



# ALL SAINTS' SPIRIT



a variety of information regarding  
the lively community at  
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Duncan, OK.  
MAY 2008

## MUSINGS WITH FR JOE

One Sunday morning in coffee hour a man who runs a small carpentry and construction business, said that it seemed as if every time he renovated a house, its occupants (his customers) would get divorced. He wondered how his work caused the divorces.

An elderly woman, hearing his comments said "You need to understand that it wasn't the renovation that caused the divorce, it was the divorce that caused the renovation." Perplexed by this statement, the carpenter said "Tell us more, please."

She continued, noting that in her experience, couples whose relationship is in trouble develop a sense that something is wrong in their lives, and they aren't sure what it is. It's so very difficult to accept that your marriage is in trouble or your life is topsy-turvy, so people look high and low to find the problem outside themselves. If the search for the source of their malaise leads them to believe that the problem is in their house, they often decide that they can fix their hearts by fixing up their house. "I am so miserable, but I know that a new bedroom and new window frames will solve the problem."

It is not uncommon for people to seek a diversion rather than confront a problem, usually with ineffective results. One friend repairs his misery with "retail therapy": when he's unhappy, he goes shopping, and usually ends up buying something that delights him but that costs more than was prudent. Another friend told us once "When I'm miserable, I travel to someplace I've never been. But then, alas, I come home."

It is common for families to return to a church after leaving because of some outrage whose details most can't even remember. The family believed their family life was in ruins and that all they had to do to fix it was to find a new church. Then all of the problems that other people had caused them in our parish would go away. I am always impressed with the courage families show by returning and I'm really glad to see them come back. Parish life isn't really any easier than family life, but it's much easier to jump parishes than to jump families or to divorce and remarry. Switching to a new parish or a new denomination the answer, but there you find just as many problems as in the old one, even if they aren't the same problems.

Next time we catch ourselves thinking about leaving our parish family because of its problems, we ought just stay and be one of its problems. After all this parish is a family and one way or another we care for and love each other.

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### **JERUSALEM IN 2009?**

Although several people have expressed an interest in making a trip to the Holy Land. In 2009, no one has come forward expressing an interest as a result of the article in the April Edition of the Spirit of All Saints'. It must be that this is just not a good time for us to do this. So until further notice, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is on hold.

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### **NEW HOPE SUNDAY - MAY 18**

The Diocese of Oklahoma and All Saints' will celebrate New Hope on Sunday, May 18.

You can give these children a New Hope. New Hope empowers children who have a parent in prison by offering summer camps, special retreats, support groups, educational workshops/training, adult mentors and other year-round activities that focus on character development and building self-esteem. You can participate in this diocesan wide ministry through volunteer opportunities and providing financial support. A poster with additional information is in the Parish Hall.

Your Vestry has designated the loose offering (cash and checks designated for New Hope) as our Parish Community offering in support of this important ministry.

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### **ARLENE'S CLOTHESLINE**

Arlene's Clothesline, 832 W Main in Duncan is a clothing resale shop. Arlene Aoki, who owns the shop, also provides an important ministry to people in need of clothing and without the funds to purchase clothing by helping them without expecting payment.

If you know anyone who has a need for this ministry of clothing, contact Fr Joe with names and needs for all members of the family. He will then provide Arlene's Clothesline with a letter requesting their assistance.

You may donate to this important ministry all types of clothing and household items which you have no further need but are still in serviceable condition.

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## **ST CRISPIN'S 2008**

Give the young person in your life the gift that keeps on giving. Send them to a week of camp at St. Crispin's, sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. In addition to an on-site Camp Director and well qualified and trained summer staff, each session of camp is staffed by Episcopal clergy and a registered nurse, nurse practitioner or licensed health care provider. All member of the camping staff are carefully screened, selected and trained in communication skills, safety and first-aid protocols, as well as training for the protection and safety of children.

Camps are a week long, held in June and July. Which session to attend is based upon your current school grade. Camps are for grades 3 through 12. For further information see the poster in the Parish Hall. For scholarship information see June Southard or Fr Joe.

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## **FUND RAISER FOR THE WATONGA BIBLE SCHOOL**

A Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, May 9, 2008 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Watonga Bible School is held each year in support of the children of Whirlwind Mission of the Holy Family. The event will be held this year from May 27 to May 30.

The menu includes Spagetti with Marinara Sauce or Pesto Sauce; Tossed Salad with various dressings; Garlic Bread; various Desserts; Coffee-Tea-Water. Red and white wine will be available for \$1.00 a glass.

The cost will be \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6 to 12. Children under 6 eat free.

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## **PENTECOST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**

Pentecost Sunday, May 11, is also Mothers Day. So we are going to do things a bit differently this year. In anticipation that most families have Mothers Day activities scheduled, there will be no parish picnic on Pentecost Sunday. We will schedule a parish picnic during the summer - date and time to be determined.

We will honor of the many mothers in each of our lives, past, present and future, in a couple of ways. Our altar party that day will be made up entirely of women, with the Rev Susie Lindley celebrating. After the service, everyone is invited to enjoy cake during coffee hour. Plan on joining us for this festive day - The Birthday of the Church and Mothers Day

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## GRADUATION GIFT

The Vestry has established a fund for gifts to our graduating high school seniors. This year our worthy recipient is Kevin Penwright. His graduation from Duncan High School will be on May 22 and we will present his gift to him on Sunday, May 25. Please make sure your gift is somehow annotated as designated to the High School Graduate Fund (written in the memo portion of you check or on the envelope in case your gift is cash). Please be generous in your gift for our graduate.

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## LECTIONARY FOR MAY 2008

May 1 - **ASCENSION DAY** - Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23;  
Luke 24:44-53  
May 4 - **7 Easter** - Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10; 33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11;  
John 17:1-11  
May 7 - Wed - Acts 20:28-28; Psalm 68:28-36; John 17:11b-19  
May 11 - **PENTECOST** - Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37b; 1 Corinthian 12:3b-13;  
John 10:1-10  
May 14 - Wed - James 1:19-27; Psalm 15; Mark 8:22-26  
May 18 - **TRINITY** - Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;  
Matthew 28:16-20  
May 21 - Wed - James 4:13-17; Psalm 49:1-9, 16-20; Mark 9:38-41  
May 25 - **2 PENTECOST** - Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 131; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5;  
Matthew 6:24-34  
May 28 - Wed - 1 Peter 1:18 - 2:1; Psalm 147:13-21; Mark 10:32-45  
May 31 - **THE VISITATION** - Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm 113;  
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 1:39-57

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Van Moore	5/18 Billy Penwright
5/7 Susan Cooksey	5/19 Patsy Duncan; Rodney Howell
5/12 Dee Chatfield; Kaytlin Kitchell	5/20 Ellen Templeton
5/16 Piper Walters	5/31 John Edwards

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/1 Karen and Chris Herndon  
5/11 Harold G. and Misty Walters

## HOMEBOUND/UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH - DON'T FORGET THEM

**Wayne Hower** 2618 Stagestand, Duncan, OK 73533  
**Red Sandlin** 169 Lake Park Road, Rm 407, Lewisville, TX 75057

**ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday Service - 9:30 am

Wednesday Service - 5:30 pm

Taize Service - 6:30 pm - Third Sunday of the Month

Other services as announced

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The Ministers of All Saints'  
**ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

The Rt Rev Ed Konieczny - Bishop

The Rev Joe Running - Rector

The Rev Suzie Lindley

The Rev Gary Templeton - Deacon

The Rev Karla Dillon - Deacon

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