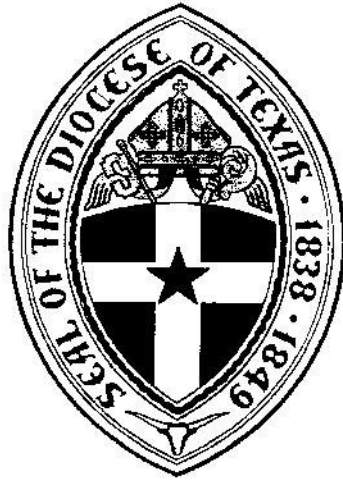


# St. Richard's Episcopal Church



## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**January 24, 2010**

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**St. Richard's Episcopal Church**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**January 24, 2010**

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**AGENDA**  
**St. Richard's Annual Parish Meeting**  
**January 24, 2010**

Approve 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes

Approve Treasurer's Report and 2010 Budget

Rector's Annual Report

Other Reports:

Assistant Rector's Annual Report

Senior Warden's Annual Report

Junior Warden's Annual Report

Acolytes

Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Christian Education-Youth/Adult

Community of Hope

Daughters of the King

Episcopal Church Women

Episcopal Youth Community

Gardener's Ministry

Lay Ministries

Long Range Planning

New Beginnings Mentoring Ministry

Church Nursery

Prayer Shawl Ministry

PrayFAST: Pray for a Soldier Team

Preschool Annual Report

Round Rock Area Serving Center

Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study

Stewardship Committee

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Presentations:

Long Range Planning

Outreach

Stewardship

Celebrate Gordon Butler – Ex. Dir. Of the Austin Clubhouse

Note: New Members/Confirmations/Baptisms/Burials/Marriages  
Introductions – New/Present Vestry & 2010 Delegates

Outstanding Woman and Man of the Year

Announcement of 2010 Senior Warden

Closing Prayer

# St. Richard's Episcopal Church

## Bishops of the Diocese of Texas

†The Right Reverend C. Andy Doyle  
†The Right Reverend Rayford B. High  
†The Right Reverend Dena Harrison

## Clergy

The Reverend Mary E. Wilson†, *Rector*  
The Reverend Matt Boulter †, *Asst. Rector*

## Church Staff

Pam Wilcox, Parish Administrator  
Jeanette Hargreaves, Youth Director  
Becky Parker, Christian Ed (Youth) and Adult Christian Education  
Gordon Butler, Lay Ministry Coordinator  
Brad Hester, Music Director  
Mary Jimenez, Preschool Director  
Cynthia Lesko, Asst. Head of School  
Jean McGraw and John Soard, Seminarians  
Julian Duncan, Treasurer  
Ron Johnson, Bookkeeper

Vestry 2009	Vestry 2010
Christy Dietz	Brian Beals
Dale Hilliard	Christy Dietz
Chris Pearson	Jennifer Frederick
Bill Ridlehoover	Angela Malek
Jerry Ann Robinson	Kathy Schmidt
Kathy Schmidt	Toby Smith
Toby Smith	Eric P. Whitfield
Gib Wentworth	Bob Moody
Eric P. Whitfield	

(To be announced: Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Clerk for 2010)

### Diocesan Council Delegates 2010:

Jesse Underwood  
Richard Russell

# St. Richard's Episcopal Church

## *MISSION STATEMENT*

### **Our Mission:**

Day by Day,  
St. Richard's Episcopal Church  
Is inspired to passionately  
Share our faith through-

- † Christ-centered worship and prayer;
- † Studying and sharing God's Word;
- † Joyfully serving Christ in fellowship and outreach;
- † Providing refuge, hope, purpose, and healing;
- † Welcoming all with compassion, love, and forgiveness;
- † Using our gifts to embrace and transform our community;

Striving to see Christ more clearly,  
Love him more dearly, follow  
Him more nearly,  
Day by day.

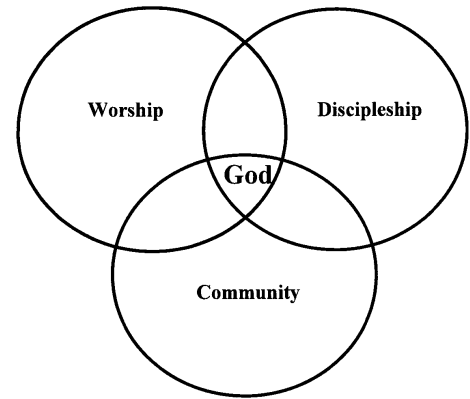
### **Our Vision:**

We, the congregation of St. Richard's, Round Rock, will become an energetic and diverse community of Christ, grounded in worship, study, fellowship, and in service to the needs of others. A vibrant, spiritually based youth program is central to this Vision. We will enthusiastically share our faith with our friends and visitors, inviting them to join us on our spiritual journey. We will be guided by a lifestyle of personal stewardship which provided the time and talent for our ministries and service, as well as the resources to support the programs, staff, and facilities, including a fellowship hall, to achieve this Vision.

### **Worship Services:**

Sunday	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Healing

### Core Values



## A Brief History of St. Richard's of Round Rock Episcopal Church

St. Richard's is named for Richard of Chichester (c. 1197 - 1253). St. Richard of Chichester was born at "Wych." After studying at Oxford and Paris, he became chancellor of the University of Oxford c. 1235 and a little later, under Abp. St. Edmund Rich, chancellor of Canterbury. In 1244 he was elected Bishop of Chichester and was consecrated by Innocent IV at Lyons in 1245. Richard was a man of deep spirituality and an excellent administrator of his diocese, where he did much to raise the standard of clerical life. He was canonized by Urban IV in 1262. His shrine in Chichester Cathedral, where many cures are said to have been wrought, was destroyed by order of Henry VIII in 1538. St. Richard's Feast Day is April 3.

St. Richard's of Round Rock Episcopal Church was founded in 1976 with The Rev. Malcolm Riker as its Vicar. The Church met for 3½ years in a warehouse just off North Mays. The church building at 655 Palm Valley Blvd. was built in 1978/79 and was consecrated in April of 1979 by Bishop J. Milton Richardson, Diocese of Texas. The education building was built with all volunteer labor in 1981. St. Richard's Mission became a Parish at the Diocese of Texas Council in 1986. The Rev. Sidney J. Gervais was the first Rector and led St. Richard's until his retirement in Dec., 1992.

The present building was built in 1997 and consecrated in 1997 by The Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne, Bishop of the Diocese of Texas. The Rector at the time was The Rev. Seth M. Deleery who retired in 2004. On February 26, 2006, The Reverend Mary Elizabeth Wilson became the third Rector of St. Richard's.

Currently there are 277 families listed on the church roster. Parishioners may attend any one of our two services: 8:00 a.m. Rite I or the 10:30 a.m. Rite II services. Christian Formation meets at 9:15 a.m. for all ages during the school year.

