



**THE BLESSING** Report on the blessing of St. Andrews: by Julie Michie

The Service was truly awesome. The Holy Spirit was certainly there and felt by everyone.

It began with the Bishop (at least 6'6" as he towered over Mike), standing outside with the visiting, vested clergy, blessing the doors. When he banged on the door for it to be opened in the name of the Lord, I can assure you there was not a dry eye in the congregation of over 325. (many had to turn away as there was absolutely no parking!). The processional included members of the Church carrying in the lectern, the Bible, and other things to be blessed, but what got me was the little boy carrying the water for the baptismal font.

The Bishop opened his remarks by comments about missing the basketball hoops at the "Y", and suggesting they hang up a few!

We attended the first Service as a Parish (9:15), contemporary and very child-friendly, including children's sermon and children's church. Mike told the congregation Friday if they didn't want to see their Priest playing the drum set, don't come to the early service!). They had a full house, and a full house for the 11 a.m. service, (traditional) so over 400 were there yesterday. Again, parking is already a problem, but a good one to have.

My profound thanks to those who have supported Mike since he began this journey: coming to his ordinations, coming to Alief, and for all of you who have prayed for St. Andrew's since its inception. I yearned for my Church family to share this experience with me, and most especially I wished Joe could have been there, but, then again, maybe he was!

**EMMANUEL'S CRAFTY EPISCOPALIANS**

"February 4th at 10 AM we will be joining the altar guild for coffee and eats, after which they will go on to polish their brass, and we will take a look at projects that are in the works for 2012. We will be there till about 3, but don't feel like you have to come for the whole time. There are gluing projects, cutting projects, painting projects, and sewing projects, and you don't have to be particularly artistic to help with any of these -- please join us for fellowship and fun!"

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

*We pray for God's blessing on those who are celebrating special days this month. Please contact Laurie if your birthday or anniversary isn't listed.*

- 03 – Paul Denny
- 06 – Patti Payne & Todd Blomerth
- 07 – Leslie & Bobby Garcia
- 14 – Clare & Donaly Brice
- 18 – Gracie Stofle
- 18 – Cecilia Valdez
- 21 – Laurie Bell
- 25 – Rose Ann Torres
- 28 – Savannah Garcia
- 29 – Isaiah Greene

## **THIS MONTH'S EVENTS**

### *Saturday*

1st Saturday of the Month - 10:00am - Brass & Breakfast/Crafty Episcopalians

### *Monday*

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month - 5:00pm – Stewardship Committee

Men's Bible Study - 7:00pm

### *Wednesday Night*

Holy Eucharist - 6:00pm (Followed by Supper and Study)

### *Thursday*

Cursillo Reunion Group - 4:30pm

Women's Bible Study - 5:30pm-6:30pm

February 12 – Vestry Meeting

February 12 – 19 Silent Auction

February 21 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 22 - Ash Wednesday - Co-ed Lent Bible Study Starts

## **FEBRUARY LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

*If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please find a substitute and let the office know so changes can be made in the bulletin. Thank you.*

### **FEBRUARY 5**

Officiant: Laura Ammerman

Lector: Keith Cheshire

Greeter: Julia Sulsar

Usher: Mike Ammerman

Altar Guild: Elizabeth McGinty/Rose Ann Torres

Vestry Person of the Week: Laura Ammerman

### **FEBRUARY 19**

Eucharistic Minister: Aaron Schuelke

Lector: Lucy Knight

Greeters: Gary Knight

Usher: Rose Ann Torres

Altar Guild: Linda Elliott/Katie VanHouten

Vestry Person of the Week: Vaughn Thayer

### **FEBRUARY 12**

Officiant: Barbara Mars

Lector: Todd Blomerth

Greeter: Patti White

Usher:

Altar Guild: Elizabeth McGinty/Rose Ann Torres

Vestry Person of the Week: Keith Cheshire

### **FEBRUARY 26**

Eucharistic Minister: Keith Cheshire

Lector: Alice Romberg

Greeters: Barbara Mars

Usher: Terry Hayes

Altar Guild: Linda Elliott/Katie VanHouten

Vestry Person of the Week: Todd Blomerth

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Mark your calendars: February 21 will be our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It will be from 5pm – 7pm. This year we will again be asking for a free will offering; 10 tickets will be mailed to each family; if you need more just contact the office. If you would like to help or make a donation to go to the cost of supplies or have any other questions, talk to Lew White.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

On Sunday evening, **January 29**, our Original Sinners were joined by the ears and voices of fine folks to make a Joyful Noise! Special thanks to Clare Brice for summoning the Cookie Corps for fishes-and-loaves refreshments. It's a great way to share our beloved church with other friends, so we'll do this again!

