



The Adventure

Lent/Easter 2005

ONLINE

A Rare Gem Restored

St. Andrew's Aeolian-Skinner Organ

by Archdeacon Patsy Masterman,
St. Andrew's, Amarillo

Can you imagine a weekly test-drive with the whole congregation aboard?

For months now, Margaret Lacy, Director of Music Ministries, has been demonstrating the increasing versatility of the restored Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ being built in the new nave of St. Andrew's Church in Amarillo.

About four-fifths of the six thousand pipes have been installed. Final work will be the voicing of each pipe.

During this "preview period," Sunday worship and monthly Evensong have given the choir and congregation hints of the magnitude and subtleties possible when the premier restorer of Aeolian-Skinner instruments gives his final okay.

The Evensong series features a different accompanying art exhibit each month and an offering collected for outreach ministry. February's offering went to Episcopal Relief and Development to help in the areas affected by the December 26 tsunami.

Within this initial period, on Thursday, March 31, the nearly finished Aeolian-Skinner will accompany a concert by the distinguished Men and Boys' Cathedral Choir of Christ Church, Oxford, England.

Support for concerts for the Amarillo area will come from a new organization called "Friends of Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1024."

On Sunday, April 10 the Rt. Rev. Wallis Ohl will dedicate the organ during the 5 p.m. Evensong.

After the Bishop's blessing, St. Andrew's will begin the inaugural season of recitals and concerts in June when Thomas Murray, professor of music and university

organist at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, will perform in the nave with the Amarillo Symphony.

St. Andrew's new nave and pipe organ replace the nave and organ lost Sunday, Feb. 11, 1996 in a fire which



also destroyed the parish offices and parish hall.

The organ, designed in 1940 and completed in 1942 with pre-World War II materials, was moth-balled in 1981

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in a recital hall at the University of Texas at Austin. It was thought to be "not for sale at any price," but a year of study, negotiation and soul-searching resulted in purchase of the organ.

"It was like finding a Stradivarius violin in a musty barn and buying it at a garage-sale price," one music-lover observed.

Organ installers began their trips to Amarillo to work on the organ last summer after refurbishing of pipes and leathers was completed in the new California studios of Schoenstein Organ Builders. With most of the pipes installed, the voicing work began this winter under the direction of Jack Bethards, one of the foremost experts on Aeolian-Skinner organs and their restoration.

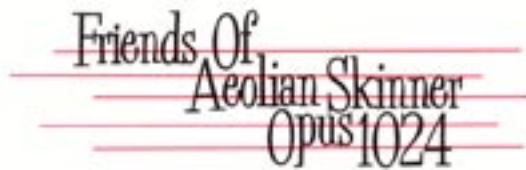
Bethards directed the restoration of the Mormon Tabernacle Organ in Salt Lake City and was consultant in the restoration of Aeolian-Skinners for symphony halls in Cleveland and Boston. St. Andrew's organ has been called the "sister" of the organ in the Mormon Tabernacle.

Bethards' other assignments for design and restoration have included organs in the Boston "Mother Church" of Christian Scientists, the John Wanamaker Store in Philadelphia, the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine and the Riverside Church, both in New York City, the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Aeolian-Skinner of Boston produced some of the greatest American organs during the last century. Although the company ceased operations in the 1970's, its instruments remain highly esteemed and rare, particularly those like Opus 1024 which are in their original configuration.

St. Andrew's architects, Overland Partners of San Antonio, designed the nave in consultation with the organ builders.

Michael Barone of Minnesota Public Radio, who features organ music on his National Public Radio program "Pipedreams," wrote to St. Andrew's, "Your instrument is a gem, and a rather large one at that, a very important organ from the prime years of widely celebrated designer, G. Donald Harrison and a highly acclaimed builder, Aeolian-Skinner. Best of all, your instrument is tonally unaltered and so is a piece of valuable history which, as an artifact, is essentially priceless...Though many modern builders would be capable of providing you with an equivalent new instrument of merit, none could exactly recreate the qualities (either of workmanship or tonal effect) of this 1940 Aeolian-Skinner. And a new organ of equal size and scope would cost substantially more than a restoration of this one."



Inaugural Season of Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1024

Friends of Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1024 offers its season as a prayer without words to the glory of God.

March 31

Christ Church Men and Boys Cathedral Choir,
Oxford, England

May 1

Handbell Concert featuring the St. Andrew's Ringers
with guest soloists Devlon Jones and Shanna Smith

June 3

Tom Murray, Head of Yale University Organ
Department, with members of The Amarillo
Symphony

June 5

Tom Murray – solo organ recital

September 11

Hank the Cowdog – John Erickson

October 2

Margaret Lacy – organ recital

Forthcoming

Gerre Hancock – organ recital
Oxford Lessons and Carols
Marilyn Keiser – organ recital
Kent Stalker – program for organ & orchestra
United States Air Force Academy Cadet Choir

by Archdeacon Patsy Masterman,
St. Andrew's, Amarillo

Word gets around.

From the moment St. Andrew's church began studying the possibilities of buying Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1024 from the University of Texas, organists from all over the country began to express interest in the pipe organ, in St. Andrew's and in Amarillo.

Margaret Lacy, Director of Music Ministries, received telephone calls, e-mails and letters. No only were the inquirers curious but they were also eager for the restoration of the organ. Somehow they knew or had heard of the organ.