St. Richard's Episcopal Church  
2009 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2009

Meeting called to order at 9:55 am

Opening prayer led by Reverend Mary

Review of Minutes from 2008 Annual Meeting - Aline Murphy, Sr. Warden

- a. Motion to Approve
  - i. Motion: Julian Duncan
  - ii. Second: Ken Holloway
  - iii. Passed
4. Finance Report - Julian Duncan, Treasurer
  - a. Summarized the Statement of Church Finances (full statement provided in Parish Meeting booklet)
  - b. Reviewed Balance Sheet
    - i. Contingencies - 2 months operating expenses currently in Reserve Fund; ideally should have 3-6 months operating expenses in reserve
    - ii. Acknowledgement of \$250,000 anonymous gift toward building a Parish Hall
  - c. Thanked members of the Finance Committee (Ron Johnson, Bob Moody & Kent Brenneman) for their hard work and dedication
  - d. Reviewed the 2009 Budget as prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Vestry
  - e. Invited anyone with questions pertaining to the budget to contact him
  - f. Acceptance of the 2008 Treasurer's Report and 2009 Budget
    - i. Motion: Ken Holloway
    - ii. Second: Reeves Stuth
    - iii. None opposed
    - iv. Passed
5. Summary of Senior and Junior Warden's Reports - Reverend Mary
  - a. Motion to accept reports
    - i. Motion: Julian Duncan
    - ii. Second: Bobby Schmidt
    - iii. Passed
6. Stewardship Committee Report - Kelly Moreno
  - a. Acknowledged the hard work of all Stewardship Committee members & invited interested parishioners to join the committee
  - b. Goals for the coming year
    - i. to increase the number of pledging units
    - ii. to increase the average pledge amount
7. Long Range Planning Committee Report - Luis Morales
  - a. Explained the role of the LRPC
  - b. Reviewed St. Richard's core values (Worship, Discipleship, Community) as discerned by the LRPC
  - c. Recognized committee members for their work and commitment
8. Building Committee - Kathy Schmidt
  - a. Provided update on status of plans for Parish Hall
    - i. Committee members are visiting other parish halls to evaluate function, facilities, lay out, etc.
    - ii. Committee is gathering data and working closely with the Long Range Planning Committee to assess the operational needs in maintaining a Parish Hall

9. Outreach Committee - Eric P. Whitfield
  - a. Thanked ministry leaders and parishioners who are actively involved in outreach
  - b. Reviewed the church's financial commitment to outreach, which will be raised to 6% of all collected pledges for 2009
  - c. Asked parishioners to complete the 2009 Outreach Ministry Survey (used to designate the "Top Three" Outreach Ministries to receive additional funding)
10. EYC Report - members of EYC
  - a. Reviewed highlights of the EYC report (full report included in the Parish Meeting booklet)
  - b. Communicated format and schedule of EYC meetings
  - c. Announced EYC sponsorship of a child in Bangladesh
  - d. Reviewed 2008 Mission Trip to Kansas City
11. Year in Review - Reverend Mary
  - a. Updated number of pledging units and average pledge amount thus far for 2009
  - b. Shared some success stories from 2008 (God working through St. Richard's)
  - c. Conveyed numbers of new members, confirmations, marriages & baptisms in 2008
12. Vestry News - Reverend Mary
  - a. Thanked all vestry members for all their hard work
  - b. Recognized outgoing vestry members Laurie McAnally, Bob Moody, Aline Murphy & Denise Rocco
  - c. Introduced new vestry members Christy Dietz, Toby Smith & Eric P. Whitfield
  - d. Announced the Senior Warden for 2009: Gib Wentworth
13. Outstanding Woman and Man of the Year
  - a. Outstanding Woman - Aline Murphy was recognized for her work behind the scenes as well as her visible leadership of the vestry and ministries
  - b. Outstanding Man - Jeff Babcock was recognized for his behind the scenes work, providing Acolyte support every Sunday and on Holy Days
14. Introduction and Welcome of Brad Hester as Music Director
15. Prayer in Unison
16. Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**St. Richard's Episcopal Church**  
**Balance Sheet For All Accounts**  
**Through 12/31/2009**

**ASSETS**

**Cash Assets:**

Checking1	\$32,864.81
Checking2	\$33.20
Savings1	\$33,853.69
Savings2	\$9,504.69
Savings3	\$34,738.85
Savings4	\$269,377.24

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\$380,372.48

**Property Assets:**

655 Building Value	\$0.00
Church Building Value	\$2,414,726.00
Education Building Value	\$350,000.00

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\$2,764,726.00

**TOTAL ASSETS:**

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\$3,145,098.48

**LIABILITIES**

**Payroll Liabilities**

Payroll Taxes Church	\$0.00
Payroll Taxes Preschool	\$0.00
Payroll Tuition	\$0.00
Payroll WH Federal	(\$0.00)
Payroll WH Med Tax	\$0.00
Payroll WH Soc Sec	(\$0.00)
	(\$0.00)

**Property Liabilities:**

Church Building Crump	\$0.00
Church Building Quin	\$0.00
Education Building Mortaa	\$0.00

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\$0.00

**TOTAL LIABILITIES:**

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\$0.00

**EQUITY**

**Fund Balance**

Assis Rector Disc Fund	\$1,861.58
BOSA Fund	\$2,109.49
Building Fund	\$11,864.34
COH Fund	\$2,251.32
Choir Robes Fund	\$29.43
Cursillo Fund	\$1,755.00
DOK Fund	\$422.56
Depreciation Fund	\$8,000.00
Discretionary Fund	\$175.00
EYC Fund	(\$0.00)
Fall Festival Fund	\$0.00
Flag Fund	\$50.00

Flowers Fund	\$142.20
Gardeners Fund	\$765.10
General Fund	\$52,571.16
Hand Bell Fund	\$290.13
Highway Sign Fund	\$1,250.00
Lay Ministry Fund	\$648.85
Library Fund	\$20.00
Maintenance Fund	\$9,900.00
Memorial Garden Fund	\$299.21
Nursery Fund	\$686.91
Organist Fund	\$150.00
Parish Hall Fund	\$272,768.27
Prison Ministry Fund	\$100.00
Pumpkin Patch Fund	\$0.00
Rector Education Fund	\$215.00
Reserve Fund	\$10,021.05
VBS Fund	\$1,157.72
Youth Education Fund	\$868.16

<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	\$380,372.48
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**Capital Equity**

Equity	\$2,764,726.00
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY:</b>	\$3,145,098.48
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**ST. RICHARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>ACTUAL MONTH OF DECEMBER</u>	<u>BUDGET MONTH OF DECEMBER</u>	<u>OVER (UNDER) BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>BUDGET YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>OVER (UNDER) BUDGET</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	51,225.97	58,955.50	(7,729.53)	691,858.23	707,466.00	(15,607.77)
<b>EXPENSES</b>	66,249.91	58,955.50	7,294.41	681,837.18	707,466.00	(25,628.82)
<b>PROFIT/ (LOSS)</b>	<u>(15,023.94)</u>	-	<u>(15,023.94)</u>	<u>10,021.05</u>		<u>10,021.05</u>

THE LOSS FOR DEC. IS DUE TO OPERATING REVENUE BEING \$2,500 LESS THAN BUDGETED, RENT INCOME BEING \$5,800 LESS FROM SALE OF THE OLD CHURCH FOR, AND PMT. TO THE 3 OUTREACH MINISTRIES FOR \$7,666.