Stewardship Ministry Team will conclude compiling this year's Wish List at their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, Monday, **February 6** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

This year's Silent Auction will commence **this Sunday**, with offer/bid sheets available in the Parish Hall after Sunday and Wednesday services. Share your Time and Talent by offering something to someone willing to share his Treasure.

Once again we will have a Stewardship Action Day, Saturday, **February 25**. There will be a morning session from 10:00-noon, a lunch, and an afternoon session from 1:00-3:00 (coffee & juice at 9:30). Discussing the variety of ministries not only reviews our progress, but shows others the range of ways in which they can be involved in our Christian community. We've started with a clean slate so that as we envision how to act out our faith, we can answer the question, "Where do I want my hand to go?"

**February 21** is Shrove Tuesday, and again we will celebrate by offering our Pancake Supper. Come join us for a Fat Tuesday Fandango. Some of us enjoy a strolling parade before supper. Plenty of good griddle cakes, pork belly and festivities. Additionally, our gridders will be flapping jacks specially prepared by parishioners, so Batter Up (some may prepare special toppings).

**Keep In Your Prayers** *"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16*  
*Updates and new prayer requests will be sent out by email. If you have any corrections please contact the office.*

Pray For the Dioceses of: Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (*Yukon, Canada*); Angola (*Missionary Diocese*) (*Southern Africa*); Ankole (*Uganda*); Antsiranana (*Indian Ocean*); The Anglican Church of Canada; Argentina (*Southern Cone*); Argyll & The Isles (*Scotland*); Aotearoa - Central North Island (*Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia*); Aotearoa - Northern Region (*Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia*); Pikaahu Aotearoa - South Island (*Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia*); Aotearoa - Wellington/Taranaki (*Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia*); Arizona (*VIII, The Episcopal Church*); Arkansas (*VII, The Episcopal Church*); Armidale (*New South Wales, Australia*); The Church of the Province of Central Africa; Arochukwu/Ohafia (*Aba, Nigeria*); Aru (*Congo*); Asaba (*Bendel, Nigeria*); Athabasca (*Rupert's Land, Canada*); Atlanta Auckland (*Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia*); Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; Aweil (*Sudan*); Awgu / Aninri (*Niger, Nigeria*); Awka (*Niger, Nigeria*); Awori (*Lagos, Nigeria*); Badagary (*Lagos, Nigeria*); Bukuru (*Jos, Nigeria*); Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; Bukuru (*Jos, Nigeria*); Ballarat (*Victoria, Australia*); Banks & Torres (*Melanesia*);

Pray For the Parishes of: Santa Fe Episcopal Church (*San Antonio*); Emmanuel Episcopal Church (*Lockhart*); St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (*San Antonio*); St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (*Goliad*); St. Matthias' Episcopal Church (*Devine*); St. John's Episcopal Church (*McAllen*); St. Thomas' Episcopal Church (*San Antonio*); St. George Episcopal Church (*San Antonio*) and St. Andrew's Church (*McKinney*)

Healing: Pat A; Jan B; Tom B; Todd B; Alex C; Virginia D; Derian D; Ben F; Mike F; Charlie G; Barbara H; Daphne H; Lucy K; Pat K; Corean K; Matt L; Ann M; Linda M; Julie M; Jennifer P; John P; Jim P; Judy; Sally W;

Those in the Armed Forces & their families: Gabe A; Rick A; John B; Austin B; Bryan; Stephen B; Andrew C; Eric C; Casey D; Clark F; Jake F; Joseph G; Jacob G; Matt G; Victor H; Coy K; Heather M; Thomas M; Robert N; Jake T; John Robert; Debi W

Other Needs: Rob; John & family; Aaron Jose; for our church family; for all celebrating special days this month; for our nation; for the persecuted church; for missionaries; for Christian Education; for all those who put themselves in harm's way in service of their fellowman; for Kairos Ministry; Water Well Ministry; Mexico's Water Well Ministry; our Girl Scout Troops

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

It is our mission to obey the two great commandments of Christ, to go into the world to teach and baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We pledge ourselves to reach out lovingly to each other, in our parish family, our community, and our world giving assistance where it is needed in the name of Jesus Christ.

**SERVICES**

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist  
Followed by supper & study

**SUNDAY**

8:30AM Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM Christian Education, all ages  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
*Babysitting provided*

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00AM–11:00AM  
Wednesday 1:00PM–4:00PM  
Friday 8:00AM–9:00AM

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