A member of the American Guild of Organists and the Anglican Association of Musicians, Lacy heard from organists she had met – but there were plenty whom she did not know. And like the others, they admitted to hoping they would be invited to Amarillo for an opportunity to sit on the bench of the National Historical Treasure known as Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1024.

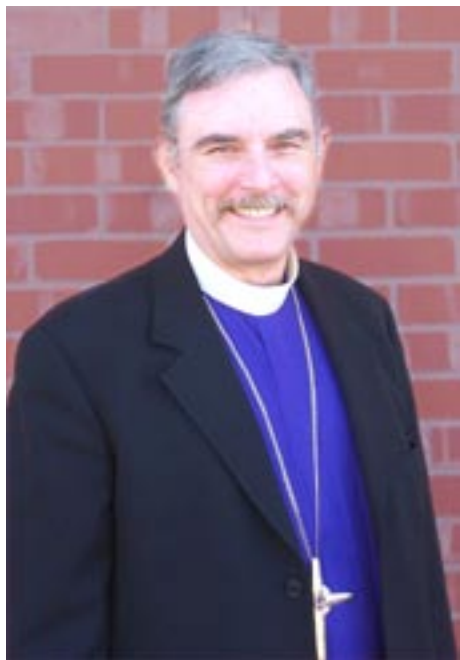
Some of these callers were about as famous as organists get – like Gerre Hancock, a Lubbock native and former organist for St. Thomas' church in New York who recently moved to the University of Texas, and Marilyn Keiser of Bloomington, Indiana, former assistant organist at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York and now professor of music at Indiana University. Negotiations are already in progress with Hancock and Keiser.

As the installation and voicing of the pipe organ near completion, the requests have multiplied.

If you want to know more than you can remember about Aeolian-Skinner organs, try some of the 629 listings under Aeolian-Skinner on a computer. And notice the recordings of recitalists who have chosen Aeolian-Skinners for their most important performances.

And if you happen to learn how word gets around the underground of church and university organists, please share the information.





From the Bishop's Desk

Since General Convention in Minneapolis in July 2003, the Episcopal Church and its international component, the Anglican Communion, have been struggling with what it means to be a "communion" composed of national churches, each with its own culture and customs. As I am sure all of you know, the presenting issue which drew forth the present consternation was the election of an openly gay priest and his consecration as bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire. In addition, the Canadian diocese of New Westminster had approved the blessing of same sex couples by priests of that diocese, adding to the deepest concerns of Anglicans from around the world that the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada had brought schism to the Communion.

More recently, on October 18, 2004, the results of a year-long study of what would be necessary to preserve the Anglican Communion were published as the Windsor Report. The 157 paragraph monograph, with an additional 33 pages of appendices, called specifically on the Episcopal

Church and the Canadian Anglicans to express regret for our actions and effect moratoria on consecrating openly partnered bishops and blessing same sex unions.

At the regular fall meeting of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church we called for a special meeting of the Bishops in January 2005 to begin receiving the Windsor Report, a document we did not have in September 2004. That meeting was held in Salt Lake City, and in a little over a day we did begin to receive the Windsor Report. There was not sufficient time to discuss, much less debate, all of the intricacies of the 60 page report. The bulk of work was deferred to the regular meeting of the Bishops at Camp Allen, Texas March 10-16, 2005.

In late February the Primates of the Anglican Communion, the "Presiding Bishops" of the 38 Provinces of the international Church, met in Northern Ireland for their annual gathering. They spent much of their time discussing the Windsor Report and looking for a way forward in the midst of turmoil rather than creating an

"unproductive situation of winners and losers" (Presiding Bishop's statement 25 Feb 2005). Archbishop Ndungane of South Africa writes that this meeting was the hardest he ever attended. At the beginning of the meeting, "Positions were entrenched—and irreconcilable.... But we serve a Lord who is the God of reconciliation.... We were able to hear that though many came with firm views, nonetheless there was also a commitment to continue walking together."

The seven page communiqué calls on the Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Church voluntarily to withdraw our voting members from the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), the only one of the "instruments of unity" which has lay and clergy representatives and not bishops only. The primates also request that the ACC organize a hearing at the June 2005 meeting to hear from us and the Canadians the thinking behind the actions that have produced this crisis. It also reissues the call to effect the moratoria

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requested by the Windsor Report. Paragraph 19 of the communiqué says, "These strategies are intended to restore full trust of our bonds of affection across the Communion." (The full text of the communiqué may be obtained at www.aco.org/primates. Click on "Current News," then scroll down to the 24 February listings where the communiqué link is located.)

Let me take a bit of your time to tell you where I am in all of this. As most of you know, I did not vote for Father Robinson's certification to become bishop diocesan of the diocese of New Hampshire. I am also aware that a majority of parishioners in NW Texas do not approve of that election for many different reasons. But you must also know that there are many in our diocese that believe that General Convention followed the guidance of the Holy Spirit and do support that action. I will also tell you that some of the rhetoric I have seen and heard from some, both within and without the diocese, has been less than "Jesus-like" in its tone and verbiage. I believe that we can have strongly-held positions without excoriating those with whom we disagree, without the personal attacks that do not express our transformation in Christ Jesus.

I read the Windsor Report on October 18th with delight, even though it is somewhat difficult in its syntax and "English-isms". There is much about the WR that is right on target and which we, the Episcopal Church, should work toward. (I am a little leery of instituting a "curia" similar

to the Roman Catholics, as, apparently, are the Primates; cf. paragraphs 9-10 of the communiqué.) I went to the January meeting of the House of Bishops fully prepared to accept all of the recommendations of the WR, even with some hesitations. Since we did not move to accept moratoria at that meeting, I pray that we will do so at our March meeting.

