GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This space in Calvary Life is always reserved for newer members of the church to share their story so we might get to know them better. If you have not yet appeared here, please write a brief introduction and get it to Anne Scarborough or Amber Zentis.

GINGER JOHNSON

My name is Helen “Ginger” Johnson and I moved from Reno, Nevada to Richmond, Texas last summer. As many of people in my age group do, I moved here to be closer to a family member. I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and went to Boston University, where I met and married my husband. My husband was in the Air Force so, as a member of a military family, I’ve lived in Missouri, New Hampshire, California, and New Mexico. Our only foreign tour was to the Philippines during the Vietnam War. During those years I taught English literature and language arts to middle school, high school, and college students. After leaving the military, we ended up in Reno, Nevada. Then, after my husband died in October of last year, I decided to follow through on the move we had planned and moved here by myself. I am pleased to be living so close to my daughter who lives in Sugar Land and to be a new member of the congregation here at Calvary Episcopal Church.

MARTY & JIM BUSH

Marty Bush has recently joined Calvary Episcopal Church because of the friendship and welcoming spirit of Calvary. She and her husband retired in Richmond in July 2016 and live in Pecan Lakes. Their five grandchildren and a daughter and her husband, who live in Texana, made the decision easy.

The Bushes moved from Waco. Jim, Marty’s husband, is third generation in Waco. Marty only lived in Waco for 49 years (she was still considered a “new-comer”). Jim and Marty met at Texas Tech in Lubbock where Marty was raised, and have been married for 53 years. Jim was a professional bowler after college with Marty joining him on the tour. It was a great experience and fun time in their lives traveling all over the United States. They have two children, Brad and Missi Bush. While in Waco, they were active at St. Alban’s.

Jim and Marty were owners of Bush Building Corporation, a commercial design/construction company. In 1984 they constructed Central Christian Church overlooking Lake Waco.

Marty was very active in Waco as member and officer of Keep Waco Beautiful, Waco Historic Foundation, Waco Cotton Pageant, Waco ISD Scholarship Committee along with other originsations. Jim too was active in Waco. Before moving from Waco, he served on the City Council and as Mayor of Waco. Marty had the honor and joy of being the “First Lady of Waco”.

PRESTON STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN FALL 2018 WORK DAY

From Kate Brewer and Lois Whitehead

We recently held a successful Fall Work Day at the community garden. With the help of our dedicated current gardeners and other enthusiastic volunteers from Calvary and First Baptist Church, plus NHS students from Austin High School, we finished cleaning out the production beds and have continued to plant fall and winter vegetables such as cauliflower, broccoli, green beans, collards, cabbage, beets and carrots. Together we accomplished other tasks on our “to-do” list such as cleaning out the sheds and weeding and trimming in the Bell Garden.

We have enjoyed some relief from the Texas heat so that we can still harvest okra and peppers from the summer crops. From January through September of 2018, we have raised and donated over 1,400 lbs. of produce to Helping Hands, the Women’s Shelter and anyone in need in the North Richmond community.

If anyone is interested, we have a few individual raised beds available at the community garden for fall and winter planting. Contact Kate Brewer or Lois Whitehead. We always welcome anyone who wants to visit the garden or who wants to volunteer to help harvest or attend our work days. We recommend a stroll through the Bell Garden and the beautiful orchard, also a rest on a bench under the pergola to enjoy the lovely wind chimes!
Clergy Corner

Dear People of Calvary,
What an exciting time to be a Christian! To some, it may feel as though the world is “coming apart at the seams.” To the Christian, our world situation is one of unlimited opportunities to share our faith and the Good News of Jesus.

The question I am most often asked is, “What is it you do?” And, while a thorough explanation of the diaconate takes more writing space than I have here, there are a couple of things that most clearly define the role of the deacon.

As a leader of the Church’s servant ministry, the deacon is to bring the needs of the world into the congregation’s consciousness, and lead the baptized into ministries that bring the church’s resources to a hurting world.

A deacon’s role in the liturgy symbolizes this servant ministry. The first and most noticeable sign is the deacon’s stole which is worn like a sash, draped over the left shoulder, across the chest and pinned over the right hip. A traditional understanding of the deacon’s stole is that it resembles the towel across the shoulder of Jesus when he washed the disciples’ feet. Whenever baptized persons see a deacon, it is a visual cue that, like the deacon, they are servants.

And, at the end of the worship service the deacon sends the people out to love and serve the Lord. These words are not just a convenient closing like saying goodbye at the end of a conversation. The words of dismissal are a reminder that all baptized Christians are to serve others in the world by what they say and do.