**SAINT RICHARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**BUDGET  
2010**

**Income:**

125 UNDESIGNATED INCOME	516,292
150 DESIGNATED INCOME	70,565
700 FUND INCOME	13,980
<b>TOTAL INCOME BUDGET</b>	<b>600,837</b>

**Expense:**

200 ADMIN EXPENSES	148,353
300 BUILDING & GROUNDS EXPENSES	43,410
350 EDUCATION EXPENSES	4,790
400 WORSHIP EXPENSES	29,733
450 OUTREACH EXPENSES	28,910
500 ADMINISTRATIVE/SALARY	345,641
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET</b>	<b>600,837</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND FOR CONTINGENCIES</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AND RESERVE</b>	<b>600,837</b>

**NOTE:**

LIGHTS ON/DOORS OPEN=	537,404	89%
PROGRAMS, EDUCATION, GIVING etc.=	63,433	11%
CONTINGENCY RESERVES		0%
	<u>600,837</u>	<b>100%</b>

**BUDGET REDUCTIONS 2010**

<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>1,505</b>
<b>CHURCH OUTREACH</b>	<b>13,735</b>
<b>EYC</b>	<b>6,320</b>
<b>GARDEN &amp; LAWN</b>	<b>2,550</b>
<b>LAY MINISTRY</b>	<b>2,965</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE I/O EXPENSE</b>	<b>13,700</b>
<b>MISSION COMMITMENT</b>	<b>46,589</b>
<b>MUSIC PROGRAM</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>41,722</b>

**ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES -0- INCREASE**  
**EMPLOYEE SALARIES -0- INCREASE**  
**OUTREACH -0- OF PLEDGE PAYMENTS**  
**RESERVE FUND -0- OF OPERATING EXPENSES**

**AFTER REDUCTIONS OF \$129,524 WE STILL HAD TO PLUG OPERATING INCOME BY \$56,312 TO BALANCE THIS BUDGET.**

**Pledges for 2010 through January 10, 2010**

24 are new pledging units (did not pledge last year)  
67 are continuing pledging units (pledged last year and again this year)  
48 are pending pledging units (pledged last year, but have not yet pledged this year)

Of the 67 continuing pledging units:

27 increased their pledge  
27 maintained their pledge  
13 decreased their pledge

Total Pledged: \$264,720  
Pledging Units: 91  
Average Pledge: \$2,909

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**6% of Pledges Received**

Total pledges received for 2009

\$17,294.91 = 6% of the received pledges

\$5,764.97 = 6% for the Round Rock Serving Center

\$5,764.97 = 6% for New Beginnings Mentoring Ministry

\$5,764.97 = 6% for Hope Alliance

## 2009 Rector's Report for the Annual Meeting

*"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."*  
Jeremiah 29:11.

I am going to continue where I left off last year as we strive to embrace the plan that God has for us to move from a pastoral-size church to a program-size church. We have a lot of new members and many of the people who have been here for a long time are still striving to understand this transition. You incredible people of St. Richard's continue to give of your time, treasures and talents to answer God's commandment to build up the body of Christ. The ministry reports that follow in the Annual Meeting booklet show a small portion of the ways you have blessed our parish. And, if you have not yet joined one of the ministries, it's never too late!

Over the past four years, we have tackled some difficult challenges and embraced many opportunities to share in God's plan for the future of our parish. In the year of 2009, the Vestry and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) continued spend a great deal of time discerning God's Will for St. Richard's. The purpose of the LRPC, along with the Vestry, is to discern God's will in clarifying our vision ---- a clear and compelling picture of a preferred future. For more than two years, this team has been working to move into the "nuts and bolts" phase implementing the specific steps to instill our Core Values: Worship, Community, and Discipleship in the heart of St. Richard's. And, as you all are aware, this is NOT an easy transition! In fact, some research reveals that this is the most difficult transition for a church to accomplish.

Let me explain that a program-size parish is a church that has an average Sunday attendance of between 250 and 450. The hallmarks of this size church include strong organization, programs and lay leadership. Pastoral needs are addressed through participation in small groups. Committee leadership dominates ministry planning and execution in cooperation with the staff. A welcoming committee assimilates newcomers. The life of the church centers around many separate programs and multiple worship services. Communication and unity are the chief challenges. Members tend to feel they no longer know everyone or what is going on. Coordination and organization of activities is essential rather than people "doing their own thing". Very little planning for ministry is done in the vestry. The six important roles of the vestry are spiritual leadership, operational leadership, vision casters, communicators, resource allocators and liaisons between the congregation and leadership.

We continue to learn together how this new program-size church needs to operate in order to engage in the plans God has to prosper us. The Reverend Matt Boulter is doing a wonderful job preparing the liturgy for our worship services, he is a natural teacher, and he is a gifted pastor. The Community of Hope continues to be invaluable to me in their efforts to extend pastoral care to the many needs of our parish. Gordon has a gift in making people feel welcome. Becky Parker is tireless with her enthusiastic energy to the education of our Adults and Children. Jeanette Hargreaves continues to engage our youth in spiritual maturity. The halls of our Preschool continue to ring with excitement and joy every day under the direction of Mary Jimenez and Cynthia Lesko. Julian Duncan and Ron Johnson have given another year of true ministry to the financial well-being of our parish. Our nursery staff has grown to seven attendants to cover the care and the needs of our children. The choir opens our worship experience to the spirit of the Living God in inspiring ways under the leadership of Brad Hester. Pam Wilcox, our parish administrator, continues to keep the office running smoothly. The list goes on and on and on and on.

As we come to the close of 2009, I extend my gratitude to our outgoing vestry members, Gib Wentworth, Chris Pearson, Jerry Ann Robinson, and Bill Ridlehoover. They, along with the present vestry members, have spent hours planning to make the transition from a pastoral-size parish to a program-size church and to bring the parish together to support the core values of Worship, Community, and Discipleship. Gib Wentworth and Eric Whitfield have been great comfort and support to me as Senior and Junior Wardens.

As we plan for 2010, I thank you for the opportunity to share with you as we live day by day to see Christ more clearly, love Him more dearly, and follow Him more nearly!

Faithfully submitted in the Name of Christ,

**Annual Parish Meeting Report**  
**Assistant Rector**  
**“Learning and Serving”**

As I consider how to summarize my time and role over the last five months since arriving here at St. Richard’s, it seems to me that there are two overarching categories: what I am learning, and how I am ministering or serving.

What am I learning? As a curate in the Diocese of Texas, nothing is more important for my time here at St. Richard’s than for me to be formed into a mature clergy person. This is why I am so thankful to be able to say that *St. Richard’s is a truly wonderful place for me to learn how to be a good priest in this church*. There are many reasons for this. Two that spring to mind are the living spiritual ethos of the congregation (this is no dead church!), and the strong leadership I am experiencing while serving under Mary Wilson. From learning how to set the table at the Eucharist, to observing how vestry meetings are run, to practicing using the BCP in hospital visits, I can truly say that St. Richard’s is richly supplying all my needs as I strive to serve Christ as a presbyter in His Church.

How I am ministering here at St. Richards? My “job description” has five components: liturgical planning and coordination; teaching and preaching; pastoral care; outreach; and fulfilling the requirements of the diocesan “curate covenant.”

In terms of liturgical planning and coordination, since my arrival here at St. Richard’s we first moved through the last few weeks of “ordinary time” (after the Feast of Pentecost), including St. Francis Day (remember the rain?) as well as the Feast of All Saints (when we celebrated with incense and a baptism!). We then entered into the season Advent with its vibrant purple and its beautiful wreath. Finally we are just now (as I write this) entering into the joyful season of Christmas, with all its beauty and pageantry. Each season’s (and each feast’s) unique flavors and textures, requiring lots of thought, planning, and coordination.

