



# The Circuit Rider

Life in the Big Bend Episcopal Mission – September 2006

## Labyrinth Workshop



On Saturday, August 19, 2006, the Big Bend Mission hosted a Labyrinth workshop at the Presbyterian Church in Alpine. The workshop was presented by SaraLee Morris, Resource Center Coordinator at the Palo Duro Presbytery in Lubbock. Ms. Morris brought a small portable Labyrinth for participants to try. Her presentation included 12 reasons for a church to have a Labyrinth, a selection of patterns, considerations for construction, the spiritual basis of a Labyrinth, walking a labyrinth and more.



The Big Bend Mission Labyrinth group is working towards the construction of a Labyrinth near St. James' in Alpine. For more information, please call Mimi Smith at 432-837-1489, Shere Whitley at 432-729-3897 or Libi Rhodes at 432-729-3792.

## Boys & Girls Club Has Busy Summer

The Boys & Girls Club of Terlingua kicked off summer activities with a 4th of July "palooza" showcasing some youthful area musicians, serving food, and raising over \$1000 for the club. Seth Burgess, shown in picture beside club director, Beth Garcia, dressed up as Uncle Sam and did the announcing at the event which was held "behind the store" on FM 170 in Terlingua.



Later in July, several club members attended the "Camp of Champs" at Texas Christian University. Motivational speaker Aric Bostic puts on the annual event which attracts young people from all over Texas. The Camp of Champs is a high energy, non-stop, music filled, experience designed

to help young people take charge of their lives. *(continued on page 2)*

## Al and Thelma Hoyle Attend O.S.L. Conference

In conjunction with their interest in the Healing Ministry spanning several decades and as members of the Order of St. Luke (O.S.L.), Al and Thelma Hoyle recently



attended the 48th North American O.S.L. Conference, held at the Alamo Heights United Methodist Church in San Antonio. The three-day conference attracted nearly 450 clergy and lay people, OSL members, associate members, and seekers, from throughout the U.S. and Canada.

It was a joyous conference from beginning to end, assisted by a talented musical group who got us in the spirit with songs of Praise and Worship both morning and evening.



The speakers were outstanding--dynamic, entertaining, serious, and informative. Keynoter for the conference was the Rev. Mike Endicott from Wales. In addition to his opening address, Father Endicott spoke on three other occasions, and lead two workshops. Some excerpts from his talks follow: *(continued on back of calendar)*

**Sandy and Diane Stephens  
rejoice in the birth of  
their daughter**

**Hannah Stephens  
on August 21, 2006**

## Boys & Girls Club

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Following the Camp of Champs, about 20 club members attended the week-long second annual Maxine Haislip Memorial Summer Camp. Activities included swimming, hiking, and other traditional summer time stuff.



School is open and The Boys & Girls Club is back in the swing of "normal" activities. For more information on the club and its fall activities, see [www.terlinguakids.org](http://www.terlinguakids.org) or contact the club at 432/371-2333.

## Reagan and Marcy Reed Do South America

Reagan and Marcy Reed teach at the Terlingua School and are members of Sts. Mary & Joseph's, Lajitas. They are very good at getting far away from the Big Bend and from their work. This time they spent much of the Summer in South America. Their trip from July 2nd through August 4th included eleven days in Peru, two weeks in Chile and one week in Argentina. Among other places, they visited Macchu Pichu, Cusco, and Lake Titicaca-Peru. Activities included snowboarding, visiting the Concho y Toro winery in Santiago, Ferrying across the Strait of Magellan to Tierra del Fuego, Patagonia-Chile, watching huge chunks of ice fall from the Perito Moreno glacier, dog sledding, and visiting Buenos Aires-Argentina.



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

**Answer:** By his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and opened for us the way of eternal life.

**This Month's Question:** How can we share in his victory over sin, suffering, and death ?

## Boys & Girls Club gets Meadows Grant

The Meadows Foundation of Dallas, Texas has awarded a \$25,000 grant to the Boys & Girls Club of Terlingua to fund the hiring of a Program Director for two years. Boys & Girls Club volunteer Margarita Garcia was hired on July 1, 2006 to fill the position. Margarita has lived in Terlingua all of her life, is a graduate of Big Bend High School, and is bilingual in English and Spanish. She has volunteered at the club for three years, and has received training in the dynamics of youth development, youth at risk and youth and families. She will be assisting with club programs in Character and Leadership Development, Education and Career Development, Health and Life Skills, The Arts, and Sports, Fitness and Recreation.



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## O.S.L. Conference (continued from page one)

*"We have built ourselves a God out of our experience of being Christians. That is wrong. Jesus of the Gospels is the only perfect image of God. Jesus healed everyone, and he heals today. Jesus gives us authority to bring the kingdom of God to people on earth. Keys to releasing God's power: 1) Expectancy (Faith means that what you expect is going to happen pretty fast! Cynicism is the worst enemy of healing.) 2) Persistence (means standing with the ill person in prayer until he/she is healed. When you pray with thanksgiving, you are moving the kingdom of God closer.) 3) Corporate Prayer (Ephesians 3:10; The most satisfying results come from the church gathered in prayer.) 4) Humility (a spirit of submission) 5) Authority and 6) Sonship (As sons and daughters of God, we have been given authority to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.)*

The Rt. Rev. William Frey addressed the whole assemblage and lead some workshops. His major theme dealt with the relationship between healing and forgiveness. Fr. Frey was Bishop of Colorado for 18 years before becoming Dean of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. Some excerpts from his talks are below:

*Early in his ministry (He was 22 years old.), having been asked by a homeless derelict with only one leg and one arm to heal that leg because amputation was imminent, Bishop Frey asked the man if he had faith. Beaming, the man replied, 'Oh, yes sir. I've got my money on Jesus!' Bishop Frey prayed, and the leg healed! This was the living God. We need to change our image of God. God's promises are active right here and now. We are in the 'new creation.' Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future, and faith is the ability to dance to it today.*

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician (O.S.L.) is an ecumenical organization dedicated to the Christian healing ministry with members throughout North America and the world. For more information about O.S.L., talk with any member of the Prayer Fellowship at St. James' Church, or visit the O.S.L. website at [www.orderofstluke.org](http://www.orderofstluke.org)

A set of tapes on the conference is on order; and as soon as the Prayer Fellowship has had a chance to hear them, they will be made available to anyone who might like to use them. We welcome your interest and hope you will take this opportunity to borrow the tapes and hear some outstanding speakers talking about their experiences with the healing ministry of Christ.

Beginning on September 5, the Prayer Fellowship will begin the study of *Healing Everywhere*, a classic book on healing by the Rev. John Gaynor Banks. The book is a compilation of talks given by Dr. Banks during the first half of the 20th Century. Dr. Banks, and his wife Edith Tulloch Banks, founded the Order of St. Luke the Physician in 1932. The Prayer Fellowship meets at the home of Al and Thelma Hoyle at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. We welcome your presence and participation.



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