



# Good News

The Newsletter of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church • Denton, Texas

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## Blessing of the Animals, 2010



photos by Emanda Johnson

# AN ABBREVIATED HISTORY OF ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## *Part III of III*

### **The Here and Now**

Most exciting about the history of St. B's is that there is still more to come. The twenty-first century has seen an enrollment explosion in the Sunday school and growth in its youth program. The longtime emphases on strong lay leadership and on outreach have continued. We continue to enjoy the assistance and guidance of priest associates (in 2010, the Reverend Canon Jimmye Kimmey and the Reverend William MacMillan). Music continues to be a ministry held in the highest esteem under the direction of the organist and choir master. We have watched beloved friends and family leave us and welcomed the arrival of new members and their families. We are a small downtown church by choice, and with this choice we continue to create a mission that serves God and its community.

### **St. Barnabas Clergy**

The Reverend George S. Gibbs	1892
The Reverend Walter B. Clark	1919
The Reverend E. S. Middleton	1921
The Reverend Charles James Kinsolving	1929-1936
The Reverend Clarence R. Haden, Jr.	1936-1946
The Reverend Miller M. B. Sale	1937-1938
The Reverend H. G. Hennessy	1938-1939
The Reverend John William Schwer	1939-1942
The Reverend Homer Francis Rogers	1942-1953
The Reverend William Joseph Heilman	1954
The Reverend Thomas Talley	1954-1961
The Reverend John Harrison Heidt	1962-1964
The Reverend Emmett M. Waits	1965-1973
The Reverend Albert A. Bradshaw	1973-1974
The Reverend Charles E. Walling	1975-1984
The Reverend A. Patterson Young (Interim Rector)	1984
The Reverend John William (Bill) Brown	1984-1988
The Reverend Charles T. Williams	1989-1993
The Reverend Christianne McKee (Interim Rector)	1994-1995
The Reverend Donald K. Johnson	May, 1995-Present

### **NOTABLE FACTS:**

- 1875: Bishop Alexander Garrett visited Denton from Decatur regarding the need for an Episcopal church in Denton County.
- 1892: The Reverend George S. Gibbs was assigned to Denton on a temporary basis.



- 1923: The first St. Barnabas church structure was built at 401 North Locust Street.
- 1933: St. Barnabas achieved regular mission status (changed from preaching mission).
- 1938: Through a donation by the Evers family, the church building was moved from Locust Street to its current location, 1200 North Elm.
- 1940's: The Texas Boys' Choir was founded in Denton and used St. Barnabas frequently for meetings and performances until moving to Ft. Worth in the 1950's.
- 1946: St. Barnabas changed from mission to parish and the Reverend Homer Francis Rogers became the first rector.
- 1954-62: Under the Reverend Thomas Talley St. Barnabas founded the Canterbury House at North Texas.
- 1959: Renovations to the church included a new alter, expansion westward to include a baptismal font and choir loft, a new front entrance, and a rector's apartment.
- 1967: St. Barnabas was partly destroyed by fire on August 16. Alis Dickinson Adkins began her tenure as organist and choir director.
- 1968: Bishop Charles Avery Mason re-consecrated St. Barnabas on October 13.
- 1988: "The Bars" are added to St. B's sanctuary.
- 1975: The parish is instrumental in the establishment of Ann's Haven, Hospice of Denton County.
- 1989: The rectory at 1205 Locust was changed from a single family dwelling to a facility for Christian education.
- 1993: The Reverend Charles Williams encouraged the work of renewing and redecorating the sanctuary before his untimely death in office.
- 1994: The current baptismal font, designed and constructed by Harlan Butt, was donated in memory of Roy Elders by his friends and family.
- 1995: The Reverend Donald K. Johnson became rector.
- 2008: The parish celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a mission and parish..



## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Daughters of the King will meet at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 13, in the parish hall for Morning Prayer and to complete discussion of the Joan Chittister book, *Welcome to the Wisdom of the World*. Business items will include updating the prayer list and determining the next discussion topic, reading, or project. Members are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and stay to visit after the service and discussion.