I have had the opportunity to preach here at St. Richard’s about six Sundays since my arrival, and this has been a great experience for me. I love to preach, and my conviction is that nothing is more important for the life of the church than strong interpretation and proclamation of the Word of God. When situated in the larger overall context of the Eucharist, this is a powerful source of strength in the Christian’s life.

In the coming months I hope to see more opportunities for teaching. This is something that must emerge organically in concert with our long range planning process, but I do feel that a primary gift I have to bring to St. Richard’s is teaching about Scripture, worship, Anglicanism, and theology. Far from being dry or boring topics, my experience has been that people in the church (as well as those outside!) are hungry for rich instruction in these dimensions of the Christian life.

I think that, in terms of pastoral care, what has been most important is the opportunity I have had for hospital visitation. Not only has this allowed me to get to know and to encourage the most vulnerable among us, but it has provided some relief to Reverend Mary, since she can now rely on me to carry some of this load.

With the three above areas of my work, in addition to numerous other opportunities to serve, my primary work in terms of outreach is to redevelop and repopulate this ministry team at our church. I am excited about the opportunities before us, such as participating in the Mission Funding work of our diocese, the need for welcoming refugees to the larger Austin area, working with local organizations which we support financially. Together with money we must send our embodied love and service to those who are especially dear to Christ’s heart: the poor, the broken, and the downtrodden.

All in all, I am tremendously grateful for this opportunity to learn how to be a godly priest (God willing) here at St. Richard’s, as well as for the opportunity to use my gifts to build up the Body here in this time and place.

### Senior Warden's Report 2009

I will start my Senior Warden's report by thanking the parishioners, staff, and clergy of Saint Richard's for giving me the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden. I can honestly say that I have been blessed by the Lord to have been picked to serve in such a vibrant church community.

As I reflect back on 2009, I am reminded of the blessings God has bestowed. I had the pleasure of burning the bank notes with Bishop Benitez, which I won't ever forget. For one thing, after the notes caught fire, the bishop handed me the urn, in which they were burning. The container had reached about 350 degrees. Despite the fact that I lost all of my fingerprints that day, it was a truly special experience. Thanks to the diligent work of our vestry over the past three years, the old church property had finally sold! For those of you who are not familiar with it, this was no easy task. There were many hurdles along the way. A special thanks to Counselor Chris Pearson for the great legal advice. This is the first time in my six years serving on the vestry, that Saint Richard's has been debt free. Praise the Lord! I just wish the rest of us could do this in our personal lives. Still, too, there is work to be done. In order to keep a church our size running, we have to continue bringing in the reliable pledges we've always had, plus new pledges, to remain financially secure.

My next reflection is the hiring of our Music Director, Brad Hester and Lay Ministry Coordinator, Gordon Butler. What great additions these two men are to the body of Saint Richards. If you have not had the pleasure of meeting them, you need to.

Now a few words about our Vestry. What a wonderful team to be a part of. Many of you might not know that Saint Richard's has grown from a family-sized church, to a program-sized church. O.K. What does that mean? Well, it means a new mind set for the Vestry, clergy, and staff. Over the last year, we have consistently studied long-range planning in our vestry meetings. Thanks to the help of Luis Morales, this has been a fantastic learning experience, which leads me into my next topic, our new Assistant Rector. Talk about a blessing from God to the church and to Reverend Mary. I had the pleasure of joining Mary and Junior Warden Eric Whitfield in the interview of our newly appointed Reverend Matt Boulter. After one hour, we knew that Matt and his family would be the perfect addition to our Saint Richard's family. Witnessing the ordination of Matt Boulter to the priesthood was another highlight of 2009.

Before I close, I must give recognition to a few more people and organizations. Thank you to the Williamson County Gardeners' Association and to the parishioners who constantly support our church with their hard work on the church grounds. I truly believe we are the leaders in the community for Church Yard of the Month!

Our church is also known for helping young people to succeed. On a personal note, my family is grateful to Saint Richard's for helping my son, Gibson, to complete his Eagle Scout project. The new pavilion area was created by Gibson with the help of Brian Beals and Brendon Frey. Last but not least, let's not forget the Pumpkin Patch and all the volunteers who made this another successful year.

It has been a blessing and a privilege to serve as Senior Warden. May we all continue to enjoy the fruits of our labor in 2010! God bless.

Gib Wentworth  
Senior Warden

### **Junior Warden's Report for 2009**

The grounds of St. Richard's continue to reflect the beauty of God's creation thanks to our amazing gardening crew led by Walt Krueger. As splendid as the gardens are already, just wait a few more years for the plants to fully mature. Very little was spent from the church budget to maintain and expand our gardens this year. We should note that as a practical matter, properly mulched gardens use less water than grasses and certainly cost less to mow. So besides their natural attraction, the gardens of St. Richard's are very practical.

Speaking of gardens, the ground for the Preschool's teaching garden is tilled and being prepared for planting by more of our gracious volunteers.

The big expense for 2009 was the resurface and restripe of the parking lot. Our recently departed Jim Anagnos, one of the country's premier experts on asphalt, helped us decide on the contractor and the materials for the job. The project was a little over \$10,000.

Our huge concrete pad for the Pumpkin Patch was put in by our own Gibson Wentworth as his Eagle Scout project. Thanks Gibson, and congratulations.

There are some major repairs that will be needed very soon. The leaky gutters have ruined many sections of trim work that will have replaced and upgraded to properly handle the runoff from heavy storms. That bill could be as much \$10,000. Such major expense need to be anticipated so the money is available when it is needed.

Please note how much of what has happened at St. Richard's was done by volunteers. There is so much to do with a 12 year old building that would be a financial burden if it weren't for the gifts of time and talent from great people who help with special and everyday projects from parking lot lights to replacing bulbs in the nave, painting walls and door frames to making sure our heating and air conditioning work. I cannot begin to name them all, and yet we need more. If you can change a light bulb we have something for you to do.

Just like your home has a roof that wears out, appliances that break, a yard to mow, trees to trim, plants to mulch, hallways that need repainted, doors that squeak, faucets that leak and all manner of things that come just with everyday use, so do our two buildings and seven acres here at St. Richard's. It will not be long before major items need to be replaced, upgraded, or repaired.

My thanks to all of our volunteers who give unselfishly to St. Richard's. Special thanks to Gib Wentworth and Tom McDow for their guidance this past year and to my son, the Verger Eric, for giving us so much time and electrical expertise.

