



Week of January 18, 2015

Weekly News

Sunday

Worship With Us!



Speak when you are spoken to? Wouldn't it be better if the children were not underfoot and had more age-appropriate activities while the adults tend to serious religious matters???. Well, good luck with that line of reasoning when you're talking to God. He might have a thing or two to say about the grown-ups. Let's talk.

SUNDAYS

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
with Choir, Children's Chapel,
& Holy Eucharist
(Nursery available)

THURSDAYS

6:00pm Choir Practice
7:15 pm Prayer for the City
All Are Invited!

[This week's Bible readings](#)



Youth Group today: This Sunday, January 18, the youth group will discuss Religion and God. Do we get so wrapped up in this religion thing that we miss out on what God wants for us? Come discuss! We will meet in the mission hall following the regular Sunday service. Bring shoes to run around in! Delicious snacks will be provided, so plan on bringing your open minds and hungry stomachs.

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HOPE for the community



CALDWELL WOMEN'S CENTER IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP VICTIMS OF ABUSE.

Currently accepting applications for volunteer training that begins January 27. Trained Volunteer Advocates are an important point of contact for victims in crisis, serving on HCWC's 24-hour hotline, responding to sexual assault victims at the hospital and transporting clients. HCWC is also looking for volunteers to provide childcare and meals on an ongoing basis.

Please contact Zoe Arabzadegan, Volunteer Coordinator for more information.

Phone: (512) 396-3404, ext. 219 or visit www.hcwc.org.



500 Mommy Kits: 2015 Council in Action takes up the diocesan theme of Called to Serve by traveling to Honduras to help newborns. This year the Department of World Mission is collecting Mommy Kits for the Birthing Center in Siguatepeque, Honduras.

In 2009 the Siguatepeque Birthing Center became a reality in this small town midway between Honduras' two largest cities. Prior to launching this ministry, members of our Honduras Veterinary Team observed that women with at-risk pregnancies living in rural areas had to ride a bus for an hour or more to a hospital to have their babies. These mothers were mostly young and very poor with few resources. The Vet Team was determined to do something when they returned home. In cooperation with their home churches and supported by the diocese, they raised funds to build and open a state-of-the-art prenatal care center for mothers and their new babies.

Now it's our turn! Our goal is 500 Mommy Kits and we want to make it easy for you! Three ways to answer the call to action: Click [here](#).



FAITH and growth

You are invited!

Alpha gives guests an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. Listen, learn, discuss, and discover. Ask anything.

RSVP: Christy – vicksfamily5@gmail.com

When?

Wednesdays 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm

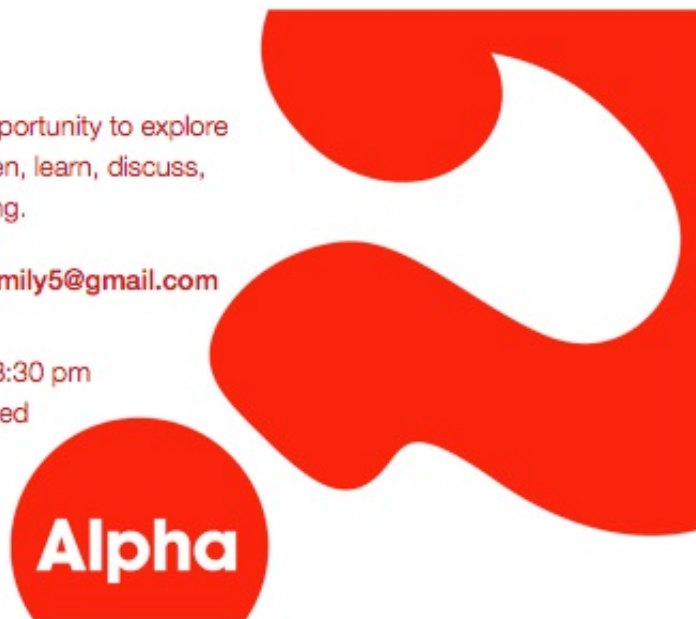
Dinner & Childcare Included

January 14 – March 25

Celebration Dinner

January 7, 2015

Saint Elizabeth



It's not too late to join the Winter Alpha Course. There were 27 adults and 14 children (plus caregivers) in attendance at the preview, 4 of whom will be moving on to Beta (see below). Alpha is a beginner's practical course in Christianity. Christy Vick is coordinating the Winter group and Pastor Jennifer will be leading discussions. Contact [Christy](#) to reserve dinner this week. More information [here](#).