I was somewhat heartened by our gathering in January in Salt Lake City. Almost all of the active bishops were present, including some who have been absent at recent gatherings. Everyone present participated in the discussion of the "Word to the Church" that was promulgated in Salt Lake, and I only heard one negative vote when we approved the message. An alternative report of which I had no knowledge until over a week later was produced primarily by the Network bishops. I contemplated becoming a signatory of that alternative report but, after prayer, chose not to do so. I am convinced that our policy in this diocese simply stated as "single and celibate, married and faithful" and "no blessings of same sex unions" is a sufficient statement.

In just a few days I will depart for Camp Allen, near Houston, and I go with hope. Again, to quote Archbishop Ndungane, "But we serve a Lord who is the God of reconciliation....The way ahead will not be easy, but we can rely on God to continue guiding our path, as we depend on him."

One other caveat, many of the news media take great delight in

reporting that the Episcopal Church is out of the Anglican Communion. At this point, at least, that is simply not so. We are being asked by the Communion to pay the cost for our actions, and I believe that is appropriate.

Finally, I want you to know that I am committed to remain within the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion. I am convinced that we cannot separate ourselves from the larger Church and maintain the strength necessary to do the work of mission, outreach, and ministry we have been called to do in Jesus' name as the Diocese of Northwest Texas. We need all of our brothers and sisters, locally, nationally, and internationally. Remember St. Paul's image of body in I Corinthians 12. We may only be a cell in the little toe on the left foot. But every cell—every person—is essential for the body, the Body of Christ, to be effective.

Pray for us all each day, give toward the spread of the Gospel, and work for Christ as if you only had today. And always remember, God is still in heaven and is in control.

In Christ,



"High Five From Jesus"

"And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them." Mark 10:16

Primary Camp (completed grades 2-4)

June 26-July 2

Junior High Camp (completed grades 5-8)

July 3-9

Senior High Camp (completed grades 9-12)

June 19-25

Our mission is to provide an opportunity for young people to live in a Christ centered community that teaches life tools, builds strong friendships and exercises creativity in a safe and structured manner.

Camp Quarterman strives to offer the opportunity to experience God through worship, play and relationships with others. Campers will come together for a week filled with Chapel, Bible teachings and singing in a fun and spiritual atmosphere. Along with worship, Camp Quarterman offers daily activities, which include: swimming, basketball, sand volleyball, tennis and much more. We also offer an extraordinary arts and crafts program (led by Deacon Roland Rose, Midland), a talent show, banquet/dance, lots of games and fun time, nature hikes and plenty of play time. There is never a dull moment!

Each camp session is staffed with clergy members from our Diocese who serve as Spiritual Leaders for the week. They will lead fun and innovative worship services, allowing the campers to experience new and traditional services in a unique setting. They will also conduct bible studies and group discussions about issues that pertain to the youth of today.

Camp Quarterman is staffed by a group of young Christian adults who serve as counselors. Each has a commitment to Christ, and each is dedicated to creating the safest camp possible. Along with the counselors, each week is comprised of volunteers who serve as nurses, Jr. Counselors and adult sponsors.

We are always looking for volunteers in our Diocese to help in many aspects of camp life; if this is your calling, please let us know.

We are blessed to have Chris Trammell again serve as our camp director. As well, Sarah Riley will serve as assistant camp direc-

tor. They are working hard to create the best summer camp ever. Bonnie Snell, science teacher at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, again will bring a science extravaganza to Primary Camp where the campers will be introduced to a variety of science experiments and lessons.

Tuition is \$250 per camper. This price includes camp session, t-shirt, photo and camp directory. A \$100 deposit is required for each camper to hold a spot. Registration forms are available at your local Episcopal Church office or by calling the camp office at (806) 383-6878 or emailing bqcctx@aol.com.

If you have questions regarding Camp Quarterman or need more information, please contact Courteney Gill at:

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Happy Camp

He took a little child and had her stand among them. Taking her in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:36-37

Since the early 1990's, Episcopalians from the Diocese of Northwest Texas have supported Happy Camp, a wonderful ministry, to "share Christian values and God's love in a fun, safe environment with children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend summer camp." The children are recruited from schools and community agencies across the diocese, and each year these fourth, fifth and sixth grade campers are welcomed at the Bishop

Quarterman Conference Center (BQCC), for a one-week stay, completely free of charge. The daily camp activities include chapel, swimming, games, arts and crafts, and field trips. The gospel message is presented to the campers, often for the first time in their lives, through story, singing and prayer. The volunteer clergy and counselors provide powerful Christian role models for the children and help to create relationships that touch hearts and change lives. The theme of this year's camp, scheduled for June 3rd through the 10th, is "Christmas in June. How God Lived Among Us."

For more information on Happy Camp, please contact Archdeacon Dana Wilson by calling 432.699.4322, or emailing dana@marshill.com

by Sandy Tisdale,
Advisory Board Chair

Coming this summer to the BQCC, is the inaugural Promise Camp, for children ages 8 to 11 who have a parent in prison. The camp will be held June 13th – 17th. In a life filled with broken promises, the five-day Promise Camp will be a time of great discovery, offering loving fellowship and a safe place to build trust and mend hurting hearts. Through God's grace, and the commitment of Episcopal servants, children will learn to dance, play drums, create art, sing songs of praise and give thanks. For more information on Promise Camp, please contact Deacon Roland Rose, at 432.689.7790 or dnrose@cox.net.



