



# COMFORTABLE WORDS

... *A Monthly Communication from Holy Comforter Church...*

*Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897*

**Holy Comforter**  
Episcopal Church

**JULY 2010**

[www.holycomforterangleton.org](http://www.holycomforterangleton.org)

## Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM Christian Education

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

## Mission Statement

“All are welcome to grow with us through worship, prayer, fellowship, and service at Holy Comforter, a Christ-centered family Church.”

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# Holy Comforter Episcopal Church VBS "Favorite Stories of Faith"

**July 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

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## MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



A few days ago, I watched the movie *Invictus*, starring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon. Perhaps you've seen it; it's the story of newly elected South African President Nelson Mandela's effort to unite a country torn by apartheid.

Mandela had spent 27 years in prison because of his activism against apartheid. Upon his release and subsequent election as President, the South African white minority expected Mandela to treat them with hatred and cruelty, as he himself had been treated. But instead, he declared his commitment to peace and reconciliation. In a telling scene, Matt Damon's character paces off the few feet of Mandela's tiny former prison cell and asks himself: "How can this man forgive?"

How, indeed? Forgiveness, even for small wrongs, is one of the most difficult things for a human being to do. It is also arguably the most powerful thing a human being can do. Mandela's leadership in forgiveness began the journey toward unity for a country torn by hatred and fear.

What powerful reconciliation might we unleash if we choose to exert the power of forgiveness in our own lives? This month in *Coffeehouse Theology* we are going to explore the *Power of Forgiveness* through a 4 week video based series of that name. I invite you to join us Sundays, July 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall as we engage the most challenging subject of our faith: forgiveness.

*Carol*

*All American Picnic*

*Sunday, July 4, 2010*

*Join us after the 10:30 service for hot dogs, chips & dip, and ice cream as we celebrate the independence of our great nation!*

*Want to help out?*

*Bring homemade ice cream to share!!*

## Coffee Hosts for the month of July

- 4 All American Picnic 11 Coffee Host Needed
- 18 Andrea Demopulos 25 Coffee Host Needed
- Bonnie McDaniel

Please contact Betty Mogford at 979-345-2968 if you would like to sign up.



- 4 Gina Wollam
- 5 Betty Mogford
- 6 Breanna Cole  
George Zwicker
- 7 Laura Knapp
- 10 Ronnie White
- 11 Billye Carroll
- 15 Jordan Massingill
- 18 Bonnie McDaniel
- 19 John Stevens
- 31 Monica Clayton  
Mason Hawkins  
Paul Zwicker



## GROWING IN CHRIST

Opportunities abound for Growing in Christ!

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Comforter Kids (ages 2-4) learn the stories of Jesus with teachers Kim Peck and Mikayla Pierce; school-agers enjoy Godly Play under the guidance of a team of teachers; and adults share in thoughtful theological discussion in Coffeehouse Theology, facilitated by Mother Carol.

Won't you join us as we grow in knowledge and grace through the wisdom of scripture?



### “GREEN” TIP OF THE MONTH

Water plants in the morning.

The best time to water plants is usually in the morning, both to maximize the efficiency of H<sub>2</sub>O used and to promote healthy flora.

Save the Date !!  
*Episcopal Night at the Ballpark*



Friday,  
September 10, 2010



- 20 Steve & Monica Clayton
- 24 Trey & Nissa Piccard
- 30 Connte & Eloise Costak

## **It's Hurricane Season... Holy Comforter is preparing!**

**Coordinators Jerry & Annabelle Powell and George Zwicker are collecting contact info from each parishioner. We want to be able to communicate with you before, during, or after a storm! Please be sure we have your cell phone number and information about where you will be if we evacuate! If you need information or help, call one of the Hurricane Team folks listed below. They can answer most questions and get some help to you if needed.**

**Jerry Powell 979-299-4471  
Annabelle Powell 979-292-4970  
George Zwicker 713-542-3429  
Paul Eby 979-215-1343  
Ray Eby 979-215-1773  
Tom Long 979-417-8100  
Jodi Long 979-417-9060  
Lori Hawkins 979-215-1626  
James Northrup 979-299-9203  
Carol Petty 979-549-7440**



## **Discover Malawi**



The Diocese of Texas is pleased to partner with the Diocese of Southern Malawi and with the Rt. Reverend James Tengatenga, who serves as Bishop of Southern Malawi. Tengatenga has been instrumental in developing the companion diocese relationship with the Diocese of Texas. Additionally, Bishop Tengatenga has a huge presence in the world wide Anglican Communion, serving as chair of the Anglican Consultative Council.

A bit of background: Tengatenga did all his pre-college education in Zimbabwe. In 1979 he began theological training and priestly formation at Zomba Theological College after which, in 1982, he continued theological training at The Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. While there he married Jocelyn at St. David's Episcopal Church, Austin Texas. They have three biological children and six children inherited from deceased sisters.

He has a Ph.D (Church and State Relations) from the University of Malawi, D.D (*honoris causa*) from Episcopal Theological Seminary of the South and a D.D. (*honoris causa*) from the General Theological Seminary in New York.

## *Discovery Day is coming Saturday, August 21!*

Come discover (or re-discover) everything you always wanted to know about the Episcopal Church, but were afraid to ask! Discovery Day is an interactive immersion into the Episcopal Church. It begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 2 p.m. Lunch & snacks included!

