



THE CURATE



February 2012



Rector's Corner

All of you have probably have experienced a little house cleaning when in-laws are coming to visit or you are going to host a party at your home. I did a little of that the week before our Bishop visited St. Philip's since he always vests in my office. In the process of straightening up my office for the Bishop's visit, I came across some papers that Father Blankenship gave me probably 20 years ago. Among those papers was a piece titled *Prayer* by Fr. Homer Rogers. Over the years, Father B passed on many papers to me, all typed carefully on his Royal typewriter, and this was one of those papers. I can't remember if this was from a sermon, an article, or a lecture by Fr. Rogers. Fr. Homer Rogers was a friend of Father B's from his Dallas days and also one of his heroes. Father B often referred to Homer Rogers as the "American C.S. Lewis." Fr. Homer Rogers was born in Fort Worth in 1915, graduated from Baylor University in 1939, discovered the Episcopal Church and was ordained to the priesthood in 1942. He served as rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Denton until 1953 when he was appointed Professor of Pastoral Theology at Nashotah House Seminary. From 1956 until his death in 1980, Fr. Rogers was rector of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Dallas and was also on the faculty of the Diocese of Dallas Anglican School of Theology. As we begin the season of Lent, I want to share an excerpt from the paper on prayer by Fr. Homer Rogers.

"Prayer is to the soul what breath is to the body. The soul which does not pray cannot be said to be alive. To be sure, there are many ways of prayer besides formal recitation of words; and a great deal of prayer is never recognized as such, even by the one praying."

"First, let us dismiss the notion that prayer is asking for things from God. That of course, is involved in it, but it is such a comparatively insignificant part of prayer. Yet to a great many people, that is what prayer means."

"I should like very much to be able to say something which would help you to pray right. The first thing I would say is this: that if you pray in order to get something from God dismiss it from your mind. God is not a heavenly servant, to wait upon us and fetch for us. Nor is He a kind of magician, waiting to perform tricks for us if we utter the correct formula."

Prayer is communion with God, and the man who can think of nothing to say to God except to ask for things, simply does not know God. Man was made to love God--and prayer is conversation between lovers. And doubtless the biggest part of prayer is listening--those periods of kneeling quietly saying nothing, just basking in the presence of God, drinking in impressions, allowing God's presence to change and develop and mature the soul--as association with an older person will mature a child."

"The greatest of all prayers is the liturgy--the divinely appointed public service of the congregation. Man is not saved in isolation from his fellows. Salvation is intensely social. We do not go to church primarily to be edified, or inspired--but to praise God. There is something presumptuous in organizing a church service so as to make the preaching of a man, however inspired his sermons, the central and most important thing. Sermons are extras--oftentimes distracting extras--while the main thing is the praise and adoration which is sent heavenward by a congregation of hearts filled with God's love, and the joy of his presence."

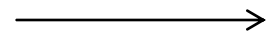
"In this connection, it should be mentioned that Christians are people who have contracted to give to God the praise which all men owe Him, and most men do not pay. God deserves our praise--just because of who and what He is. If we had not sinned and magnified our own importance out of all proportion, we would regard the praise of God as the most delightful and the most important thing that we have to do. Men everywhere are forgetful of that. Church people have a duty to worship--because all men have a duty to worship."

"Just as children should be grateful to good parents--as both a duty and a natural impulse--so the children of men should be grateful to God, and should want to express that gratitude in praise and adoration. Christians are, in a very real sense, the official representatives of mankind--doing what all men ought to do if they but understood their true aim and nature--loving and praising God."

"This is what goes on in heaven. He who does not learn to enjoy praising God will find heaven unbearably dull. The closest thing on earth to heaven is a church service--but only if that church service is a true service of praise and worship--and not just a lecture by a preacher."

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Rector's Corner Continued

"God is love--not a rule of life. A man's essential and most completely human action is loving God. This is what it means to be a man--to be in love--and to be in love with the Creator of all things." *To be continued....*

Blessings in Christ,
Ted+

**Lenten Luncheon Series
2012**

The series will take place on the Tuesdays of Lent and begin at 12:00 Noon and include Noonday Prayers, a short talk, and a simple lunch. You can be out and back to work by 1:00.

Theme for the series: "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

Tuesday, February 28 – "Man does not live on bread alone."
Luke 4: 1-13 The Rt. Rev. Rayford High, retired Bishop Suffragan of Texas

Soup and Sandwiches hosted by The Altar Guild.

Tuesday, March 6 – "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

Luke 9: 28-36 Rev. Roy Duncan, Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church

Soup and Sandwiches hosted by St. Mary's Guild.

Tuesday, March 13 – "We have heard for ourselves."