An Advisory Board, comprised of individuals from Episcopal parishes in Midland, Odessa, Lubbock and Amarillo, meets annually to provide input into the Happy Camp and Promise Camp planning. There are several ways to support these two camp ministries, and we ask you to prayerfully consider the following options:

- Sponsor a camper for either camp for \$300.
- Make a donation of any size.
- Help recruit campers in your community.
- Volunteer your time and talent during one of the camps.
- Pray for those attending the camps.

If you wish to make a donation, please designate Happy Camp or Promise Camp on the memo line of your check, and send donations to the Diocese of Northwest Texas, 1802 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401.

Northwest Texas Youth and Young Adult News

by the Rev. David Krause, Chaplain to Canterbury at Texas Tech and Chair, Diocesan Youth Committee

Andrew Davis, a sophomore student from Texas Tech, has been appointed to the Episcopal Student Leadership Team (ESLT), the planning committee for the biennial National Gathering of Episcopal college students, chaplains, faculty, and supporters of campus ministry. In addition to being an Episcopal event, every other National Gathering, including the one coming up in December of 2006, is held in conjunction with an ecumenical student gathering of the Higher Education Ministries Arena, a group which includes the campus ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the United Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, the Church of the Brethren, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the World Student Christian Federation; this group also works very closely with the Roman Catholic Student Movement.

Mr. Davis, a member of St. Paul's on the Plains in Lubbock, was nominated for the position at the recently held National Gathering, an Episcopal campus ministry event sponsored by the Episcopal Church's office of Ministries with Young People. The Diocese of Northwest Texas had one of the largest groups in attendance, with students from Canterbury at Texas Tech and Church of the Heavenly Rest in Abilene at the event. For more information about this gathering, and a group picture of many of the students from Texas, go to http://www.episcopal-church.org/province_VII.htm



During January's Midwinter event for Sr. High Youth, a new Executive Committee of the Episcopal Youth Community was elected (the diocesan EYC Exec).

Returning members are Frank DePriest (Heavenly Rest, Abilene), Andrew Draughon (Grace, Vernon), Becky Koenig (St. Stephens', Lubbock), Adam Runyan (St. Nicholas', Midland), and Matt Stickley



(St. Andrew's, Amarillo).

New members elected to the Exec for the first time are Ellen Wehner (Emmanuel, San Angelo) and Katie Young (Heavenly Rest, Abilene). Katie Young also serves as the youth representative from the diocese of Northwest Texas to the provincial youth network.

The new Exec was formally installed at the Spring Fling, the diocesan youth event for Jr. High students held in early March. The theme for the event was "Hear no evil, See no evil, Speak no evil, Do no evil." Speakers included Dr. June Smith, of Good Shepherd (San Angelo), Ms. Jill Sethness of Emmanuel (San Angelo), and the Rev. Clifton Mann of St. Andrew's (Amarillo).

Today's Disciples in Today's World

By Claire Cowden,
Canon for Ministry Development

Today's Disciples in Today's World was an innovative and inspiring conference held at the end of February in Kansas City. Hosted by Provinces VI & VII, this was the first national level Episcopal adult education event in over a decade.

Today's Disciples was not a "standard conference." The main component of the conference was a series of learning opportunities in which the participants served in turn as teachers, facilitators and learners. During these learning opportunities we experienced programs currently available for adult education just as we might have on a Sunday morning at church. The variety of sessions helped us examine the form and style of adult learning as well as get the flavor of each program.

Pointing the way, explaining the process and encouraging our work were the Rev. Linda Grenz and the Rev. Rick Brewer. Both are innovators in adult formation. Many of our readers may remember Linda as our Evensong preacher and keynote speaker from the 2004 Diocesan Convention. Linda is Publisher of LeaderResources, and Rick is co-founder of Opportunities for Adult Christian Education and Spirituality (OACES).

The conference web site contains information on how to encourage adult Christian

formation as well as samples from a variety of adult education programs. The web site is expected to be up and running by April 1 and is available to anyone interested in adult formation:

<http://www.leaderresources.org/todaysdescribes>.

For more information and to discuss your interest in adult formation, please contact Claire at ministry@nwt.org or call 806-763-1370.





Is Cursillo For You?

It's possible (in some churches, probable) that someone may have suggested that you attend a Cursillo weekend. Your friend had a wonderful experience at his/her weekend and is now involved in the Cursillo community, and he or she wants the same for you. But, is it right for you? The answer is kind of complicated, and, yet, simple. It depends.

Do you already have what you consider a strong faith?

That's a great start! People who have a strong faith in Jesus Christ are most often hungry to learn more about Him and how they can follow Him more closely in their lives. Cursillo can help strengthen your faith and give you tools to maintain and develop

your own spiritual life. Since Cursillo is a program of the Episcopal Church, the teaching and theology reflect Episcopal beliefs.

Do you want to help others find out about Jesus, but are you lacking in confidence?

During the Cursillo weekend you will hear talks about how to better live your faith in the environments you inhabit – your home, your workplace, your church. You will spend much time in discussion with other people about ways they try to share the Gospel with others in their lives, and you can develop some ideas of your own as to how you can influence friends to want to know Jesus.

Are you interested in becoming more of a leader in your parish?

One of the goals of the Cursillo movement is to help people develop the interest in and the skills needed to take on leadership positions in their church and in their community.

Do you enjoy music?

