



Rector's Corner

Down and Out in Raton, New Mexico

Personal testimonies can certainly be a powerful tool for evangelism, but to be honest, some of them drive me up the wall. Accounts of people being miraculously cured of terminal diseases, rescued from imminent danger, or delivered from some sort of addiction are all very moving and effective. The stories that drive me up the wall are the ones of praying while circling the crowded Wal-Mart parking lot then incredibly, a spot opens up. My apologies if this story falls in that category, but I wanted you to hear about this random act of kindness.

My daughter was moving from Vail, Colorado to Dallas, and I flew to Vail in order to drive back to Dallas with her. The day before our planned departure from Vail, I had her car serviced, including checking the tires. The next day we drove as far as Raton, New Mexico before stopping for fuel, and as I was refueling, I noticed that the left front tire was low. A tire gauge confirmed that the tire had only ten pounds pressure. I remembered seeing a sign as we entered Raton saying that there are 26 filling stations in Raton. The clerk at the convenience store where I was refueling said that none of them fixed flats. She directed me to a back road where she said that there were two tire stores and that one of them was much more helpful than the other. The helpful store was closed, as it was 5:30 p.m., so I pulled into the "less helpful" tire dealer's parking lot. The young mechanic who was working on a tire told me in no uncertain and somewhat profane terms that he couldn't

help me since he had several tires to deliver that evening. He confirmed that there was no other place in Raton to fix the flat. My daughter's car was packed to the hilt and getting to the jack and spare tire was next to impossible. The mechanic said that I should fill the tire with air and *hope* to make it to Clayton, New Mexico, nearly 80 deserted miles away. He did tell me that I could get air in the adjoining service bay. By this time, it was beginning to get dark and it was beginning to look as if we were going to be stranded on the parking lot of a business that looked like something out of the movie, *Deliverance*. I was beginning to get concerned, and honestly, I did pray. As I pulled up to the air hose, an older mechanic appeared and checked the low tire with his gauge. I told him of our dilemma and that if he would repair the tire, I would tip him generously. Without a word, he brought out a hydraulic jack and lifted the front of the car. It is hard to describe the magnitude of the relief I felt. Ten minutes later, the tire was ready to go. I asked the man how much I owed him, and he replied that it was up to me. I gave him forty dollars, but he handed twenty dollars back to me saying that twenty was enough. After thanking him profusely, we were back on the road.

There is no way for us to know if this was a case of God answering my prayer or just a coincidence that we were able to get the flat tire fixed. Whatever the reason, we encountered a human being who was willing to inconvenience himself in order to help someone with a problem. This incident brings to mind Jesus' words about the second greatest commandment, to love your neighbor as yourself and his reinforcing his point

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with the parable of the Good Samaritan. In our Sunday study of Dallas Willard's *Divine Conspiracy*, we are learning that accepting Jesus as Lord of our lives is not only about being forgiven. Acts of kindness are crucial as we continue on our Christian walk, and I will never forget being on the receiving end of one when I was "down and out" in Raton, New Mexico.

Alpha II

The second Alpha course at St. Philip's began on Monday, September 20 with 31 participants. The small group leaders for this course are Beverly and Bob Beck, Martha Polasek and Kathryn Fagalde, and Tucker Royall and Meador Montgomery. Barbara Kolstad has taken on the enormous task of Course Administrator and is coordinating meals and menus. Many of you are helping cook and serve the meals that are so important to the Alpha experience. Thank you to everyone. The course runs through December 6.

Alpha Pictures



Jr. Warden's Report

Curt Winkler

Hope everyone is doing well! Our church grounds are looking a little better since the grass has taken root. A good group of people are meeting for Alpha on Monday nights.

This is a wonderful course, and if you are not attending this go around, I hope you will considerate attending the next time it is offered. Let's all meet in Church and praise God together!



Treasurer's Report

Norwood Brenneke

ECW

Katherin Wardlaw

	August	Year-to-Date
Beginning Balance	40,075.98	49,461.53
Total Income	17,218.93	153,583.63
Total Expenses	18,127.41	163,583.63
Ending Balance	39,167.50	39,167.50

St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild will meet on Monday October 18 at 6 p.m. We have one more lesson on the Psalms.

Altar Flowers

A long-celebrated tradition in the church has been a gift of altar flowers, which we give to the glory of God and in celebration of, or in thanksgiving for, our many blessings. We use two arrangements for St. Philip's altar. The cost of the two arrangements is \$100.

