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Annual Diocesan Convention

“One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism” Ephesians 4:5

The Very Rev. Philip Williams Turner, III, Interim Dean and President of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, will be the Evensong preacher and keynote speaker at the 48th Annual Convention of the Diocese in Abilene on October 27-29 hosted by the Church of the Heavenly Rest. Convention begins Friday evening at 7 PM Evensong at Heavenly Rest followed by a reception at the home of Mrs. Jackie Batjer. The business session begins at 8:30 AM Saturday at the Abilene Civic Center. All exhibit spaces have been filled so there will be a wide variety of interesting exhibits. The convention dinner dance will be held Saturday evening at *Frontier Texas!* And will include access to the interactive museum.

Five Ordinations to the Diaconate

Five new deacons will be ordained by Bishop Ohl at the 10:30 AM Sunday morning Convention Eucharist and UTO Ingathering at the Abilene Civic Center. The ordinands are: Diedre Schuler Ballou, St. Peter's, Amarillo; Laurie Benavides, St. Barnabas', Odessa; Kathleen Borsch, St. Christopher's, Lubbock; Gary Sanford, Emmanuel, San Angelo; and Ingrid Zeeck, St. John's, Odessa; for a total of 24 active deacons in the diocese.

2006 Convention Elections

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of candidates for election to diocesan offices:
Standing Committee to 2009 Clergy - elect one:
The Rev. Laura Deaderick, St. John's, Odessa
Standing Committee to 2009 lay - elect one:
Mrs. Karen Mason, Holy Trinity, Midland
Mr. Robert Poer, St. Nicholas', Midland
Trustee to 2011 Lay - elect one
Mr. Neal Allen, Holy Trinity, Midland
Mr. Thomas Choate, Heavenly Rest, Abilene
Ecclesiastical Trial Court to 2009 Clergy - elect one
The Rev. Jim Liggett, St. Mary's, Big Spring

St. Christopher's, Lubbock, Annual Bluegrass Night Saturday, October 21

Featuring *Fox on the Run*, bluegrass, gospel and other music and our own Bishop Wallis Ohl on the banjo. Dinner at 6 PM. \$10. 806.799.8208 or www.stchristophers.org.

Ordinations

Mrs. Beverly Couzzourt and Dr. Patrick Kelso of St. George's, Canyon, and Mr. David Williams of St. Peter's, Borger, were ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Ohl on September 30 at St. Peter's Church, Amarillo. The three have been studying for Holy Orders on the Local Priest Tract. Pending having met all qualifications, Deacon Williams will be ordained to the priesthood March 31, 2007 at St. Peter's, Borger, and Deacons Couzzourt and Kelso will be ordained to the priesthood April 14 at St. George's, Canyon. Dr. Philip Ray of Emmanuel, San Angelo will be ordained to the transitional diaconate (reading for orders) on November 12 at 7 PM at Emmanuel, San Angelo.

Fall Festival 2006 - Grades 6-8 St. Paul's, Lubbock - October 20-22

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, 1 John 4:8 is the theme of the Diocesan Fall Festival 2006 for students in grades 6-8 to be held at St. Paul's, Lubbock. Contact the Rev. Ryan Kuratko, Youth Committee Chair, at 806.762.2893 or associatestpaul@nwt-online.net.

Honors

Mrs. Betty Gilmore of St. Nicholas', Midland, was named the 2006 Diocese of Northwest Texas Honored Women at this year's national Triennial meeting. Women throughout the Episcopal Church were identified by the National Episcopal Churchwomen's Board as "modeling the Christian life. She walks in the ways of God in the church and the community. She uses her God-given gifts in all she is and in all she does." Betty has graciously and faithfully served her parish, diocese, province and the national church in ways too numerous to mention here.

The Rev. Canon David Veal is to receive the DuBose Award "for faithful and distinguished service to the mission of the Church" during the DuBose Lecture Series, October 23-26 at the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN.

The Rev. John Watson to Retire

The Rev. John Watson, Rector of St. Peter's, Amarillo, will retire November 1. Fr. John and Lesley departed for a vacation in Italy on October 1.

2007 UTO Grant Applications Available

Grant application forms for 2007 are now available in the diocesan office. Completed forms must be returned to the diocesan office no later than January 5, 2007. Contact Carolyn Hearn at 806.763.1370x 204, diocese@nwt.org.

Episcopal Life Subscriptions

Subscriptions to *Episcopal Life* are available online at www.episcopal-life-org for \$18 per year. *Episcopal Life* is an excellent publication part of which may be read online at their web-site listed above. Take a look.

Take a Look at These Events

Celebrate! At the River: Waters of Faith... Deltas of Change a leadership conference for college students engaging their faith for change. Dec 28, 2006 - Jan 1, 2007, New Orleans. 222.CESCM.org/Celebrate06!

Health Ministry in the Small Church

A free teleseminar sponsored by national Episcopal Health Ministries, November 9 or 14. www.eministrynetwork.org to register or website at www.episcopalhealthministries.org or call 317.253.1277x34.

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

Lillian Hermoine Dellaria, daughter of seminarian **Kevin** and wife Donna Kay (Heavenly Rest, Abilene), was born August 23 in Austin. The Rev. **Malcolm Slayter** (retired) is recuperating nicely from surgery for a growth in his leg. **Deacon Judy Cobb** (St. Barnabas', Odessa) is recuperating from a recent illness, and husband Vance has been undergoing treatments at Scott and White Hospital since January. **Good Shepherd, San Angelo** is celebrating its 40th anniversary this month..

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR

October

16-119 *Family Systems Conference, St. Louis
20-22 Fall Fast (grades 6-8), St. Paul's, Lubbock
24 *Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
26 *Standing Committee, Abilene, 3 PM
27-29 *ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION,
ABILENE
30 HEC Closed
30-11/1 *ETSS Dean Search Committee, Austin

November

1 *ETSS Dean Search Committee, Austin
4-6 *Presiding Bishop's Installation, Washington DC
7-10 *ETSS Trustees, Austin
7 BQCC Board, HEC, Lubbock, 10AM
10 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM
10-12 Fall Rally, St. Paul's, Lubbock
11 Cursillo Secretariat, St. Christopher's, Lubbock
12 *San Angelo, Good Shepherd Visitation
*Phil Ray Ordination, Emmanuel, San Angelo 7 PM
15-18 *Commissions of General Convention, Chicago
23 *Thanksgiving, HEC Closed
28-29 *Clergy Small Group
30 *Deans, HEC, 10 AM
1-2 *Executive Council Overnight Retreat, BQCC

2007 Youth and BQCC Dates

January 26-28 Midwinter, BQCC (grades 9-12)
June 4-8 Happy Camp, BQCC
11-15 Promise Camp I, BQCC
17-23 Senior High Camp, BQCC
24-30 Primary Camp, BQCC
July 1-7 Middle School Camp, BQCC
8-14 Promise Camp, BQCC