There is lots of singing – even some clapping and dancing from time to time.

Is participating in the Holy Eucharist daily an attractive idea to you?

At some time during every day of a Cursillo weekend there is a celebration of Holy Eucharist. There are also other opportunities for corporate and private worship. Clergy are always available for conversation, for reconcil-

iation, for suggestions and just about anything else you have in mind. There will be abundant time for prayer, both private and in groups.

Is food important to you?

Let me put it this way - you won't starve to death.

How do you learn best?

During a Cursillo weekend concepts are presented in a series of talks (both by lay and clergy people). Following each talk will be a time of discussion within a small table group. Sometimes the discussion time will culminate in a group craft project or some other activity. So, your particular learning style will receive equal time.

How much time does Cursillo require?

A weekend retreat begins on Thursday evening, after dinner, and continues through a closing service on Sunday afternoon.

When can I go?

The next Cursillo in the Diocese of Northwest Texas will be July 14 – 17. It will be held at Mercy Retreat Center in Slaton, Texas (15 miles southeast of Lubbock).

Applications will be available from every church office soon. You can also contact Jane & Mel Barnes, 3816 56th Street, Lubbock, TX 79413 or by email – jambarnes@cox.net.

The Canon's Comments...

The Rev. Canon J. Michael Ehmer
Canon to the Ordinary

What are We Doing Wrong?

Or ...

What are We Doing Right?

Some people might say the questions above are two sides of the same coin. In other words, regardless of which question one asks the same answer will eventually emerge. I do not agree with that understanding. In fact, I think the two questions are actually diametrically opposed to one another and will lead to very different outcomes.

Underlying my thinking is the belief that what we focus on becomes our reality. If we concentrate on our problems then what becomes real to us is that we have many problems. Our perception is that we are full of trials and tribulations. If, on the other hand, we focus on our successes our view of the situation is filled with joyfulness and encouragement. It's a bit of the old question: Is the glass half full or half empty? Are you an optimist or a pessimist? But it's actually more than that. Both optimists and pessimists can go through life with their heads in the sand—refusing to look at what's around them, either the good or the bad.

What I'm talking about instead is a matter of conscientiously appreciating the good in any situation more than critiquing the bad. Both optimists and pessimists can do this. To the one it may come naturally. The other may have to work at it. But both types of people can train themselves to focus on the positive—to spend their energy on what's working rather than what's not working. In so doing we put on the

mindset that we're working in a successful system. Certainly there are problems involved—there will always be challenges to be met and obstacles to be overcome. But the issue here is what we "focus" on.

If we concentrate on what's broken, always looking at what needs to be fixed, our mindset is that we're in a consistent state of disrepair. And our expectation is that we will continue to be in a similar state in the future. If we focus instead on what is working well, despite the fact that we do have some broken parts, our mindset is that we're in a consistent state of health. And we tend to see our future as continuing in that direction.

Of course, the mistake in either of these two mindsets is ignoring the other side. There will normally be both good and bad aspects to anything. What's important is that we celebrate the former and correct the latter. But is our emphasis on the "celebrating" or the "correcting"? That's the difference. When we're celebrating we're usually joyful and we want to find ways to continue that cheerfulness. That often means correcting a few broken areas along the way, in order to maintain the joyful state. The problems are still examined and fixed. But the focus is not on the brokenness; it's on maintaining the joyfulness into the future.

Most of us, I believe, would rather look into a cheerful future than one of brokenness. And one of the best ways to help ensure a bright future is



to form today's questions properly. In asking, "What are we doing *wrong*?" we focus on the negative. But when our inquiry is, "What are we doing *right*?" we're looking positively into the future. It doesn't mean we don't correct what's broken, but we do so from a different perspective—for a different reason.

This "mindset" is applicable in all aspects of life—personal, interpersonal and organizational. It certainly applies in our church life—in each congregation, each diocese, the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. What are the good things about being here, and how can we have more of it? Rather than trying to explain yesterday's world let's concentrate on articulating tomorrow's possibilities.

I believe that is what Jesus wants from us. In the long story of the Last Supper in the Gospel of John Jesus tells his disciples, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:10-12).

I wonder what a joyful and loving future in Christ would look like? What must we do to achieve it?