What happens after Alpha?

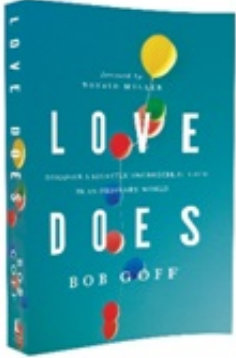
Beta!

The Fall 2014 group is forming Beta - a follow-up Bible study in homes to continue as a group to learn about practical Christianity and for the fun and joy of "doing life together". Perry and Wendy Koon will lead the discussion. The first Beta group begins meeting this week at the home of Erin and Steve Kowalik in the Bradfield Village neighborhood of Buda. All Alpha grads are invited! Contact [Steve Kowalik](#) or [Perry Koon](#).



Overwhelming Opportunities!

There are wonderful opportunities for growth and learning around the Diocese of West Texas. Here are a few that are coming up. Register for all of them at <http://www.dwtx.org/calendar-events/events/>



Bob Goff, author of *Love Does*

St. David's, San Antonio, January 22

St. David's Church and School, San Antonio, along with the Diocese of West Texas, will welcome best-selling author Bob Goff to the church on Thursday, January 22, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Experience first-hand the dynamic story-telling and contagious joy of Bob Goff, author of *Love Does*. The New York Times bestseller encourages readers to live a lifestyle that fiercely seeks out ways of showing love. Visit

www.bobgoff.com for more information about Bob and

tinyurl.com/bobgoffatsaintdavids for the Facebook Event and event updates.

Registration is open to all, but please help us provide enough seats for everyone by following the "register" link above. And invite a friend! St. David's is located at 1300 Wiltshire, 78209.



Creating Common Good with the Archbishop of Canterbury

Reconciliation, San Antonio, January 22-23

Trinity Institute, part of Trinity Wall Street Episcopal Church, presents "Creating Common Good: a practical conference for economic equality," a live broadcasted event on Thursday, January 22, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, January 22 and 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., to be shown at Reconciliation, San Antonio (8900 Starcrest, 78217). World-class speakers include the Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Cornel West; Barbara Ehrenreich; Juliet Schor; and the Rt. Rev. Julio Murray, who will speak on

the pervasive and overwhelming issue of economic inequality with emerging and inclusive theological perspectives to engage in inquiry, dialogue, and reflection. This conference is open to the public, with an as-you-are-able registration fee at the door: \$50, \$30, or \$10 for Institute experience. Lunch orders are \$7 per day for Friday and Saturday with a reservation to info@cor-satx.org. RSVP to attend Ann Helmke. Partners of this broadcast include: Compassionate San Antonio, Episcopal Church of Reconciliation, Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, Haven for Hope Spiritual Services, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio Community of Congregations, San Antonio peaceCENTER, and San Antonio Sponsoring Committee.

Craft Retreat at Camp Capers

January 23-25

The annual Craft Retreat, led by Sue Hardaway, will be held at Camp Capers Friday-



Sunday, January 23-25. For adult girls ages 18 and up; \$120 per person. Bring your craft projects, brand new or on-going, to Camp Capers to create alongside others from around the diocese. Stay in the new Meadow Cross and River Bluff lodges and enjoy time to share ideas and build friendships. Email Sue to let her know your project and if you'll need a table. [Register through link above.](#)



Music Lecture Series with Dr. Jeremy Begbie

St. Luke's, San Antonio February 6-7

Jeremy Begbie is coming to San Antonio for a one-of-a-kind lecture series, "More than Meets the Ear: What does Music have to do with God?" To see a preview, click here. Dr. Begbie is the director of Duke University's Initiatives in Theology and the Arts. Lecturing from behind a piano, Dr. Begbie will demonstrate and discuss unique ways in which we can know and express God through music. This lecture series is not just for the church musician but for anyone with an interest in theology and/or music; and will take

place on Friday-Saturday, February 6-7, at St. Luke's, San Antonio (11 St. Luke's Lane, 78209). This event is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas' Commission on Liturgy and Music.



