



# The Circuit Rider

Life in the Big Bend Episcopal Mission – August/September 2008

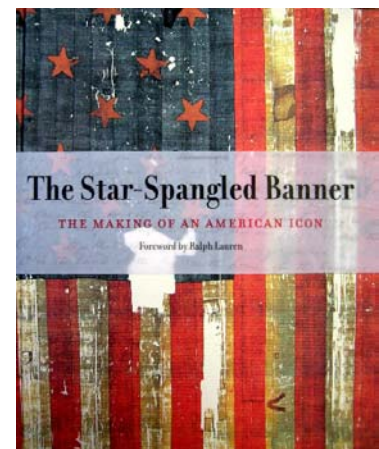
## Fowkles Baptized at St. Paul's

Clegg Price Fowkles, son of Katie Price and Preston Fowkles, was welcomed in to full membership in Christ's Church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday July 20, 2008 during the regular Sunday morning service. Several family members were in attendance. We welcome the newly baptized.



## Lonn Taylor and the Star Spangled Banner

Marfa parishioner Lonn Taylor has published a new book titled *The Star-Spangled Banner: The Making of a National Icon*, together with authors Jeffery Brodie, and Kathleen Kendrick. Published last month by Smithsonian Books, it tells

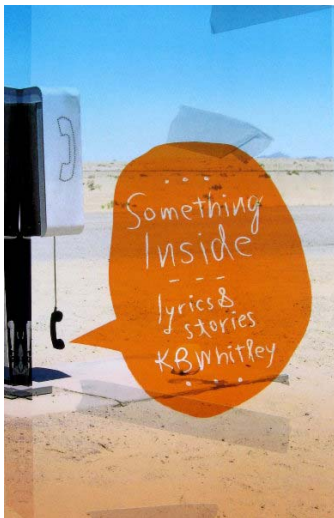


the story of the huge flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore during the British bombardment in 1814. It was the sight of this flag flying over the fort amidst the British bombs and rockets that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the



poem that became our national anthem. The book traces the history of the flag until it came to the Smithsonian Institution in 1907 and tells the story of its care and conservation there for the past 100 years. Copies of Lonn's book are available at the Marfa Book Company in Marfa, Front Street Books in Alpine and elsewhere.

## Ken Whitley - Something Inside



Ken Whitley's newest collection of "lyrics and stories" has hit the shelves. Ken, a member of St. Paul's, was born in Louisiana, raised up on piney woods and Cajun rice, and righteous rhythms and blues. He writes because it "enables him." He considers it pure "lagniappe" (an extra or unexpected gift or benefit) if a line, a lyric or a little story causes you to pause, think, smile. This reviewer thinks Ken has outdone himself with this latest offering. It has "lagniappe" throughout. It is available at the Marfa Book Company, and probably from Ken if you cross paths.



## Dear Hankie

Advice to the lovelorn and spiritually downtrodden

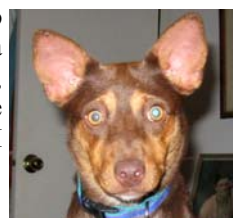
*Editors Note: This column is a regular submission of Henrietta Ponton (also known as "Hankie the Wanderer" who has been giving spiritual direction at Sts. Mary & Joseph's, Lajitas. To write to Dear Hankie, send your letter care of seth@equimax.com.*

Dear Hankie,

I have a friend who is very ill. I am beside myself. I want to help, but I don't know what to do. Should I send flowers, cook a casserole, send a get well card? My friend and I are very close, but I just can't stand it that she is so sick. I just want to go hide somewhere until everything is O.K. again. Please tell me what I should do.

Signed, Distraught

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## Dear Hankie

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Dear Distraught,

Chill out and take a deep breath. You have a right to your feelings. Just because your friend is sick, don't think that your feelings have to be ignored. When a friend is sick, it is hard on everyone who is close to her. If you are anxious, don't beat yourself up about it; get in touch with what you feel. The worst thing you can do is pretend everything is O.K. when it is not.

When people are sick, they are in no shape to help you with your anxiety feelings. If you need to express your feelings to someone, find someone healthy to listen to you. When you get a grip on yourself, you will be able to help your friend. Remember, the biggest thing your friend needs is for you to "be there" and be real. So, cards, casseroles, and flowers are fine. But, what your friend really needs is to know how much you care. I'm sure you will find a way to let her know. Don't forget email. And, oh yes, if there is any casserole left over, you can drop it by my house.

Hankie.



**Last Month's Question:** What were the Dead Sea Scrolls?

**Answer:** The Dead Sea Scrolls consist of roughly 1,000 documents, including texts from the Hebrew Bible, discovered between 1947 and 1979 in eleven caves in and around the Wadi Qumran in the West Bank. They include practically the only known surviving copies of Biblical documents made before 100 CE.

**This Month's Question:** What is the "Apocrypha"?

## Circuit Rider Double Issue

This issue of The Circuit Rider covers August and September. The next issue will be the October issue.

## October Threshold Retreat

The Threshold will sponsor a weekend retreat October 3-4th at Casa de la Rosa. The retreat leader will be Br. Abraham Newsome from St. Gregory's Abbey in Michigan.

## Order of St. Luke Healing Mission



The Rev. Dr. Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield of Deep River Ministries will be the leaders at the upcoming Healing Mission at First Presbyterian Church in Alpine. The event will take place on Saturday August 23, 2008. Everyone is invited to attend.



## Healing Mission Schedule

**Date:** Saturday, August 23, 2008, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Leaders:** The Rev. Dr. Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 103 E. Lockhart Ave., Alpine, TX 79830

**Cost:** A free will offering will be taken

**Food:** During registration (9:00-9:30am) - coffee, juice, pastries  
Lunch - salads & desserts

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## St. James' Members Attend OSL Conference

From July 9-12, The International Order of St. Luke held their national conference in Boise, Idaho. Nancy Antrim and Thelma and Al Hoyle attended from St. James. It was an exciting and intense four days of workshops, devotions, song and prayer. With approximately 150 people attending you can imagine the joyful noise made singing. The featured speaker was Josh Acton, a widely known speaker and writer within the healing ministry. Thursday began with a panel of medical doctors discussing the relationship between medicine and the healing ministry.



Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield, the speakers for the healing mission on August 23rd spoke on Friday morning. All the talks focused on preparing oneself for the healing ministry and included many accounts of healing. We split up in order to attend more of the workshops since many were offered at the same time. Al went to a soaking workshop where the leader requested the attendees to bring pillows and blankets. It was a quiet time of mediation with music and spiritual readings. Both Thelma and Nancy thought that should have been a general session! They attended a workshop on establishing a new chapter of OSL. Thelma also attended a workshop on Loving the Unlovely. During the banquet dinner a Basque choir sang Basque folksongs. The conference was a wonderful time of praise, fellowship and learning.



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