels of spirituality the challenges facing men and women are the same. "Whether we are women or men, the Enneagram teaches that to realize God (or to attain our True Self) we need to cultivate a real connection with our bodies, hearts, and minds." There is still some space available in the Enneagram workshop on August 7-9, 2009. The cost is \$75 per person including meals. Scholarships are available. If you have questions, or would like to sign up for the workshop, contact The Threshold at tgraf11@gmail.com or call Casa de la Rosa at 432-386-7677.



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Important Events

Pot Luck Supper, Discussion of "The Shack", and Eucharist, in Terlingua 6pm (call Vicar for location - 371-2609)
 April 4th - Threshold Retreat Day at Casa de la Rosa
 April 9th - Maundy Thursday Services, St. Paul's, 5pm, St. James', 7pm
 April 10th - Good Friday Services, St. Paul's, noon, St. James', 3pm
 April 18th - Big Bend Chapter of OSL Chapter Mtg 9:30am; Testimony/Teaching 10-11; and Healing Prayer Service 11-noon
 April 21st - Healing Service, St. James' Alpine, at noon.
 April 25th - Southeast Deanery meets at St. Paul's - 9am-3pm
 April 25th - St. James' Centennial Anniversary celebration and barbeque dinner. Reservations for dinner - \$9.00 per person before April 15th

5 Palm Sunday St. Paul's - HE - 9am St. James' - HE - 11am Sis M&J - TBA	6	7 Prayer Fellowship 6 pm St. James' Parish Hall	8 Pot Luck Supper, Discussion of "The Shack", Eucharist, in Terlingua 6:30pm	9 Maundy Thursday Services St. Paul's, 5pm St. James', 7pm	10 Good Friday Services St. Paul's, noon St. James', 3pm Stations of the Cross Casa de la Rosa - 6:00pm	11 Holy Saturday
12 Easter Day St. Paul's - HE - 9am St. James' - HE - 11am Sis. M&J - HE 11am Marcy Reed - B	13	14 Prayer Fellowship 6pm at the Hoyles'	15 Contemplative Prayer at 6:30pm at St. James'	16 Joni Marginot - B	17 Reagan Reed - B	18 OSL meeting and Healing Prayer Service 9:30-noon at St. James'
19 2 Easter St. Paul's - HE - 9am St. James' HE - 11am Sis. M&J - TBA Velvet Glass - B	20 Dallas Baxter - B	21 Healing Service St. James' Alpine, at noon. Prayer Fellowship 6pm at the Hoyles'	22 Pot Luck Supper, Discussion of "The Shack", Eucharist, in Terlingua 6:30pm Contemplative Prayer at 6:30pm at St. James'	23	24 Judy Burgess - B	25 Southeast Deanery Meeting, St. Paul's 9am-3pm St. James' Anniversary Celebration, St. James', 7pm
26 3 Easter One service at St. James', 10am.	27 Brenda Worsham -B	28 Prayer Fellowship 6pm at the Hoyles'	29 Contemplative Prayer at 6:30pm at St. James'	30 Pat Wells - B		