# Acolytes

**Sponsors: Jeff Babcock & the Vergers:**

[J.K.Babcock@Prodigy.net](mailto:J.K.Babcock@Prodigy.net)

Phone: (218-4968)

## Time & Place of Meetings (all at St. Richards):

- *St. Richard's Service times: 10:30 on Sunday and other special occasions as requested including:*
  - *Mandatory trainings per year.*
  - *Rehearsals for special services.*

## Eligible Participants:

- *Late Elementary School (depending on maturity) through High School & adult (depending on leadership ability).*
- *All Acolytes are trained before serving.*
- *All newly trained Acolytes start as Torches*

## Purpose or Focus of the Ministry:

- *Giving youth an opportunity to help the Service by means of serving as:*
  - *Crucifer (acting as Acolyte team leader and mentor for each service)*
  - *Server (Carries the Gospel, helps prepare Communion and rings the Sanctus bell)*
  - *Torches (2 per service to help with the torches, offertory, communion gates)*
  - *Other positions as needed*

## Ministry Highlights from 2009:

- *Serving on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Funerals and other special services by invitation.*
- *Continuing to fill positions in 4 teams with 4 participants for each team every month.*
- *Crucifers have been allowed to team together to fill Thurifer duties with anticipated additional duties anticipate for 2010.*
- *Incorporated Priest Crucifer position into some services.*

## Ministry Goals for 2010:

- *Continuing to train new Acolytes to fill positions as they come open:*
  - *Encouraging All Crucifers to be Safeguarded*
  - *Encouraging All Servers to be confirmed.*
- *Keeping our services fully staffed for regular or special duties Acolytes could fill.*
- *Continuing to listen for the Holy Spirit guide our acolytes into future opportunities to serve.*
- *Acolyte training to help carry the Gospel for readings.*

**Brotherhood of Saint Andrew**  
**2010 Annual Report**  
**Submitted by Bobby D. Schmidt**  
**bschmidt2@austin.rr.com**

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew meets on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. in the Education Wing, Room 201. All men of Saint Richard's are eligible and invited to be a Brother.

The Purpose of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew is to spread Christ's Kingdom among men and youth. The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew accomplishes this purpose following three basic disciplines.

THE DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among men and youth, and for God's blessings upon the labors of the Brotherhood.

THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDY is to study the Holy Scriptures regularly and the teachings of the Church, to attain a better understanding of how to follow Christ and bring others into his kingdom.

THE DISCIPLINE OF SERVICE is to make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring others nearer to Christ through his Church.

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew accomplished many things in 2009. The Brotherhood, through the discipline of prayer, took a leadership role and established an Easter Prayer Vigil held from 9:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday until 6:00 p.m. Good Friday. The Brotherhood also prays for many in our family at St. Richard's, as well as many others on a daily basis. The Brotherhood, through the discipline of study, continues a weekly study of the scripture, leads adult education classes and studies together at our annual men's retreat. The Brotherhood, through the discipline of service, reaches out to our community and our church family – serving others at the parish picnic, rally day, pumpkin patch, fall festival and at the New Beginnings Mentoring Ministry's annual bike run, yard sale and auction.

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew would like to reach out into the Round Rock community in 2010. Some goals include mentoring to men and youth, providing assistance to the hungry and homeless, providing support to the elderly or home bound, and sponsoring a father/son dinner and/or bible study group.

The 2010 Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, Saint Richard's Chapter Officers were installed by Reverend Mary Wilson on November 29, 2009 during the 10:30 a.m. service – they are : Eric S. Whitfield -Director, Bob Moody– Assistant Director, Bobby Schmidt – Past Director, Curt Young – Secretary/Communications, Robert Conkel – Treasurer, Timothy Michael Ruff – Education Director, and Ed Cravens – Chaplain.

## Count our blessings, Christian Education 2009

Christian Formation is a life long process of living into our baptismal covenant and promises. Christian Formation is an integral part of this process. It is the life we lead together as Christian people in our congregations that teach or fails to teach the values and direction of the Gospel. As children of God, we are called into a relationship with God and the discernment of our ministries. Our children will have faith if we adults have faith. How can we teach our children if we do not know our own beliefs. Congregations are called to be centers of intentional theological reflections and learning. Faith formation begins at home, so we must equip our families to be able to share their faith with their children and others..

(words from The Episcopal Diocese of Texas)

We must all count our blessing each day of the year. Our Christian Formation offers 9 months of Sunday School programs for children ages 2 years old through the end of high school. We have over 20 teachers with aides and snack people each week. Our foundation programs are "Living the Good News" and "Godly Play". Adults also use "Living the Good News" and " Seasons of the Spirit". Both adult programs are based on the weekly readings and taught by a core group of lay people and priests. I knew I had found the right materials when the first weekday's lesson was on Saint Richard's prayer. Adult meet each Sunday Year round with child care.

Our program offers a wide array of family gatherings from a Wednesday night Lenten program for children and adults alike. The story of the three trees is our time to gathering the children for the Easter Egg hunt and frosting cupcakes for the people at the Cottages.

Confirmation class was ten weeks of prayer building, group building and church cleaning by our youth. We blessed our Sr. in High School and sang their praises. The end of the year we awarded our students and our teachers with punch and cake and games and hot dogs on Field Day. June is Vacation Bible School season at church with our foundation rocking with music, crafts, laughter and new friendships. Rally Day is our fall Welcome Home or Welcome Back kick off for the fall education program. We share our blessing with others with our Advent Event, this year we made Anglican prayer beads for our outreach and for our own families. We light the Advent wreath candles to proclaim our love and faith for our God's gift to us, his son. The Jesse tree keeps growing tall with gloves, hats, and socks for the needy, with our children and youth leading the way to the tree. The Christmas pageant completes our year, but is the start of the church year for all. I count my blessing each day I walk into our Church. What a wonderful place to be apart of. Thank you all for your help all year long. God has blesses me with you,

Becky j. Parker DRE

### Community of Hope

The St. Richard's Community of Hope consists of twelve lay chaplains who provide a special ministry by visiting and bringing Eucharist to the injured, sick or dying who are not able to worship with us. This international ministry is not limited to members of St. Richard's or even Episcopalians.

"Benedictine spirituality shapes the Community of Hope. The guiding principles of Benedictine practice are found in the Rule of St. Benedict, a document authored in the fifth century as a guide for life in a Christian monastery. The major themes of community, prayer, hospitality, study, work, humility, stability, peace, and listening find expression in the way The Community of Hope is structured and lived."

*Copied from: [http://www.coh-international.com/AboutUs\\_old/BenedictineSpirituality/tabid/71/Default.aspx](http://www.coh-international.com/AboutUs_old/BenedictineSpirituality/tabid/71/Default.aspx)*

In 2009 our lay chaplains saw 2745 care receivers and their families in the Round Rock area, visiting in homes, several hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Three attended the COH International Annual Meeting at Camp Allen.

If you think you may be called to such a lay ministry, or know of someone who would benefit from the healing presence of these ministers, please contact Rev. Mary, Rev. Matt or the church office.

Eric 512 689-1541

# Daughters of the King

Jennifer Hopkins, President: Jennifer@aedvantage.com

## Time & Place of Meetings:

DOK has begun meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service, in Rooms 201/203. This is changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, following the 7 p.m. service, which has been the meeting time for many years.

Jr. DOK meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month immediately following the 10:30 a.m.

## Eligible Participants:

A Daughter of the King  
A Daughter in Training  
A Jr. DOK (ages 8 – 21)  
A Jr. DOK in training

## Purpose or Focus of the Ministry:

A Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

## Ministry Highlights from 2009:

Memorial Receptions at request of rector

Members attended the Diocesan DOK Spring Assembly (February 20 & 21) and Fall Assembly (September 18 & 19)

Jerry Ann Robinson installed as DOK Diocesan President on February 21, at St. Matthews in Austin, during the Diocesan DOK Spring Assembly.

Lenten Soup Supper on March 4 hosted by DOK

Chapter retreat was at Well Spring (April 24 – 26), with Tammy Hester and Jean McGraw as invited speakers.

Jr. DOK also attended retreat. One service project at the retreat was the making of prayer beads to be given to soldiers deploying from Fort Hood.