Betty Ann Taylor recently led a very nice evening for the women of the church here at Calvary. We had a catered dinner, a craft project, and a book reading from a book titled The Butterfly Effect, How Your Life Matters. The Butterfly Effect is the scientific theory that a single occurrence, no matter how small, can set in motion events that change the course of the universe forever. The point of the book being – What we do matters. Or, as John Lewis, one of my New Testament professors reminded my class, “Your little decisions have eternal consequences.”

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the deacon at Calvary Church. Calvary already has many ministries that reach into the community to meet the needs of those who are “the least among us.” I’m looking forward to getting to know more about these ministries, as well as getting to know the leaders and participants.

When we serve others, we share our faith and the Good News of Jesus. Our ordinary and often unnoticed interactions can change the world one person at a time.

God’s peace,
Rev. Nancy
**RALLY DAY**

The Rally Day experience is a clear indicator that Calvary is serving the Lord and ministering to others in so many ways. The Parish Hall was abuzz with opportunities for church members to explore our many church ministries, ask questions, and become involved in areas meaningful to them. As always, thanks to Anne Scarborough for organizing, and to all of the ministry leaders who staffed their tables and brought goodies for everyone to nibble!

**CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRIES**

Calvary is blessed with wonderful clergy. On Sunday, August 19, we celebrated with Rev. Lecia Brannon as she moves from being Curate to Associate Rector; and with Rev. Nancy Wilkes who recently was ordained Deacon and assigned to Calvary. Congratulations!
CELEBRATING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Parents, young people and teachers all view the start of a new school year differently. But one thing they all do together is prepare for the year ahead with prayer, and the blessing of the backpacks. This year at Calvary was no exception.

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

Fearfully and Wonderfully made is a fairly new program for Calvary designed as a family activity. From the looks on their faces, the first program was a special delight for the children. On a summer Saturday, families gathered for pancakes by one of our favorite cook teams, Ellie and Tony O’Dell, and to hear a wonderful presentation by the Texas Wildlife Rehab Specialists. We enjoyed seeing – and in some cases, touching - turtles, snakes, a screech owl and a very cool Virginia possum. It was a fun time learning about God’s glorious kingdom.

EYC

From Suzette Hillis

EYC would like to welcome Andrew and Hogan to EYC this year. The kids have been really busy starting off the season with Kickball Slip and Slide, which was a lot of fun and we’re happy to report no major injuries! On September 23rd, Stephanie Towne from the Dioceses of Texas came and talked to the kids about the pro’s and con’s of social media. This was a very informative meeting and the youth had a lot of input. EYC has started the year off with a community service project. On October 7th, all enjoyed baking 1200+ cookies for the Kairos prison ministry.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK) CROSS MINISTRY

Calvary has 22 young people who are currently engaged with their high school adventure. On August 26, incoming Freshmen were presented a cross by their parents, and those crosses are now hanging in the Narthex as a reminder that all of us should “blanket” these students in prayer to guide them on their high school journey. At the end of their Senior year, the crosses will be returned to them.
CALVARY CARE TEAM

The Care Team, under the lay leadership of Janice Linsenmayer, takes a very active role in Pastoral Care. This takes many forms, and two recent examples are programs led by the team for church members.

They have conducted several healing services, and the July 29th service offered scripture readings, prayers, anointing, and time for peaceful reflection. On September 19th, Planning Your Future was well-attended as parishioners enjoyed dinner and then heard speakers on important end-of-life issues that are best addressed early.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Church is not just for 2-legged creatures, but blessings are available to the 4-legged ones as well. God made us all!
On August 15th, excitement and energy radiated from all the students as they filled the hallways of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory. Students at Calvary enter the doors expecting each year to be greater than the last. With 43 new students, Calvary’s returnees have an opportunity to meet many new friends in all grade levels. In addition, 10 of those students are international students who bring with them cultural experiences that will be shared and celebrated by all.

Since one of the Calvary’s top priority is the safety and security of their students and staff, new measures have been implemented. For instance, anyone coming on to campus will be cleared through the new Raptor system; added security and safety measures to all entrances and assessible areas; the internal security measures that have been added to classrooms. Calvary is also proud to announce that their highly active CPTO (Calvary Parent Teacher Organization) generously donated 2 iPad carts with 24 iPads each, allowing modern technology to be more accessible. An added surprise is Calvary’s two new buses, that were supported by the financial efforts of CPTO, Calvary Episcopal Church and generous family donations. The buses allow for field trip transportations and athletic events to be seamless for parents.
Church Staff
The Rev. Paul Wehner, Rector
The Rev. Lecia Brannon, Assoc. Rector
The Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon
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Worship Services
Sunday
8:00 AM Traditional
9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages (adjourned for summer)
10:30 AM Contemporary

Tuesday
9:30 AM Traditional

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Oscar Lozano, Jr. Warden
David Taylor, Clerk
Leslie Amentini
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