John 4: 4-25, 39-42 Beverly Beck, Lay Minister, St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Soup and Sandwiches hosted by The Vestry.

Tuesday, March 20 – "I was blind, but now I see."

John 9: 13-25 Trey Yarbrough, Tyler attorney and delegate to General Convention

Soup and Sandwiches hosted by The Daughters of the King and The Prayer Shaw Ministry.

Tuesday, March 27 – "Yes, Lord, I believe!"

John 11: 17-44 The Rev. Tony Welty, Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Dallas

Soup and Sandwiches hosted by The Episcopal Church Women.

Bishop's Visit

St. Philip's was honored to welcome The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle for an official visit on Sunday, January 8, 2012. The Bishop left his home in Houston at a very early hour to arrive in Palestine in time for the 8:45 Adult Christian Education session. In a very informal and down-to-earth discussion, the Bishop spoke of subjects ranging from the state of the Episcopal Church to his vision for the Diocese of Texas. Bishop Andy met with the five confirmands, Claudia Cox, Ramsey Swain, Andrea Tanjuatco, Carla Cubstead, and Veronica Gilbert. He then celebrated, preached, and confirmed at the 10:00 service. In spite of a very busy schedule, Bishop Andy joined us for the always fabulous covered-dish lunch and then spent an hour meeting with the St. Philip's vestry.

Bishop Doyle visit/Confirmation



Bishop Doyle signing Confirmation gifts



Bishop Doyle & Father Ted with Confirmation group



Marie Mills, Allen Mills, Suzanne Mills, Bishop Doyle, Mike Gorby, Frank Polasek



Frank George, Jeanette George, Don Derby, Pat Derby



Nursery: Emily, Katherine, Makayla , Amelia, Gavin



Lief Knippers, Mike Knippers, Kirstyn Knippers, Miranda Knippers, Joann Evans, Rollin Smith, Kathleen Smith

Annual Parish Meeting

The St. Philip's Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday evening, January 23, 2012. The meeting was well attended, and after an opening prayer, began with an awesome covered dish buffet, followed by voting to elect new members of the St. Philip's vestry. Fr. Ted reported on the parish finances for 2011 stating that, thanks be to God, the parish finished the year with an operating surplus. He reported that the vestry has increased the operating budget for 2012 by \$36,000 to make payments on the \$344,000 note that is remaining on the Parish Hall. He thanked outgoing vestry members Senior Warden Sparky Kolstad, Kay Chapman, Bob Blackwell, and Charlie Nichols. Delegates to the 2012 Diocese of Texas Council are Sparky Kolstad, Barbara Kolstad, Martha Styner, and Bob Blackwell with Joann Evans as alternate. The votes for vestry were counted by Sparky Kolstad, Charlie Nichols, and David Sullivan in record time and the new vestry members are Pam Denson, Barbara Kolstad, Leo Mizell, and Walker Price with Cad Williams as alternate.

Annual Parish Dinner and Election



Kaki Rogers, Meador Montgomery, Joy Rhodes, Kathryn Price,



Ann Skelton, Joann Evans, Sid Walton, Chris Kolstad, Mary Kolstad



Ann Maffitt, Tome`Nell Gregg, Meador Montgomery, Bev Beck



Marian Raney, Dan Raney, Jo Ann Leggett, Ramsey Swain, Andrea Tanjuatco



Frank George, Father Ted, Barbara Kolstad, Pam Denson, Ann Welty, Betty Holmes, David Sullivan, Maxine Barnett, Joann Evens, Kathryn Fagalde



Leo Mizell, Nancy Kacvinski, Muriel Mizell, Claudia Cox, Carol Brenneke, Jenny Cunningham, Norwood Brenneke

The Original Chili Fiesta

Please remember St. Philip's Chili Fiesta on Tuesday, February 7. Please sell tickets and then give money and unsold tickets to Kelan in the Church Office as soon as possible. Remind people that this is the original St. Philip's chili recipe, not some later imitation. We will need help after the 10:00 service on Sunday, February 5 for setting up. Thanks to everyone who has made chili and helped with this important fundraiser.

Alpha IV

The fourth Alpha Course held at St. Philip's will begin on April 16, 2012. Meetings will be at 6:00 PM with dinner, a lecture, and small group discussion and will dismiss by 8:30 PM. All five of our new members are graduates of Alpha III. If you haven't done Alpha, please consider joining this course. All you need to do is call the church office and make a reservation. If you have completed Alpha, please help us recruit.

Trip to Scotland and England

Fr. Ted and Ann will be leading a trip to Scotland and England from September 13 to September 24, 2012. We have a few places open on the trip and would love to have St. Philip's people fill them. Please give Fr. Ted a call if you are interested.