**2005 Apportionment Contributions
as of March 14, 2005**

Congregation	2,005 Apportionment	Total Received	Percent Complete
Abilene, Heavenly Rest	118,879.00	29,719.74	25.00%
Abilene, St Mark's	9,178.00	1,529.66	16.67%
Albany, Trinity	1,243.00	-	0.00%
Amarillo, St Andrew's	106,600.00	17,766.74	16.67%
Amarillo, St. Cyprians	2,604.00	-	0.00%
Amarillo, St Peter's	55,552.00	13,887.99	25.00%
Andrews, St. Matthias	1,231.00	-	0.00%
Big Spring, St. Mary's	37,103.00	6,183.84	16.67%
Borger, St Peter's	15,859.00	2,643.20	16.67%
Brownfield, Good Shepherd	5,268.00	-	0.00%
Canyon, St. George's	6,888.00	1,037.67	15.06%
Childress, St. Luke's	1,040.00	86.67	8.33%
Clarendon, St John's	2,139.00	178.33	8.34%
Coleman, St. Mark's	7,330.00	1,466.00	20.00%
Colorado City, All Saints'	3,602.00	-	0.00%
Dalhart, St. James'	29,816.00	3,842.33	12.89%
Dumas, St. Paul's	5,962.00	1,500.00	25.16%
Hereford, St. Thomas	9,249.00	-	0.00%
Kermit, St. Peter's	680.00	-	0.00%
Levelland, St. Luke's	4,501.00	375.00	8.33%
Lubbock, St. Christopher's	36,875.00	1,000.00	2.71%
Lubbock, St. Paul's	74,641.00	18,660.27	25.00%
Lubbock, St. Stephen's	56,848.00	9,474.68	16.67%
Midland, Holy Trinity	199,734.00	49,933.50	25.00%
Midland St. Nicholas	109,086.00	-	0.00%
Monahans, St. James'	3,418.00	570.00	16.68%
Odessa, St. Barnabas	46,454.00	3,871.17	8.33%
Odessa, St. John's	41,430.00	10,357.50	25.00%
Odessa, San Miguel	2,148.00	-	0.00%
Pampa, St. Matthew's	37,697.00	9,424.24	25.00%
Perryton, All Saints'	2,368.00	591.09	24.96%
Plainview, St. Mark's	11,765.00	1,965.00	16.70%
Quanah, Trinity	997.00	-	0.00%
San Angelo, Emmanuel	90,656.00	15,109.36	16.67%
San Angelo, Good Shepherd	49,645.00	-	0.00%
Shamrock, St Michael's	118.00	-	0.00%
Sweetwater, St Stephens	25,486.00	6,371.49	25.00%
Vernon, Grace	2,973.00	743.25	25.00%
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Vocations Day

April 30th 10 am - 2 pm

St. Paul's on the Plains, Lubbock

**Sponsored by
The Commission on Ministry, Diocese of Northwest Texas**

Come explore the various ministries to which God may be calling you. Topics will include the diaconate, priesthood and the various routes to it (seminary is not required for everyone!)

No committment required, just a willingness to see how God may wish to use you.

Can your walk with Christ include ministry as a way of life?

Are there other options beside ordination?
(YES! and you might be surprised at how they can fit you and your life)

Cost is \$6 for lunch.

For headcounting purposes, register at:

e-mail canterbury @ nwf.org
call 806/765-0037
mail Canterbury
2407 16th St
Lubbock, TX 79401

ERD Begins Long-Term Development Program in South India

Episcopal Relief and Development is working with local partners in South India to rebuild communities, restore livelihoods, and help children and families recover after the tsunami. Since the disaster in late December, ERD has provided emergency relief such as food, temporary shelter, and medicine in India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Thailand.

ERD's long-term partnership with the Church of South India (CSI) will assist people in the nine dioceses affected by the tsunami, including the state of Tamil Nadu where over 27,000 were killed and 500 villages were devastated.

"The comprehensive program will rebuild community and family life," said Dr. Pauline Sathiamurthy, Provincial Secretary for the Church of South India. Dr. Sathiamurthy visited ERD's offices recently to discuss the long-term partnership and express her gratitude on behalf of the people in her country. "ERD was the first to respond after the tsunami. We are overwhelmed by ERD's support and solidarity with the Church of South India," she said.

ERD's rehabilitation program with the Church of South India will assist fisher folk by helping to repair and rebuild fishing boats and refurbish fishing nets. ERD will also support a comprehensive vocational training and business development program in four dioceses so people can earn an income and support their families. Working with ERD, CSI will provide initial loans for communities to start a micro enterprise. ERD will support CSI in rebuilding homes in four dioceses. A multi-year trauma care program will train counselors in nine dioceses. The partnership will provide long-term care and education to 200 children left orphaned by the tsunami.

"ERD thanks every donor who has responded so generously following the tsunami," said Sandra Swan, ERD President. "We have received so many donations that we are not able to send thank you letters as promptly as we usually do. Donors will be glad to know, however, that even before we received the first donation, ERD was already hard at work helping survivors of this tragedy," said Swan.



After a fact-finding trip to South Asia last month, ERD staff is also planning long-term development programs in North India, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Staff is working with partners to determine a rehabilitation strategy for affected communities.

Donate to Episcopal Relief and Development's programs online at www.er-d.org or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to:



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Spiritual “Speed bumps”

by Deacon Tom Burns,
Holy Trinity, Midland and
Gwen Burns, Santa Maria Virgen, Midland

Unbelievable is a word that best describes our recent trip to San Francisco. We were given the opportunity to experience and share in God's mercy and grace and at the same time receive a blessing of a “speed bump” in our own spiritual journey. A reminder that God does things in his own way, like it or not, and it is ours to accept or reject.

Prior to our trip Gwen had been looking through travel books and saw the notation for Glide Memorial United Methodist Church. She remarked that it looked like an interesting church because of the different community programs that it offered. What caught Tom's attention was the mention of their soup kitchen. So, using the internet and several e-mails to the church we decided (or God decided for us) to attend services on Sunday.

Glide is located on the corner of Ellis and Taylor streets in the “tenderloin” district of San Francisco. At first it looked to be in an old theater; it was built by philanthropist Lizzie Glide in 1931. Across the street in one direction was a mid-priced chain hotel; in another direction, several ethnic restaurants; and in another, a porn shop, tattoo parlor, etc. Truly a church in the “marketplace.”

Outside, the streets were crowded with “those people.” You know, the homeless, the poor, the prostitutes, the panhandlers and the street cons.

Inside, yes, some of the same people followed us in. Gwen says the sanctuary looked like a school auditorium with pews.

Diversity? Maybe the man dressed in a suit and tie or one of “those people” that you could smell before you saw. Diversity? Not really, since those present were equally split between white, Asian and African American. Is there diversity when there is acceptance?

