



# The Circuit Rider

Life in the Big Bend Episcopal Mission – June 2006

## Labyrinth Day Approaches



Excitement is building as the Big Bend Episcopal Mission Labyrinth nears its construction date. The Labyrinth committee is putting out a call for volunteers to help place the rocks that will form it. Volunteers are asked to sign on sheets provided at St. James, St. Pauls and Santa Maria y San Jose or to simply call a committee member so they will know how much help to expect. Construction will begin at 8:00 a.m. at St. James Church in Alpine on June 24, 2006 and lunch will be served to all volunteers. The committee encourages volunteers to bring a pair of work gloves and plenty of energy. This is the first joint effort of this size between the churches of the BBEM and

we are looking forward to having a great time working together. The Labyrinth will be open to anyone wishing to walk it. Additionally, sign-up sheets will also be available for anyone wishing to make a donation toward a plant for the garden. Plants may be given in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one.

For more information, please call Mimi Smith at 432-837-1489, Shere Whitley at 432-729-3897 or Libi Rhodes at 432-729-3792.

**Last Month's Question:** What is meant by a covenant with God?

**Answer:** A covenant is a relationship initiated by God, to which a body of people responds in faith.

**This Month's Question:** What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?

## Charles Blizzard Ordained Deacon

Charles Blizzard, a member of St. James' Church in Alpine, has graduated from Trinity Seminary in Pennsylvania. On Saturday May 20, 2006 at the Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Charles was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Jeffrey Steenson. Four other deacons and a priest were ordained at the same time. Judy and Elaine made the trip to Albuquerque to join in the celebration.



Charles and his wife Nicolette will be moving to Oklahoma City where he Charles has accepted a position as Assistant Chaplain and Football Coach at Casady School.

## Pam Marett Given Tenure at Sul Ross

Pam Marett is Associate Professor of Business Administration at Sul Ross State University in Alpine and a member of St. James' Church. She has been recommended for Tenure to the Board of Re-



gents of the Texas State University System. Before joining Sul Ross State University, she served as head of Human Resources for Tower Air, Inc., as it grew from a small to medium-sized company.

She was a faculty member at the University of Oregon College of Business. She has conducted personnel training for the Conflict Management Institute and the International Air Transport Association in Geneva. She served as Secretary of the Airline Human Resources Association in New York and organized the Airline Human Resource Association chapter in Florida. Her research interests include Strategic Human Resource Management, Executive Succession, and Service Industry Management. Congratulations Pam!

**Monthly Threshold Quiet Days  
Return to Regular Schedule  
Following Benson Retreat.**

**Next Quiet Day  
June 3rd at  
First Christian Church**

## Softball Tournament Benefits Boys & Girls Club

On Saturday May 27th, local softball teams gathered at Canyon View Park next



to the Big Bend High School to battle it out for the benefit of the Boys & Girls



Club of Terlingua. Adult teams came from Terlingua and Lajitas. Kids from the club were on hand to sell souvenirs.

## Thank You and Keep it Up!

Your donations of snacks for the Boys & Girls Club of Terlingua are making a difference. Kids arrive at the Boys & Girls Club hungry. The snacks collected by St. James' help them get ready for "Power Hour", the time when they do homework or other study related activities. Your help with this ministry is vital. Thank you and please keep the donations coming in.



## Happy Father's Day

*Mender of toys, leader of boys;  
Changer of fuses, kisser of bruises;  
Mover of couches, soother of ouches;  
Pounder of nails, teller of tales;  
Hanger of screens, guide for our teens;  
Fixer of bikes, chastiser of tykes;  
Raker of leaves, cleaner of eaves;  
Dryer of dishes, fulfiller of wishes -  
Oh bless him, dear Lord.*

- Jo Ann Heidbreded  
via Trinity United Methodist Church  
Wesley Chapel, FL

## Benson Retreat Attracts Many Participants



From Friday, May 5th through Sunday, May 7th The Threshold hosted a retreat lead by author Robert Benson at the First Christian Church facility in Marfa. The retreat was attended by people from a variety of churches including such diverse groups as Unitarians and Mennonites. Robert Benson lead us through a series of

meditations and exercises designed to help us refocus our "rule of life" based on the ancient Rule of St. Benedict. He suggested that it is much harder to lead a disciplined life of prayer for those of us in ordinary life than it is for monks who live in an environment structured for the purpose. He suggested that someone will always remind us about our work and about our social relationships, but our prayer life is up to us.



Two elderly ranchers in a Texas restaurant were discussing their cattle and horses when the conversation turned to their spouses. One rancher asked his friend, "Billy Bob, aren't you and Sue celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary soon?" "We sure are," Billy Bob replied. "Are you going to do anything special to celebrate?" his friend asked. Billy Bob considered the question and then replied, "For our 25th anniversary, I took Sue to San Antonio. I was thinking for our 50th anniversary, I'd go back down there and get her."  
*-via Norma Sims, Eustis, FL and the Joyful Noiseletter*



Sometimes we run a race and it seems like we have no choice. We do our best and try to keep hope alive. Where are we really going? Is our life an endless series of circles on the same old track, or are we responding to God's call and growing nearer to Him?  
- Seth

To adopt a retired racing greyhound, contact Mimi Smith at 432-837-1489.



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