Fund for the Poor

Thanks to all of you, St. Philip's Fund for the Poor distributed more than \$30,000 in aid to the needy in our community. This past Christmas the Fund provided help for three families. One family needed a space heater. They had been heating their mobile home with a wood fire. The Palestine Herald-Press helped with toys for the children. Another family with five children was struggling because the working father's wages put him \$50 over the limit for food stamps. A single mother with four children is working at a local fast food restaurant and is barely surviving. We provided each of these families with clothing for the children, toys, and \$150 gift cards for food. Thank you for your generosity. The need is still out there. Please keep your contributions coming in to the Fund for the Poor.

Jr. Warden's Report

Curt Winkler

Greetings St. Philip's!

I hope your New Year is off to a good start!

Everything is running smoothly at the Church. If anyone has any issues or problems with the building please don't hesitate to call or have Kelan call me.

If you haven't been to Church lately, please come we want to see you and we have some new faces!

Thank you to Father Ted for his leadership!

Curt Winkler
Junior Warden

Treasurer's Report

Norwood Brenneke

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Beginning Balance	54,394.96	39,994.82
Total Income	38,153.07	261,374.47
Total Expenses	14,520.14	223,741.90
Ending Balance	79,520.28	79,520.28

DOK

Kathleen Smith

In 2010, The Order of the Daughters of the King® celebrated 125 years of praying, serving and evangelizing!!! On Sunday, February 26, St. Philip's St. Margaret's Of Scotland Chapter will offer classes in preparation for admission into the Order of the Daughters of the King.

The DOK Study/Orientation is designed to be completed in 8 weekly sessions and at the end of 3 months, those who have chosen to be Daughters will be installed into the Order.

The DOK Study will begin on Sunday, February 26 (1st Sunday in Lent) and continue through Sunday March 25 (5th Sunday in Lent). There will be no meetings on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday and will resume April 15 (Sunday after Easter) and complete the 8 week study on April 29. Each class will be held for one hour, immediately following the 10 AM service.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King® is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

Who We Are: The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives. We are an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate. Today our membership includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches.

An Order, not an Organization: An Order is a community under a religious rule; especially one requiring members to take solemn vows. We don't just enroll as members and attend meetings; we take life-long vows to follow the Rule of Prayer and Rule of Service.

For those who are interested in attending the classes or would like more information, please contact Linda Walton, 903.729.1789, Lindasbizness@aol.com or Kathleen Smith, 903.723.4029, mkathleensmith@embarqmail.com. Additionally, more information on the Order is available at www.doknational.com.

St. Mary's Guild

Marian Raney

St. Mary's annual Pancake Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday February 21st at 6:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and all donations are appreciated. This is the Guild's annual fund raiser.

Cursillo

Cursillo group meetings are now every Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor. The men's group continues to meet at 8 a.m. on Friday mornings at the Subs and Dogs.



ECW

Melissa Winkler



On Jan 12th the ECW had our monthly meeting and we had a wonderful turn out. There were twenty-six ladies who came to hear Christy Watkins talk about her experiences helping victims after the 911 tragedy. It was a very moving program.

We will not have a meeting in February due to Fiesta being held during the month. If you have not picked up your tickets please contact Ann Welty or Kelan at the church office.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Janice Harris. I encourage you to attend and enjoy Mrs. Harris's inspirational talk. It will be a fantastic program.

Our hostesses will be Pam Denson and Kathryn Fagalde.

Melissa Winkler
ECW President

Bishop Doyle Visit

On Sunday January 8th, the ECW hosted a covered dish luncheon for Bishop Doyle's visit. It was a wonderful turn out for the Bishop and for those individuals who were confirmed earlier that day. We served 97 guests including those confirmed and their guests.

I would like to thank Jamie Ward and Ann Welty for helping in the kitchen prior to the festivities. In addition I would like to recognize Pam Denson, Helen Elliott and her daughter Helen, Marie Mills, Katherin Wardlaw and everyone that helped serve and clean up after the affair.

A very grateful thank you to Muriel Mizell for loaning us the beautiful vases that made the flowers and tables look so wonderful. Lastly but certainly not least of all I would like to thank Chris and his grandson Todd for being there to clean up the kitchen for us!

It was a blessed day at St. Philip's.

Melissa Winkler
ECW President

Parish Annual Meeting & Dinner

On Monday, January 23rd, the ECW hosted the Annual Parish Dinner. There was an abundance of food and fellowship and approximately sixty church members were in attendance for the meal and annual meeting.

Congratulations to Pam Denson, Barbara Kolstad, Leo Mizell and Walker Price for being elected to the Vestry.