Prior to the service ushers mixed with the congregation greeting everyone including strangers like us. Welcoming everyone, a genuine welcome, not as a courtesy.

Then came the choir, a 120-member multi-ethnic group that was contagious. You couldn't help but sing with them. You could not, NOT respond. There was liberty to dance with joy in the aisles, and the peace was passed with hugs not handshakes, everyone included, even “those people.” Ushers passed out Kleenex to dry tears of joy as well as sadness or to wipe runny noses.

The announcements were given by a 70-something lady who had driven from Sacramento, 240 miles round-trip, as she has done for many years. Commitment? We think so.

The vision of the church was simply stated: “If the church is going to be the church, it's got to stop turning its head away from black, brown, yellow, red, or poor white folks. It's got to stop turning its head away from gay and lesbian and bisexual and transgender. It's got to stop turning its head away from children who are in desperate need and from women who are in desperate situations where empowerment is critical. It's time for the church to be the church and you always start with those less fortunate, those who are in greater need.”

As for the children, they were all over the place from beginning to end. They were included in the complete service which proved to us that you don't have to “dumb down” the liturgy when you include children.

FACTS:

- Glide is the largest community service provider after the city of San Francisco.

- \$1,000,000.00 per MONTH budget.

- Daily Free Meals Program which began in 1969 as a Monday night potluck dinner for 50 people, and now serves three meals per day, 7 days per week, 2000 meals daily using 15,000 volunteers per year.

- 86 Community Service Programs including job and computer training, on-site health clinic, HIV/AIDS services, childcare, recovery from addiction, housing, youth and senior services and support groups for gay and lesbians to name a few.

At the end of the service everyone, between 700-1000 people, was invited to the dining area for fellowship. It reminded us of our churches back in Midland except for one difference. As we walked in we were greeted by a man, one of “those people,” sitting on the floor. He had to sit on the floor. He had no legs, and he couldn't afford a wheelchair. But he did have a board with roller skates on the bottom.

Tom says, “At my ordination as a deacon I promised Bishop Ohl that I would serve the poor. I have tried to do just that. But in my passion to serve the poor as my goal I have found myself ignoring the faces that belong to the poor. I am ashamed to say ‘those people’ have started to become depersonalized. My goal therefore has become ‘worthless.’ If the goal is to serve the poor, how can they become faceless? Hence my blessing, my ‘spiritual speed bump.’ My experience at Glide was a refocusing, a questioning of what service to others really means. May all of us have ‘spiritual speed bumps.’ “

We will never forget the words that ended the Reverend Williams' sermon: “If God made you, we want you.”

Hispanic Ministries Course June 20-24 at Seminary of the Southwest

Province VII's Center for Hispanic Ministries will offer an intensive course this June at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest for those preparing for mission to Latinos living in the United States.

The Rev. Jaime Case, center director, will present the second an-



authority and culture will also be explored.

Cost of the week – including housing and food on campus – is \$600. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by May 1. For more information, check the program's website at www.etss.edu/HispanicJuneCourse.shtml. Email is jaime_case@sbcglobal.net and phone 512-477-2644.

Since its founding in 1980, the Center for Hispanic Ministries has advocated for and supported ministry and evangelism to Hispanics. The Center is the only such provincial resource in the Episcopal Church.

Case considers himself a TCK (Third Culture Kid) who was raised by missionary parents from the U.S. in the Philippines and then returned to this country for college study. A 1994 graduate of the Seminary of the Southwest, Case is executive director of the center, Deputy of Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Texas and a member of the seminary's associated faculty. Prior to becoming executive

director, he was vicar of San Francisco de Asis mission in Austin and executive director of El Buen Samaritano, the parish's outreach ministry, for nine years.

The Rev. Josie Rose of Santa Maria Virgen, Midland has this to say about her experience at the workshop last summer:

"Jaime did an excellent job of presenting resources available to those who minister with Hispanic communities. The greatest advantage of attending the workshop is the opportunity to network with others throughout the states who are beginning this vital ministry with Hispanic communities and to dialogue with others, sharing information about various solutions to similar and different challenges faced in the course of this ministry."

For more information contact the Rev. Jaime Case

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nual Hispanic Ministries course June 20-24. Designed for lay and ordained persons, the course does not require proficiency in the Spanish language since instruction will be in English. The course is identical to an elective class that Case teaches to seminary students.

The course will cover the Latino/Hispanic in the U.S., popular religious traditions, the church year celebrations, pastoral care, and Christian education. Topics such as cultural engagement, the importance of Hispanic Episcopal mission, traditions of funding, demographics, and values,



June Continuing Education Stirs The Liturgical Pot While Exploring The Road Map of Church Music

by Bob Kinney of ETSS

This June's continuing education program at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest will stir the liturgical pot while exploring the road map of church music.

The Reverend Dr. William Seth Adams and Dr. Russell Schulz will lead the June 6 through 10 session on the Seminary of the Southwest campus. Registration deadline is May 27 and detailed information is at www.etss.edu/continuing_ed.shtml

Dr. Adams, professor of liturgics and Anglican studies at the seminary, will offer "Stirring the Pot: Exercising the Liturgical Imagination" during morning sessions. Adams points out that liturgical imagination is much like stirring a good stew because "the stuff on the bottom congeals and has no life and the stuff on top gets watery and has no substance."

