

# Calvary Life

Fall 2019



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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### *KEN AND MAGGIE FISHER*

Ken and Maggie met in Elmendorf AFB Anchorage Alaska in 1965 when they were both officers. Maggie was a nurse and Ken a pilot. Maggie resigned her commission when they married. They spent the next 21 years in the Air Force. They have a daughter, Susan, who lives in Sugar Land and a son, Mike, living in Tampa. They have 6 wonderful grandchildren ranging in age from 20 to 11. They moved to Del Webb last November and stay busy with golf and community activities. They love being near their daughter for the first time since she left home for Baylor. They appreciate all the friendly faces at Calvary and hope to be with you for many years.



### *ROBIN (ROB) AND JAN RITCHIE*

Rob and Jan Ritchie have been married for nearly 22 years. Rob is the co-founder and Managing Partner for ProHealth Resources LLP, healthcare staffing and permanent placement firm. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and holds a Master's Degree in Government from TCU. Rob also served 27 years in both the active and reserve components of the U.S. Army where he held worldwide command and staff positions. Jan recently began a new career as a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor. She arrived in Texas in 1990 after living in California and Alaska.

Rob is a past Board President of Fort Bend County Habitat for Humanity as well as former Vice Chairman of Habitat Texas, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Impact a Hero, a 501C3 that provides a wide range of support to post 9/11 wounded veterans. They enjoy ballroom dancing and spending time with family, including their dogs and cats.



### *ROBERT AND MELY TELLEZ*

Originally from South Texas (Rio Grande Valley), Robert and Mely Tellez have called the Houston area home for past 13 years and most recently residing in Long Meadow Farms. We have three children; Christian (7 yrs), Nicolas (5 yrs) and Emma (3 yrs). Christian and Nicolas attend Pecan Grove Elementary. Robert is employed as an Engineering Manager in the Oil and Gas Industry and Mely is a family physician with Methodist Hospital. We enjoy taking family trips together across Texas visiting family and friends.





## Changing Seasons

*“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” Genesis 8:22*

*Dear People of Calvary,*

For some reason each year, the return to the school classroom marks the end of summer (even though it's still steamy outside) and turns our heads to the beginning of the next season.

Growing up in New England, I am always ready for fall—the dramatic changes in temperature and the glory of colored leaves—long before fall comes to south Texas. No matter the reading on the thermometer, fall decorations are throughout the house and on my front door by October 1. No exceptions!

Calvary is also in a new season, marked by the commissioning of the Search Committee. The preliminary work is behind us. We now have a dedicated team of individuals charged with discerning our new rector...or as the commissioning liturgy states:

“...discovering the priest God has already chosen as the Rector of this church.”

I take comfort from the scripture in Genesis. Our life cycles, like the seasons of the year, are driven by change. The life cycles in any church are the result of change—or the cause of it. As the earth endures through the seasons, so will we, because of the enduring love and grace God provides without ceasing.

Yet, even with change, there is repetition, good repetition. As summer follows spring every single year, Calvary enjoys the repetition of Holy worship and the Eucharist, the repetition of Christian fellowship, the repetition of helping our neighbors.

Soon we will welcome the newly confirmed, watch our youngest receive Early Communion, deliver Thanksgiving dinners, and green the church.

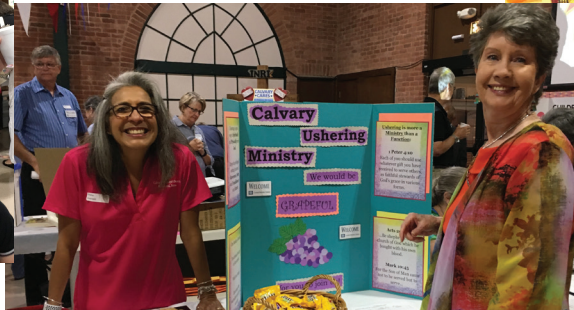
Let us give thanks for that which remains the same, and for that which will change.

*Amber*



## RALLY DAY!

Rally Day, our annual Ministry Fair, reminds us of the many activities and ways to serve that are present at Calvary. It also gives us the opportunity to thank the lay leadership who volunteer their time to engage with us and bring their ideas to life. If you were unable to attend or sign up for a ministry that interests you, call the church office and you'll be directed to the right person!



## SPAGHETTI FOR HABITAT

July 12 found many Calvary members enjoying homemade spaghetti and garlic bread, playing bingo, and bidding on silent auction items, with the proceeds to benefit Habitat for Humanity projects sponsored by Calvary. Carol Freeman, with many helping hands in the kitchen, selling bingo cards and donating auction items, made the evening a success in so many ways- not the least being over \$3,500 in proceeds. Thanks to all!