New members (Sherri Arrington, Becky Andersen, and Jennifer Frederick) installed February 15.

New Jr. DOK members (Allison Lesko, Annie Dixon, Taylor Arrington, Caroline Wendt, and Allie Andersen) installed May 17.

Scholarship given money to EYC for spring mission trip.

\$100 given to Everett Lees upon graduation from Seminary to begin his discretionary fund

\$100 given to 2009 VBS

New officers elected in August (Jennifer Hopkins, President; Aline Murphy, Vice-President; Marty Rosenfield, Treasurer; Lucinda Saxon, Secretary; Heather Smith, Jr. DOK Directress)

The DOK joined St. Richard's Preschool and the church's 50 Plus club in donating money to the preschool's Christmas Outreach Program. Preschool families and members of the 50 Plus club donated money; DOK donated money for turkeys. Five parish/community families, selected by the Rev. Mary Wilson, received the donations.

## Ministry Goals for 2009:

DOK & Jr. DOK training classes

DOK Well Spring retreat

Quiet Day

New Officers elected in August or September

## **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**

**Robin Mueller [robinr.mueller@hotmail.com](mailto:robinr.mueller@hotmail.com)**

### Time & Place of Meetings:

ECW meets quarterly at a variety of places. The spring meeting is the Women's Retreat at Wellspring February 19-21, 2010; the summer and fall meetings are at the church; the winter meeting is a Christmas luncheon at the home of one of our members. We host Ladies night out at local restaurants from time to time.

### Eligible Participants:

All women in the church are invited to participate.

### Purpose or Focus of the Ministry:

The purpose of the Ministry is: to provide service to the rector by providing meals to those in need and receptions at the church; to be a diverse and multi-generational support group of women; and to help each other grow spiritually.

### Ministry Highlights from 2009:

In February, we had our retreat at Wellspring. The weather was perfect and the company even better! 24 women got together to relax, socialize, and learn more about God and each other. In October we met for a haiku breakfast lead by Chris Pearson. We learned how to write meditative haikus based on photographs. It was wonderful! Our Christmas luncheon was so festive, held in the home of Rebecca Bird. Throughout the year, our volunteer army provided meals to over a dozen families following births, illness/surgeries, and deaths. We also provided food for several receptions at the church. Ladies met a few times for casual dinners to get to know each other.

### Ministry Goals for 2010:

Our goals for 2010 are to continue having our quarterly meetings and provide meals for our families and provide church receptions. We also wish to reach out to the new women of the parish and help them to find their places in the ministries of St. Richard's.

## **St. Richard's EYC Annual Report to the Parish, 2009**

“We are a safe community for the youth to learn and practice what it means to be like Christ.” Our core values are safety, community and discipleship.

Two youth attended St. Richard's first congregational mission trip to Galveston, helping our neighbors recover from Hurricane Ike. During the “Help Your Neighbor” Austin mission trip, youth moved 20 tons of material and landscaped the yard of a single mom in Jeanette's neighborhood. They also enjoyed the facilities of St. David's downtown and befriended some of the homeless at Trinity Center. The youth also experienced Austin's best summer activities. We cancelled our trip to the orphanage in Piedras Negras, but Jeanette has visited and our Mexico family is doing fine with continued support from area churches- we cannot forget our hermanos e hermanas on the Texas border!

Our adult volunteer team was hard hit this year: Jeanette, Geoff and Jennifer are holding down the fort, so if you've ever thought about volunteering, 2010 is the year! ... Jennifer organized and led a successful EYC summer program and is teaching our middle-schoolers. Kyle is our steadfast youth game leader. As the EYC Music Ministers, Anthony, one of our youths, and Geoff continue to inspire enthusiasm for worship music. The parents also continue to be a crucial part of the ministry, driving youth and providing dinners. We have started celebrating Evening Prayer before EYC gatherings...

At this year's 30 Hour Famine: SonRise Edition, we traveled to Corpus Christi to pray and watch the sun rise. We continue to sponsor Sojib Mohammad from Bangladesh. He celebrated his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday in November. We made multi-generational connections at game night and the annual Adults Vs. Youth kickball game. Three youth (Anthony, Trey and Kyle) are serving on the CLC (Christian Leadership Conference) leadership team for 2010. The youth and families have benefited from Camp Allen scholarships and continue to be active there.

Jeanette and Jennifer graduated from the three year certification program at the Seminary of the Southwest. Jeanette, Geoff and Brendon attended the Diocesan youth ministry conference. Jeanette continues to encourage all adults to attend educational opportunities so that we may grow in our knowledge, faith and enthusiasm. Jeanette is continuing in the discernment process for priesthood.

The website [www.strichardseyc.org](http://www.strichardseyc.org) got a facelift and continues to have up-to-date information available, as does the monthly FTF newsletter, the annual parent's newsletter and other offerings.

Our regular EYC gatherings continue to have about 20 participants, and our special gatherings draw about 40 folks or more. The ministry continues to cost about \$12,000 annually, with the largest budget items being the mission trip and continuing education. An itemized budget is available for your perusal upon request. Look for announcements about our upcoming pilgrimage.

## **Gardener's Ministry**

Ministry leader: Walt Kruger, 512 255 1138. Email via Reeves Stuth: [rstuth@austin.rr.com](mailto:rstuth@austin.rr.com)

Time and Place of Meetings: We meet at 8:00 AM every Saturday morning, weather permitting, on the St. Richard's grounds.

Eligible Participants: All are welcome. Especially welcome are occasional helpers...no need to commit to *every* Saturday.

Purpose of Ministry: To beautify God's holy place-- the grounds and gardens of St. Richard's campus. We plant, water, fertilize, mulch, trim and do whatever is necessary to enhance and beautify our spiritual home.

Ministry highlights from 2009: We did significant improvements in the Richard Maurer Memorial Garden and on the overall campus. Completed projects were: installation of donated teak benches, building a rose fence, laying crushed granite walkways and planting scores of shrubs, flowers and trees.

Ministry goals for 2010: We anticipate repair and improvements to our irrigation system, tree trimming and shaping, foundation drainage improvements, scores of additional trees and shrubs, walkways to each meditation bench and installation of selected statues.

## **Lay Ministry Report January 2010**

2009 saw a lot of changes and growth for St. Richard's. There were new personnel coming on board, new directions in ministry, worship changes, and more with all of this simply a part of St. Richard's dynamic growth as we work towards becoming the church we are capable of being. It is my hope that in 2010 we continue to strive towards fulfilling what God has called us to be as an Episcopal Church of Jesus Christ in Round Rock, Texas.

I thank you for your patience as I spent much of 2009 getting to know the people of St. Richard's, the history of our church's ministry, as well as what it means to be an Episcopal Church. There was a lot to learn. In 2010, I promise you an increased commitment on my part in helping us develop our ministries and our leaders.

Some of our ministry highlights for 2009 –

We had another record breaking Pumpkin Patch under the leadership of Brendon Frey, Sharon Moon, and Roger Moon. As much as everyone was happy about another great Patch, I was especially proud of how Brendon, Roger, and Sharon displayed such leadership with the Patch. Brian Beals was a wonderful and invaluable mentor throughout the whole process. Also, it was impressive to see the quality of volunteers we had working the patch.