Join us for a rousing game of Catechetical Pursuit, a fashion show of vestments and much, much more! You'll be able to ask (anonymously!) all the burning questions you've been dying to ask, such as: Why do people bow to the altar? Why is that red candle burning over the choir? And anything else you want to know!

Your Discovery Team is hoping that you will come and join in the fun! Those who complete the day will be eligible (but not required) to be confirmed when Bishop High visits us in August. Those who have already been confirmed are welcomed and encouraged to attend as well.

Please register by calling the Church Office: 849-1269 or e-mailing: [holycomforterangleton@gmail.com](mailto:holycomforterangleton@gmail.com)

We hope to see you there!  
**Your Discovery Team**



Have some free time? Have a power washer?

Holy Comforter could use your help!

You may have noticed the Gulf Coast Grunge starting to grow up the front and sidewalk of the church...yuck!

We'd be most grateful for a good washing!



**Holy Comforter  
loves babies!**

## **Blessing of the Pregnancies**

**Sunday July 11**

All expectant parents are  
welcome to participate!

## *Save the date:*

*HC Welcomes  
the Rt. Rev. Rayford High*



*Bishop & BBQ  
August 29, 2010*





## **From the Children's Ministry.....**



*Sunday morning means FUN for kids at Holy Comforter! Our Godly Play children have been learning about Saints! On July 4, our kiddos will be decorating a cake for the All American Picnic! On the remaining Sundays in July, Comforter Kids & Godly Play kids will combine and enjoy a variety of activities together for a change of pace.*

*Our babies & toddlers and their loving caregivers (and their parents!) are looking forward to moving downstairs, into the space currently occupied by church/school offices. You'll be able to peek in the windows to see all the fun we have on Sunday mornings!*

*We invite your prayers for Holy Comforter's ministry to children; they are God's special gift to us!*



## *Music Notes*

Well...summer is here...I've had a good response about favorite hymns and songs to sing...but I don't know if I have YOURS yet...so send me an email and I'll schedule it ASAP... [music@holycomforterangleton.org](mailto:music@holycomforterangleton.org)

Otherwise, if you want to join the choir in leading worship, please speak with a choir member or just come to the organ after the service...

Keep cool!

*John*

## *Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....*

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on May 11, 2010, with the Rev. Carol Petty presiding. Present were: James Northrup, Lori Hawkins, Barbara Thomas, Dianne Kilgus, Trey Picard, Chip Cole, Lola Kay Hood and Jerry Powell and Ed White. Also present was Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry.

The meeting began with prayer and spiritual reflection led by the Rev. Carol Petty. The minutes of the April regular vestry meeting and the May 2 called meeting were presented and accepted. Due to being busy preparing for the Spring Fling no report was submitted from HCES. Mother Carol reported that the Spring Fling was a huge success.

Senior Warden, Lori Hawkins, reported that she and several others represented HCEC in the Ike Recovery Work Day. She stated that it was a great experience for all.

Junior Warden, James Northrup, reported that he had talked to Mickey White. James reported that Mickey thought that he might start this week but Carol reported that she had talked to him and he said that he would start in three weeks. James reported that he had meet with Doug Roessler and that the plans for parking had changed again. He gave the vestry an update on the changes.

Jerry Powell reported on the altar that has been in storage in an airplane hangar for years; various options for it were discussed. Jerry reported that Ms. Waussen was very appreciative of the donation of the chairs and pews. He also reported that Lee Hall was ready to be moved and that it would be moved some time in June. James thanked Jerry for all the work he has done preparing the building for removal.

Rector's Report: The Mutual Ministry Church & School Committee continues to meet and is currently discussing the sharing of operation expenses for the church building. Mark Neal is moving to Abilene. He will remain on the Endowment Board, serving as Vice-chair for the remainder of this year. His term expires in December. Jerry and Annabelle Powell will be attending a Hurricane Preparedness Seminar in Houston. Stephanie and Dianne will be attending a secretary/administrative assistant hurricane seminar.

Dianne Kilgus presented the financial report. After review James Northrup made a motion to approve the report as presented. Lola Kay Hood made a second and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer

*Barbara Marin*, Clerk of the Vestry

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### **Financial Report**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	10,317.91	64,047.64
Operating Expense	13, 729.76	91,081.32
Surplus or (Deficit)	(3,411.85)	(27,033.68)
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	136.50	30,933.50
Expenditures	215.00	3,609.72

Endowment Fund Balance as of 5/31/10 was \$624,028.70.

Value of mineral properties is in addition to this amount.



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# Join us for Vacation Bible School

Sunday July 18th thru  
Thursday July 22nd  
from 6:00-8:00 PM.  
Space is limited, so  
call 849-1269 to  
register your K – 5th  
grade child today!

**Featuring:  
Favorite Bible  
Stories from the Old  
Testament**



## Highlights

- Come discover Godly Play!
- Join us for fun Activities, Games, Crafts and Singing!

**Please complete the following information:**

Parent/Guardian		Child's Name(s):	Age	Boy/Girl	T-Shirt Size
Address					
Home Phone	Cell Phone				

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# July 2010

## Monthly Planner

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