Author of two books about liturgy, Professor Adams will take the church's most common rites – Eucharist, Baptism, Marriage and Burial – and "dis-member" and "re-member" these familiar liturgical rites to "break up what's settled and give substance to what's floating on top."

Complementing this, Dr. Schulz, associate professor of church music at the seminary, will trace the 20th century road map of sacred music in afternoon sessions. "Starting from turn-of-the-century Oxford Movement attitudes, Episcopal Church music skirmished with US frontier traditions, picked up a variety of approved mid-century enrichments along the way, torqued up the horsepower, and, then, in the 70s, hit a big bump in the road," said Schulz, noted composer and musician who chaired the music committee of The Hymnal 1982.

Using the Hymnal and some more recent supplemental material, the class will assess what has happened in church music, where we are now and what the future may look like.

Tuition for this program is \$325 – an additional \$150 room and board charge includes three daily meals and on-campus housing at the seminary. For more information, contact Nance Busbey by phone – 512.472.4133, ext. 322 – or email nbusbey@etss.edu

Premier Hispanic Ministry Course and Celtic Prayer Class are Spring Online Offerings at Seminary of the Southwest

by Bob Kinney of ETSS

Two popular classes return to the spring schedule of online courses from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest.

"We Give You Greeting – Prayer and Praise from the Celtic Tradition" explores the prayer tradition of Wales, Ireland and Scotland from March 21 through April 29. "Historical and Cultural Contexts for Hispanic Ministry" – the first online Hispanic ministry course from an Episcopal seminary – begins April 21 and concludes May 20.

There are no educational prerequisites for these six-week, online courses. Tuition is \$190 per course. Full online course details and registration are at www.etss.edu/online_courses.shtml

The Celtic course explores the variety of prayers from centuries past to modern times. The Rev. Mary Earle, course instructor, is an Episcopal priest from San Antonio who has co-authored two books on the Celtic saints. She received the 2003 Durstan McDonald Teaching Award from the Seminary of the Southwest.

Stressing the need to consider the historical and cultural underpinnings of particular communities and congregations, the Hispanic ministry course looks at the various ways church leaders, pastors and lay persons have conceived and implemented Hispanic ministry. The Rev. Dr. Paul Barton, who teaches Hispanic Studies at the seminary, is the course instructor.

Sewanee Offers Fellows-in-Residence Program

The School of Theology at the University of the South, invites applications for the 2005-2006 Fellows-in-Residence program. Fellows are clergy and laity who visit for two weeks at the School of Theology's Sewanee, Tenn., campus to accomplish their own programs of academic study and spiritual refreshment, and to share in the seminary community by attending classes and other university events. Successful applicants receive a \$500 fellowship. Two sessions are offered on Oct. 24-Nov. 4, 2005, and Feb. 27-Mar. 10, 2006. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, dates preferred, and a 500-word statement about their project to the School of Theology Programs Center, Attn. Sarah Davis, Fellows-in-Residence, 335 Tennessee Ave., Sewanee, TN 37383-0001. Fax: (931) 598-3302; E-mail: sdavis@sewanee.edu. For more information, please call 1-800-722-1974.

Stafford Installed as New School of Theology Dean

The Very Rev. Dr. William S. Stafford was installed as the 13th dean of the School of Theology at the University of the South during Opening Convocation Jan. 25, 2005. Stafford comes to Sewanee from Virginia Theological Seminary where he served as vice president and associate dean for academic affairs and the David J. Ely Professor of Church History.

During the crisp, sunny afternoon, hundreds of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and members of the University's governing boards gathered in All Saints' Chapel to join family and friends of the new dean and the four honorary degree recipients.

The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley Jr., University chancellor and bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, and Dr. Joel Cunningham, University vice chancellor and president, conducted the installation service. They conferred honorary degrees on the following distinguished recipients: Dr. John Herron Biggs, retired chairman of the board of the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association and the College Retirement Equities Fund; Alan Franklin Blanchard, retired president of the Church Pension Group; Dr. William J. Courtenay, Hilldale Professor and C.H.

Haskins Professor of Medieval History at the University of Wisconsin; and the Rev. Dr. Richard Reid, retired president and dean and Mollie Laird Downs Professor of New Testament emeritus at Virginia Theological Seminary. Dr. Reid delivered the convocation address and used the opportunity to emphasize Sewanee's close connection to the Episcopal Church that enriches the lives of students in both the College of Arts and Sciences and in the School of Theology.

Later in the day, the festivities continued with "The Celebration of a New Ministry" for Dean Stafford at the Chapel of the Apostles on the School of Theology campus. During his celebration of the service, Chancellor Parsley welcomed the congregation, thanking all those who provided service and leadership during the University's search for a new dean and the period of transition. "This is a place of rich heritage with a vibrant future," he said. "The coming years will be fruitful and full of joy, hard work, and faithful service to God, this Church, and this University."

The School of Theology at the University of the South comprises the residential seminary and the Programs Center. The seminary has more than 160 graduate students pursuing master and doctoral degrees, and certificates in theology. The Programs Center serves over 10,000 participants a year in a variety of spiritual growth and leadership opportunities, education at-a-distance, and continuing education for laity, clergy, and congregations. Founded in the mid-1800s, the University is located in Sewanee, Tenn., on 10,000 wooded acres on the Cumberland Plateau between Chattanooga and Nashville. The College of Arts and Sciences, with 1,365 undergraduates, is one of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges. Sewanee is owned by 28 Episcopal dioceses, the only university so directly related to the Episcopal Church.