## CALVARY BEING SOCIAL

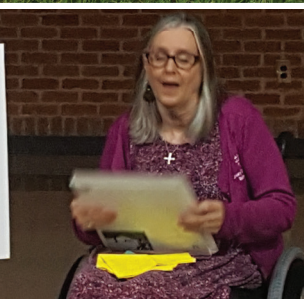
### LADIES EVENING OF SUMMERTIME STORIES AND ICE CREAM!

Nothing tastes better on a hot August night than ice cream with all the toppings.

On August 9, 2019, 33 Calvary women gathered in the Parish Hall. Ice cream was dipped, bananas were split and toppings were topped. Margaret Richardson brought a delicious cake so we could join in her birthday celebration. Then we all laughed and loved together as women told their own stories of summer adventures for a wonderful evening of fellowship.

### SUMMER SUPPER SOCIAL

At the very end of June Frank and Lisa Traylor opened their home for a shared dish supper. People gathered indoors and out to enjoy the good food and one another's company. Thanks to the Traylor's for hosting!





## EPISCOPAL STRONG

Back in July, our church and school hosted the Episcopal Strong Mission Trip. Eight churches from around the Diocese brought nearly 100 youth and adults to Calvary with the objective of working together on Harvey relief. They lived at Calvary for a week, sleeping in the gym, using the kitchen and taking their meals in the parish hall, and closing the day with worship in the Sanctuary. During the day they worked as teams at various home sites. This was an enriching experience for them, and we hope they come back to us next year! Five of our youth participated, and we want to thank church members who pitched in to help.



## BACK TO SCHOOL

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

There was lots of energy at Calvary on August 18 as students and teachers came forward for their blessing to start off the school year. Rev. Lecia treated everyone to the story “I Don’t Want To Be A Frog”, as we wished everyone a good start on this year’s school journey.



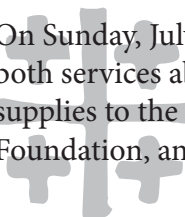
### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING CROSS MINISTRY

Calvary incoming freshmen came forward on Sunday, August 25 with their parents, bringing a cross they chose. The cross will now hang in the Narthex until they graduate from high school, knowing they are “blanketed” in prayer during these formative four years. This year’s freshmen are: Romeo Vasquez, Madeleine Iversen, Rylea Broussard, Olivia Kniss and Thomas Cornwell.



## FOOD FOR THE POOR

On Sunday, July 14, The Rev. Bill Beers, representing Food for the Poor, spoke at both services about the great needs – and the great projects underway – to bring supplies to the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America. The Vestry, the Calvary Foundation, and many of you, made financial donations. Thank you.





## RECTOR TRANSITION UPDATE

It's been a busy summer as Calvary moves forward with the transition process. Much has been accomplished in a relatively short period of time.

- The Rev. Blake Rider, Diocesan Transition Minister, visited Calvary and spoke at a congregational meeting on June 23.
- The parish survey was distributed on July 8, and closed on July 26
- Nominations for Search committee opened on July 28 and closed August 11
- The parish profile is written and was given to the Diocese for approval August 19
- A Search Committee was selected and announced to the parish on August 27
- The Search Committee was commissioned at both worship services on September 8

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The next step is for the Search Committee to receive training, which is happening on Sunday, September 15. Fr. Blake will be with us at both services, and then will spend several hours with the Search Committee.

The Search Committee will be given the Parish Profile on the 15th, and the next day it will be published on our website and the Diocesan website as the official invitation for interested candidates to read and indicate their interest to Fr. Blake. To date Calvary has been posted on the Diocesan site as “pre-search” while we took these initial steps. We will be in “active search” mode once the profile is published.

The Search Committee's first task, using the Parish Profile and the survey results, is to write the interview questions enabling them to understand each candidate's strengths and weaknesses, and the gifts they would bring to Calvary. This is not an easy task and Fr. Blake will provide them with the tools to get a positive result.

Please, let's pray for one another as we worship and work together in true Calvary fashion, and pray for the Search Committee as they begin their work.

Amber Zentis  
Senior Warden





# CALVARY EPISCOPAL

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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John Brun, Organist and Choir Director

Anne Scarborough, Newcomer Coordinator  
Suzette Hillis, Communication  
Betty Anne Taylor, Director of Christian Education  
Sarah Minkert, Safeguarding Administrator  
Jose Portill, Sexton

## Worship Services

### Sunday

8:00 AM Traditional  
9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
10:30 AM Contemporary

### Tuesday

9:30 AM Traditional

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