More than one donor may share Flower dates. Anyone wishing to give flowers may contact the flower chairman, Francis Williams, at 903.729.5743 or the church office at 903.729.4214. Make out checks for altar flower donations to **St. Philip's Altar Flowers** and mail to the church office.

DOK

Kathleen Smith

DOK will meet on Thursday, October 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Father Ted will be conducting an instructed evening prayer to wrap up our study of *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*. Please join us even if you have not been studying this book. I'm sure you will enjoy Ted's teaching, and it will an excellent chance for us to be together.

On September 14, 2010, the ECW had its first meeting since the summer break. Maxine Barnette and Nancy Waggoner provided a lovely table and delicious treats. Fr. Ted spoke to the group about our next activity in the Church. He announced that the Church would be donating dental floss to the mission trip to Honduras on February 16, 2011. Other organizations have already arranged for donations of soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. When the dental floss comes in, we will place it in a large colored tub. Fr. Ted also reminded us of the Alpha Program which started on September 20.

Linda Walton was unable to do the Labyrinth program because Sid was admitted to the hospital on the previous afternoon. She rescheduled her project for the November meeting. We look forward to all that she has prepared on this intriguing topic, and we wish Sid a speedy recovery.

Beverly Beck introduced Barbara Stewart, an expert horse trainer. We went outside and listened to a marvelous program complete with a horse demonstration. She drew an analogy between the horse as man's servant, and man as God's servant.

The next ECW meeting will be on October 12, 2010. Beverly Beck, the new Altar Guild Director, will give the program. Save the date and join us for great fellowship!

United Thank Offering

The next United Thank Offering In-Gathering will be on All Saints' Sunday November 7, 2010. Should you have any questions, e-mail Chauncey Boone at cbboone04@embarqmail.com or call her at 903.729.1303.



Rally Day Booths and Luncheon Pictures



Beverly Beck, Altar Guild Director



ECW Display



Choir Display



Godly Play Display



Curt Winkler, Kathleen Smith-DOK Display



**Lay Reader and
Server Display**

Rally Day Booths and Luncheon Pictures



The Alpha Course Display



Dancer in the Morning

By Beverly Beck



On September 14, “Dancer”, a six (6) year old cross quarter horse/thoroughbred mare, delighted the ECW women. Barbara Stewart, Dancer’s handler, presented a devotional program. She drew an analogy between the horse as man’s servant, and man as God’s servant. Barbara showed that Dancer moves against pressure by pressing her fingers into Dancer’s shoulder so that the horse would then move against and away from the pressure she applied. When riding the horse, the bit in the horse’s mouth applies the same pressure on the sides of its mouth. With the gentle hands of an experienced rider using the bit, three things happen: the horse is led and guided, it is protected, and its muscles are developed and strengthened.

God uses pressure in our lives to lead and guide us. Man’s bit is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit protects us and causes us to develop and strengthen our spiritual muscles. Barbara does not know Dancer’s future, nor does a man know his own individual future. Only the believer in Jesus Christ has the assurance and hope of a future. As the Bible says in Jeremiah 29:11:

“For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord; plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future”.

Dancer loved smiling at the group. Whenever Barbara would laugh loudly, Dancer would elevate her head and lift her upper lip on cue – more than once!

Cathy Crawford is Dancer’s owner. She was present at the program and Cindi Crisp assisted her.

Rally Day Luncheon



ECW Pictures



**Dancer, Barbara Stewart, Cathy Crawford,
& Cindi Crisp**



Hostesses Nancy Waggoner & Maxine Barnette



“Posing with Dancer”



Beverly Beck & Barbara Stewart



Barbara Stewart Explaining Dressage Training

His Thoughts said... His Father said...

A selected reading by Amy Carmichael

His thoughts said, But what of tomorrow?
His Father said, Thus saith the Lord to thee,
even thee, Fear not. Fear not, neither be
afraid to go forth tomorrow. No evil shall
be sent to meet thee. But the son knew that
trouble might be sent to meet him.

His Father said, Before the trouble can meet thee,
it must pass through the brightness of My encompass-
ing Presence, and passing through that brightness it
loses its darkness. It hath no more any power for evil.
Also, as thou knowest well, I will be with thee in
trouble.