We instituted a welcoming ministry event on the first Sunday of every month whose purpose is to give our visitors a chance to meet members of our congregation and ask questions about the various ministries of St. Richard's. Under the guidance of Aline Murphy and her committee, this event has become a consistent fixture offering a relaxed, intentional atmosphere for newcomers to learn about St. Richard's.

During our Fall Festival this year, we included some new ministry opportunities for our congregation such as the Living Gift Market featuring SERVV, which allows skilled artisans from around the world to sell their wares in an effort to become self-sustaining, and Heifer Project International. Angela Malek was terrific in helping to educate our church community about the Living Gift Market. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make the Fall Festival so much fun as well as such a difference in the lives of others.

2009 was a year of great momentum for the ministries of St. Richard's. I am looking forward to 2010 with hopeful anticipation of what it will bring.

Gordon

## Long Range Planning Committee Chairman's Report

January 2010

*"For I know the plans that I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not calamity to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11*

The focus of the St. Richard's Long Range Planning Committee was best summed up by Luis Morales in his 2009 letter to the congregation as..."The purpose of St. Richard's LRPC is to discern God's will in establishing a clear and compelling picture of a preferred future for St. Richard's. To achieve its purpose, the role of the LRPC is to serve as a catalyst, facilitator, guide or any other service capacity as directed by Rev. Mary and the vestry."

Under the direction of the LRPC chair Luis Morales, the LRPC took steps in 2009 to establish a Table of Contents for St. Richard's long range plan. Using St. Richard's core values, **Worship, Discipleship, and Community** as our guide, topics were developed for each core value. As a living document, the Table of Contents is constantly evolving.

Looking ahead to 2010, the LRPC will continue to work on the Table of Contents by prayerfully discerning God's will in developing key elements to establish a clear and compelling picture of a preferred future to guide St. Richard's leadership from a pastoral-size church. The LRPC is accountable to the Rector, Assistant Rector, vestry, congregation and community. In November 2009, the LRPC leadership torch was passed on from Luis Morales to new co-chairs Glenn Harvey and Jeff Babcock. Many thanks go to the wonderful leadership guidance that Luis provided during his term.

We ask the community of St. Richard's to pray for the mission of the LRPC that we **Be Still, Be Aware, Be Prayerful** so that we may **Take Action** to fulfill God's will for this congregation.

Your brothers in Christ,

Glenn Harvey and Jeff Babcock

## **New Beginnings Mentoring Ministry**

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**Georgetown, TX 78627**  
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**512-536-0073**

### **Time and Place of Meetings:**

Starting in January 2010 we will be meet the second Tuesday of every other month at a location to be determined when we get moved into our new location.

### **Eligible Participants:**

To become a participant of NBMM, you will need to have a heart for single parents and their children.

### **Purpose or Focus of the Ministry:**

We help single parents find hope and a better future.

We help to empower single parents to become financially able to provide for their families without Government funding. With mentoring, support services and community resources, they are able to seek job training or a higher education and find their God given purpose in life.

### **Ministry Highlights from 2009:**

What an amazing year! We have had 28 clients complete their job training, and have paid out close to \$20,000.00 this year to help cover tuition, books, rent, daycare, car payments, and other expense that have come up for our clients. We want to thank you for all you have done for us in 2009 to make sure that our client's needs were met, their goals of becoming financially able to provide for their families closer, and their faith in a true living God stronger.

We pray that you will continue to support in New Beginnings Mentoring Ministry as we continue to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by reaching out to those that He continues to bring to us.

Many Blessings,  
Julie Polansky

### **Ministry Goals for 2010:**

- 1) Our goals for 2010 are we will be able to purchase land to build a non-profit daycare, office space, and four, two-bedroom apartments to house these families.
- 2) To be able to serve all the families that our Lord brings to us.
- 3) To be able to reach out to more possible clients by advertising in the local papers and media.

## **Church Nursery**

**Pam Wilcox- Nursery Supervisor**  
**Hellie Lawhon- Lead Nursery**  
**Sarah Rocco, Jessica Bigler,**  
**Angela Henderson, Thema Markwalter,**  
**Noralisa Williams**  
[Lilmex212005@yahoo.com](mailto:Lilmex212005@yahoo.com)  
512-785-6903

### **Time & Place of Meetings:**

We meet in the church nursery on these days and time:

Tuesday evening- 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday morning- 9:15a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday evening- 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday mornings- 7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Eligible Participants:**

We care for children 0-5 years old.

Also we can be hired as babysitter for children over the age of 5 years old.

### **Purpose or Focus of the Ministry:**

The nursery minister to all the families of St. Richard's Episcopal Church with children the age of 5 years and younger. Also, we also watch over children of the ministries of: Choir, Tuesday and Wednesday Bible Studies, and Wednesday and Sunday services.

### **Ministry Highlights from 2009:**

New policy

Childcare age group has expanded to 0-5 years old

More childcare workers

### **Ministry Goals for 2009:**

Our goals are to continue to enforce new policy and continue to help within the church.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Lynell Tutor: [tutor1981@gmail.com](mailto:tutor1981@gmail.com) (341-0343)**

**Time & Place of Meetings:** Home meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month; two dedications a year on Wednesday evening in June and December.

**Eligible Participants:** Anyone who likes to create stitches of love in any format – knitting, quilting, crocheting or handwork.

**Purpose or Focus of the Ministry:** to provide a literal blanket of love and comfort for the various stages of life – either of joy or sadness.

**Ministry Highlights from 2009:** Dedicated and distributed over 30 prayer shawls, mostly crocheted or knitted.

**Ministry Goals for 2009:** to continue to provide this source of comfort.

## **PrayFAST: Pray For A Soldier Team**

Cathy Mandell: [cmandell@pointech.com](mailto:cmandell@pointech.com) / phone 258-2008

**Time & Place of Meetings:** PrayFAST is an individual prayer ministry -- there are no meetings; a commitment to daily prayer is asked of PrayFAST volunteers.

**Eligible Participants:** Anyone called to a ministry of prayer for Soldiers deployed in the service of our country.

**Purpose or Focus of the Ministry:** PrayFAST is a prayer ministry based at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. It offers soldiers an opportunity to have someone pray for them during deployment – and it offers us an opportunity to support them with our prayers. Our response seeks to fulfill the Vision Statement of the PrayFAST ministry: *To mobilize prayer for God's divine protection for soldiers with the hope of a personal encounter with the love of God.*

PrayFAST is quite simply a prayer request: from a soldier deploying from Fort Hood, to a Prayer Warrior who commits to pray for the soldier and his/her family during the soldier's deployment, and for 3 months after they return as they re-establish relationships with family and friends.

As we respond to this prayer request, we support our soldiers and share God's love for them; and spending this time with our Lord each day can bring us closer and strengthen our prayer life.

**Ministry Highlights from 2009:** PrayFAST is an ecumenical ministry supported by over one hundred churches, faith groups and organizations around the country, with nine Episcopal Churches in the Diocese of Texas. St. Richard's currently has forty-seven Prayer Warriors. The response to prayer by deploying soldiers has been so positive in recent years, each individual is asked to pray for three soldiers.

During 2009 members of St. Richard's have also continued the Bead Ministry, making many beautiful strings of Prayer Beads and Finger Beads to be given to the soldiers; and one Parishioner has sewn hundreds of fabric neck coolers for the soldiers. These items are taken to the Chaplains' Table for soldiers to have as they deploy.