### Upcoming Events!

- Cornerstone Yard Sale – Nov. 6
- Harvest Dinner – Nov. 6 at 6:30 pm
- Thanksgiving Eve Service – Nov. 24 at 7:00 pm
- Thanksgiving Dinner – Nov. 25 at noon
- Book Club – Nov. 29 at 7:00 pm

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ST. BARNABAS

# FALL FEAST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010  
6:30 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP • FOOD • FUN

SILENT AUCTION

TICKETS:  
\$25 INDIVIDUAL  
\$50 PER FAMILY  
(AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE  
OR FROM A VESTRY MEMBER)

## ART AT ST. BARNABAS

The focus of our worship is the altar. It sits in an elevated space behind the altar rails of brass and wood. This space is designated as the sanctuary, meaning “Holy”. The altar is constructed of veined black marble and white marble. Perhaps you have been drawn to this fixture in our church by its simplicity and beauty. The white marble is not polished, but the black marble has an almost mirrored finish. Within the veining of the black marble there seems to be a circular pattern around the incised and gilt figures around the cross.

If the letters seem foreign, that is because they are. They are the lower-case letters from the Greek alphabet for x (chi) p (rho) a (alpha) w (omega). Chi and Rho are the first two letters of the Greek spelling for “Christ”. But we are probably familiar with the Alpha-Omega letters. Alpha and Omega represents the beginning and the end, referring to Christ as the beginning and the end. The design is from a now-defunct periodical “Holy Cross” and was executed by a Dallas stone mason by the instruction of Father Thomas Talley.

Father Talley writes in his notes about the church’s art that the altar originally had a small niche in the mensa, or table top. This niche contained a relic of St. Vincent of Saragossa, martyred deacon of the 4th century. That reliquary is no longer there and probably went missing after the devastating fire of the 1960s.

*Emanda Johnson*





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**Welcome!**

We seek to glorify God through our worship and to serve one another and our neighbors through caring fellowship, Christian education, and outreach to the community in the Name of Christ.

We are members of the world-wide Anglican communion and believe that Scripture, tradition, and reason are the sources of authority in our corporate and personal lives. We see thinking and free intellectual inquiry as the friends of spirituality, not its foes. We welcome diversity.

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Or Current Resident

NOVEMBER 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Harvest Dinner - 6:00 pm Altar Guild Team 1
7 *Regular Schedule	8	9	10 **Regular Schedule	11	12	13 Altar Guild Team 2
14 *Regular Schedule	15	16	17 **Regular Schedule	18	19	20 Vestry Meeting 9am Altar Guild Team 3
21 Good News deadline *Regular Schedule	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00 pm	25 Thanksgiving Dinner	26	27 Altar Guild Team 4
28 *Regular Schedule	29 Book Club 7:00 pm	30				
<a href="#">facebook</a> <i>St Barnabas is on Facebook! Check us out, and become a fan!</i>		<b>*Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 8:00 a.m. HE (Rite I, spoken) 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. HE (Rite II, Sung)		<b>**Regular Wednesday Schedule</b> 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:20 p.m. HE 7:00 p.m. potluck		

**November Anniversaries and Birthdays**

1	Jarod Greene Wilson Alexander Cook Silas Zichawo	Baptism Birthday Birthday
2	Stabbison Zichawo	Baptism
4	Jonathan Foote Julia & Michael Monticino	Birthday Wedding
6	Laurelle Campbell Sally Jackson	Birthday Birthday
8	Lisa Lingren Hannah Nicole Wilson	Confirmation Birthday
9	Christopher Strauss Mia Leavell	Birthday Baptism
10	Richard Sale Shamiso Zichawo	Birthday Birthday
13	Richard Sale Teel Sale	Confirmation Confirmation
14	Ron Chrisman	Birthday
15	Clare Adkins Cason	Baptism
20	Valerie Meredith Fr. Bill & Barbara MacMillan	Confirmation Wedding
23	Meredith Burgess Holly Martin Amanda Leavell Winston Rose Jackson Strecher Niddi Uzor Stabbison Zichawo Kori Kitts	Confirmation Confirmation Confirmation Confirmation Confirmation Confirmation Confirmation Confirmation
24	Susan & Mike Beyerlein	Wedding
25	Suzy McBrayer Lori Weller Victoria Bustos	Birthday Birthday Birthday
26	Jim Pavelka Harry Williams	Birthday Birthday
27	Lisa Lingren Mona Alexander	Birthday Birthday
28	Vann Campbell	Birthday
29	Sarah Holt	Birthday
30	Emanda Johnson	Confirmation