On this word the son stayed his heart, saying, *The
Lord will take care of me.* I will trust and not be
afraid to go forth tomorrow. I will praise Thee, O
Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises to Thee,
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
And he marveled that he had ever been afraid. *Miss
Carmichael's devotion was based on 2nd Chron 20:17; Ps
91:5; Isa 12:2; Ps 147:1 and the BCP*

Honduras Mission Trip

By Meador Montgomery

Iwant to thank Father Ted & the rest of our team
for all the help they have given me so far and for
the much-needed help & prayers. I could not do
any of this without prayers and support.

Many of you are aware we are teaming with St.
Luke's & Good Shepherd, Dallas for a mission trip to
Siguatepeque, Honduras. We will begin this great &
blessed mission on February 16, 2011, and we have a
great group going. To this date, Father Ted and Ann,
Dr. Bob and Merry Blackwell, Ronnie Elliott, Charlie
Nichols, Gay Cox, Pam Denson, RN, and Libby
Welty, RN are signed up to go. We do have several
who may go - Jay Dietz (Dental hygienist) and Jane
Montgomery, RN (Nurse Practitioner). We would
love to have you join us...you still have until October
16, 2010 to sign up for the trip. On October 17, 2010
all paperwork and half of the mission fee (\$550.00) is
due. Please call me at (H) 903.729.8288 or (O)
903.723.3991 or the church 903.729.4214 if you need
more information. St. Philip's has volunteered to col-
lect dental floss. There is a large green bucket in the

Bell Tower where you can place the floss. We will
need to get the floss to St. Luke's around February 1,
2011, so we still have plenty of time. I believe our
target is 1000 rolls. If you can't shop, we will be
happy to take donations and do the shopping. Just
contact me, and I will be happy to do anything you
need me to do. I ask each of you to pray daily for
our mission. God Bless, Meador

Miranda Knippers Awarded Scholarship

Miranda Knippers, a Junior at West Texas
A&M University, was surprised recently
by being awarded a Babcock Schol-
arship. The Babcock's established this
scholarship in memory of their daughter, a WT
graduate, who died in 1998.

The Babcock Scholarship recognizes a current
female student who has completed the Sophomore
year at WTAMU, is a member, takes an active lead-
ership role in student organizations and activities,
displays a strong commitment to WTAMU, and dem-
onstrates meaningful character traits, including
Christianity, loyalty, fairness in all dealings, dedica-
tion to duty, and love of fellow humans.



**Mr. & Mrs.
Babcock &
Miranda Knippers**

Cursillo

Cursillos are held at Camp Allen in the Conference
Center beginning on Thursday evenings and end-
ing on Sunday afternoons. Cursillos are
scheduled on the following dates:

November 11-14, 2010

February 3-6, 2011

June 16-19, 2011

August 25-28, 2011

November 3-6, 2011

If anyone would like to attend an upcoming Cursillo,
Please contact Martha Polasek or Jenny Cunningham.



October 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group	2
3 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed Study 10a Euch Rite II	4 6p OT Study 6p Alpha	5 5:30p Women's Cursillo Group	6 9 a Staff Mtg. 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir	7	8 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group	9
10 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed Study 10a Euch Rite II 3p Animal blessing	11 Columbus Day 6p OT Study 6p Alpha	12 9:30a ECW 5:30p Women's Cursillo Group 6p Vestry Mtg.	13 9a Staff Mtg. 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir	14 5:30p DOK	15 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group	16
17 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed Study 10a Euch Rite II	18 6p Alpha 6p OT Study 6p St. Mary's Guild	19 5:30p Women's Cursillo Group	20 9a Staff Mtg. 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir	21	22 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group	23 9:30a Alpha Weekend
24 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed Study 10a Euch Rite II	25 6p Apha 6p OT Study	26 5:30p Women's Cursillo Group	27 9a Staff Mtg. 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir	28	29 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group	30

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Birthdays

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|----|-----------------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | Jeanette George | 19 | Laura Kolstad |
| 2 | Nelda Eppes | 21 | Bebe Beasley |
| 2 | Norwood Brenneke | 22 | Cathy Norton |
| 7 | Allen Mills | 22 | Alice Rogers |
| 8 | Cad Williams | 30 | Tucker Royall |
| 8 | Charles Steen | | |
| 9 | Kathryn Fagalde | | |
| 14 | Jackie Tokarczyk | | |
| 16 | Mike Paul | | |
| 17 | Ashley Williams Brown | | |
| 19 | Caron Fraser | | |
| 19 | Dede Kenderdine | | |

Anniversaries

- 18 David & Sandy Mettauer
- 24 Don & Pat Derby

CHURCH INFORMATION

St. Philip's Staff

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