### **Ministry Goals for 2010:**

- (1) To invite and encourage new Prayer Warriors to participate in the PrayFAST ministry to provide prayer support for deploying soldiers and their families.
- (2) To introduce the PrayFAST ministry to other churches in the Round Rock - Georgetown - Austin area.

**Annual Parish End of Year Report  
St. Richard's Episcopal Preschool**

St. Richard's Episcopal Preschool capacity is 115 children, ages 18 months to pre-k five, from our community. We currently serve 97 children. Our student body is 41% minority and 20% Episcopalian.

The preschool has 22 part-time personal; 10 Aides, 10 Lead Teachers, the Assistant Head of School, and the Head of School. Among the 22 staff, 6 are degreed (2 certified teachers). Each staff member is required 20 hours of continuing education in early childhood education per year.

St. Richard's Episcopal Board for the 2009-2010 preschool year:

Beth Saxena – President                      Daira Wilson-Vice-Pres.                      Julie Trevillion-Secretary

Beth Gritzmacher- Treasurer      Brandey Branam                      Annie Drees

Bree McCarthy                      Heather Smith                      Julie Trevillion

Geneva Walker

Our Christian identity is paramount to our program philosophy. Children's Chapel is closely model the order of service in the Book of Common Prayer. The children assist with service by carrying the cross for the procession and recession as well as lighting the candles (with adult assistance). Furthermore, the Chapel curriculum has been more clearly defined and utilizes a variety of visual and storytelling materials created by the children.

In addition to classroom and Chapel activities, the preschool reached out to the community by contributing to the "Jesse Tree", Round Rock Serving Center, and with the help of the 50 Plus group and the DOK we adopted 5 families for Christmas. The school also provided financial assistance for 5 children in the 2009-2010 preschool year.

The preschool holds many special events throughout the year. Children attend the Pumpkin Patch Story-time; hunt Easter Eggs, Fall Costume Parade, Thanksgiving Feast, Christmas Around the World, Firemen visit, Shrove Tuesday, Rodeo Day and Fun in the Sun Day. The children perform each year for their parents and extended family at the Christmas program and Graduation. All these happenings are in addition to the learning that occurs daily in our classrooms.

All of these activities require funds. Therefore St. Richard's Episcopal Preschool is active in fundraising. Fundraisers include Santa letters, basket raffle and our spring direct appeal for financial assistance fund program. The Preschool is currently in the process of adopting a new Spanish curriculum, working with Annie Drees (B.A. in Spanish). The preschool continues to work toward SAES accreditation. In the past year we have completed the following: Financial Audit, Incorporation and Documents of Adherence. Currently we are working on the Self-study.

The preschool is extremely appreciative to the parishioners, clergy, vestry, and church staff for all their support. Thank you for your assistance, donations, kind actions, and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jimenez                      Cynthia Lesko  
Head of School                      Assistant Head of School

## Round Rock Area Serving Center

The Round Rock Area Serving Center (RRASC) is a nonprofit social services agency and food pantry that serves the Round Rock, Hutto, and Wells Branch areas. The Serving Center has been providing assistance since 1986. In addition to the food pantry and Round Rock Coats for Kids, financial assistance is also provided for rent, utilities, transportation, temporary lodging, and prescriptions. The agency is staffed by 200 volunteers, pays an Executive Director, and is supported by local churches, civic groups, businesses, the United Way of Williamson County, and the community of Round Rock.

The St. Richard's family donated \$5,764.97 and many hours of volunteer work to assist the client's of the serving center in 2009.

You can assist the serving center by donating food to the food pantry, making a monetary donation, donating your paper or plastic grocery bags, donating a new or gently used coat throughout the year or by funding a coat by making a \$22 donation to Round Rock Coats for Kids, or by donating clothing, household items, and toys. There are also many ways you can volunteer at the Serving center. You can volunteer to be a receptionist or an interviewer, sort food donations, staff the food pantry, pick up food donations or stock food pantry shelves.

For more information or to volunteer you may contact the RRASC at:

RRASC  
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## Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study

Lynell Tutor: (341-0343)  
Patti Beske: (248-0299)  
2009 Ministry

Time & Place of Meetings: Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 PM; education building rooms 201/3

Eligible Participants: Women of all ages

Purpose or Focus of the Ministry: To engage in bible study and discussions for further spiritual development and growth.

Ministry Highlights from 2009: The class completed the following Bible Studies:

Spring 2009: Study and Discussion based on the book *Lord, I want to Know You* by Kay Arthur; study searching the names of God and their meanings.

Summer 2009: Study and Discussion on the book *The Shack* by William Paul Young.

Fall 2009: Study on the book of Esther with guidance from the Beth Moore video series accompanied with a work book for daily study.

Ministry Goals for 2010: to continue to offer the same to the ladies of the congregation especially allowing a time and space available for the women who work during the day.

## Stewardship Committee

Kelly Moreno ([hkcsm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hkcsm@sbcglobal.net))

Time & Place of Meetings: As needed

Eligible Participants: Members of St. Richard's

Purpose of Ministry: To coordinate and implement the Stewardship Campaign

Ministry Highlights: This year's campaign was not as successful as last years'. We are still missing pledges from members of St. Richard's.

Ministry Goal for 2010: Develop stewardship education programs.

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### Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Ruthie Scott/Kelly Moreno, [hkcsm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hkcsm@sbcglobal.net)

Time and Place of Meetings:

Wednesday morning – September – May, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Eligible Participants:

All women of the community

Purpose or Focus of the Ministry:

Fellowship and study

Ministry Highlights from 2009:

Completed two studies

Ministry Goals for 2010:

Fellowship

**DURING 2009**

**New Members**

Matt and Bouquet Boulter  
Duard and Andrea Coffman  
Joan Crowley  
Joe and Elizabeth Crownover  
Diane Ebert  
Richard and Rebecca Johnson  
Steve and Gloria Krein  
Eric and Joy Mickelsen  
Jim and Leslie Miller  
Catherine Perkins  
Christy Spring  
Janet White  
Ray and Anne Wikert  
Clay Worley

**Confirmations, Reaffirmations, Receptions**

Grace Alexander Awtrey  
Jack Andrew Awtrey  
Kennedy Blanton  
Deborah C. Bourg  
Juliet Hollister  
Beverly Laird  
Christopher Alexander Moreno  
Christina Marie Morrison  
Starlia Jean Phillips  
Janet Ruth Romberg  
Lauren Elizabeth Stork  
Wendi Thompson  
Cuyler Votti  
Kimberly Alyia Zielnicki

**Baptisms**

Aaron James Cantu-Salazar  
Addison Grace Davis  
Casey Drees  
Kaya Rain Field-Sehler  
Madison Leigh Bridges-Field  
Julian Francesco Guzman  
Truett Stork  
Daniel Jay Thomas  
Cole Thompson  
Hudson Sims Thompson  
Jess Thompson  
Parker Michael Tolbert  
Caleb Jesse Walker  
Grace Ann Williamson  
Aiden Joseph Zielnicki

**Burials**

James Anagnos  
Frances Harr  
Harrison Merkel  
Lane Zivley

**Marriages**

Matt and Beverly Bordman  
David and Stephanie Mingarelli  
Travis and Melanie Scoggins

# Prayers for the Church

Book of Common Prayer

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. *Amen.*

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who set the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vain glory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as your will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*