I want to thank Pam Denson, Barbara Kolstad, Ramsey Swain and Ann Welty for helping prepare for the evening. I also want to thank Andie Tanjuatco, Ramsey Swain, Claudia Cox, Lottie Jonas and all those that helped clean up. Thank you to our faithful sexton, Chris and his brother Oliver for being there to help clean up.

I would like to thank Pam Denson for the table decorations. She did a lovely job with all the flower arrangements.

It was another blessed evening for the St. Philip's family.

Melissa Winkler
ECW President

Notes from the Office

It is requested that no one put anything in the box's that are on the wall by the office that is of importance. Please slide checks and any information that you would like the Administrator or the Treasurer under the office door. The box's are not checked frequently and things are left in them for long periods of time. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to actively place shawls. We welcome anyone who would like to participate.

Schedules February 2012

Feb	2012			Reader	Chalice I/Server	Chalice II
Wed	1	5:30	II	Chris Kolstad		
Sun	5	7:30	I	Chris Kolstad		
		10:00	II	Charlie Nichols	Bennett Gierkey	Al Holmes
Wed	8	5:30	II	Bob Beck	Mary Kolstad	
Sun	12	7:30	I	Mary Kolstad		
		10:00	II	Martha Polasek	Kathy Wardlaw	Norwood Brenneke
Wed	15	5:30	II	Scott Nicholson		
Sun	19	7:30	I	Mary Kolstad		
		10:00	II	Barbara Kolstad	Sparky Kolstad	Al Homes
Wed	22	5:30	II	Scott Nicholson		
Sun	26	7:30	I	Bob Blackwell		
		10:00	II	Bob Beck	Norwood Brenneke	Bennett Gierkey
Wed	29	5:30	II	Don Derby		

Children's Sunday School

Feb 5th	Joann and Jerry
Feb 12th	Barbara and Sparky
Feb 19th	Merry and Bob
Feb 26th	Melissa and Norwood

Altar Guild

Feb 4th	Team 1: Tome`Nell Gregg: Melissa Winkler, Francis Williams, Bev Beck (Linens: Joann Evans)
Feb 11th	Team 2: Becky Myers: Julie Law, Cathy Summers, Pamela Grimes (Linens: Martha Styner)
Feb 18th	Team 3: Nancy Waggoner: Kathryn Fagalde, Mary Kolstad (Linens: Waggoner)
Feb 25th	Team 4: Martha Styner: Sara Minton, Joy Rhodes, Barbara Kolstad, Marilee Rogers (Linens: Minton)

Usher Roster

Feb	Mark Dais/Larry Hudson	May	Terry Thorn/Curt Winkler
Mar	Curt Winkler/Norwood Brenneke	Jun	Scott Nicholson/Leo Mizell
Apr	Jim Mezik/David Mettauer		

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 PRC all day	4
5 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed 10a Euch Rite II	6	7 Fiesta 11-1 & 5-7	8 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir	9 5:30p DOK	10 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group	11
12 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed 10a Euch Rite II	13 5:30p Women's Cursillo Group	14 9:30a ECW 6p Vestry Mtg	15 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir	16	17 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group	18
19 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed 10a Euch Rite II	20 5:30p Women's Cursillo Group 6p St. Mary's Guild Office Closed	21 6 p St Mary's Pancake Dinner	22 Ash Wed and Imposition of Ashes and Heal at 12 Noon 5:30 pm	23	24 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group	25
26 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed 10a Euch Rite II	27 5:30p Women's Cursillo Group	28 Lenten Lunch Bishop High ECW provides soup/sandwich	29			

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Birthdays

- 1 John Myers
- 3 Louis Cox
- 5 Chris Kolstad
- 5 Willi Buhl
- 8 Judith Nemer
- 8 Haley Weiner
- 10 Sara Bauer (Bradly)
- 12 Jenny Cunningham
- 13 Helen Elliott
- 14 Butch Bradly
- 15 Nina Winkler
- 18 Barbara Kolstad
- 24 Justin Weiner
- 28 Bennett Gierkey

Anniversaries

- 5 Jim & Chauncey Boone
- 20 Chris & Toni Rogers

CHURCH INFORMATION

St. Philip's Staff

Rector Ted Welty
 Church Administrator Kelan Eckerman
 Organist/Choirmaster Clarissa Delany
 Sexton Chris Rogers

Leo Mizell
 Curt Winkler (Junior Warden)
 Norwood Brenneke (Treasurer)
 Cynthia Dickey (Vestry Clerk)
 Barbara Kolstade Pam Denton
 Frank George David Sullivan
 Marian Raney Martha Styner
 Walker Price Albert Holmes
 Bob Beck Joann Evans

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