Father-Son Retreat at Camp Capers

February 6-8

The annual Father-Son Retreat at Camp Capers will be held Friday-Sunday, February 6-8. Boys ages six to 18 are invited to bring their fathers or a fatherly guardian along to camp. The weekend will strengthen relationships, equipping dads,

and empowering sons. The weekend will be lead by the Revs. Scott Brown, Brad Landry, and Ripp Hardaway. Cost is \$120 per adult and \$80 per child; all meals are provided from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. [Register online through the link above.](#)



Senior High: Sunday Night Live at the Bishop Jones Center

February 8

Sunday Night Live (SNL) will be held on Sunday evening, February 8, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Mission Room at the Bishop Jones Center (111 Torcido, 78209) in San Antonio.

SNL is a gathering for high school-age youth in the San Antonio area and is led by students that participate in the diocesan College Missions programs on various college campuses. The evening includes worship, a talk, small groups, fellowship,

and dinner. For more information contact the Director of College Missions, Greg Richards.



Food for the Soul at Mustang Island Conference Center

February 13-15

The annual Food for the Soul weekend at Mustang Island Conference Center will include cooking classes with Kathy Jansen and her staff, along with worship and fellowship. The weekend kicks off with dinner on Friday evening and concludes with brunch on Sunday morning. The Rev. Lisa Mason from St. David's, San Antonio, will serve as chaplain. Food for the Soul explores the presence of Jesus in food, fellowship, and fun. Cost per person is \$245 double occupancy and \$295 single occupancy. Questions? Call Mustang Island Conference Center at 361-749-1800.



Diocesan Council San Marcos Embassy Suites and Conference Center

February 26-28

The 111th annual Diocesan Council will be held at the Embassy Suites and Conference Center in San Marcos, Thursday-Saturday, February 26-28. The host church is St. John's, New Braunfels. Details are developing on the Council website, and Pre-Council meeting locations and times are set.

Registration will open on December 11 for attendees, and on November 17 for exhibitors. The diocesan theme for 2015 is "Called to Serve," based on Mark 10:42, 45.



Cursillo #267

Camp Capers March 5-8, 2015

Cursillo #267 will be held at Camp Capers, Thursday-Sunday, March 5-8. The Rector for the weekend is Caroline Mowen from St. Luke's, San Antonio, and the Spiritual Director is the Rev. John Badders, also from St. Luke's. Cursillo is a spiritual renewal weekend for adults. More information can be found here; or

[register online following the link above.](#)

Spirit of Water, Spirit of Aloha: Finding God at the Beach

Mustang Island Conference Center

March 6-8

Do you feel closer to God when you're at the beach, by a river, or just splashing around in the water? Do you ever wish you could just sit by the ocean, say your prayers, and soak in the sunshine of the Spirit? Then take some time for yourself this



Lent and attend the "Spirit of Water" retreat at Mustang Island Conference Center with the Rev. Ben Nelson, rector of St. Mark's, San Marcos. The retreat will be held Friday-Sunday, March 6-8. This retreat is designed to combine traditional church teaching on baptism, language from Hawaiian culture, and an experience with nature. By using these three very different lenses, a participant is

given the opportunity to go deeper spiritually and find God even more present in our daily lives.



Happening #130 St. Philip's, Beeville

March 6-8

Happening #130 will be held at St. Philip's, Beeville, Friday-Sunday, March 6-8. Happenings are spiritual renewal weekends for high schoolers in grades 10 through 12. Register through the link [above](#), or learn more about Happening here.

Spring Women's Gathering at Camp Capers

April 17-19

The annual Spring Women's Gathering will be held at Camp Capers Friday-Sunday, April 17-19. Sponsored by the Commission for Women's Ministries, the retreat is open to women across the diocese - and men. The theme is "Our Stories - Full of Grace," and participants will gather to share stories in a safe place and learn to listen to the stories of others. Registration to open soon. Contact Marjorie George with questions.



LOVE and fellowship



Save these dates for your church family:

Congregational Annual Meeting: February 1

Scout Sunday and Congregational Picnic: February 8

Camp Sunday: February 15

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