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## They Bless Us Daily, Let Us Bless Them In Turn

There were four little children in the family, and all of them wanted a puppy. Mother protested because she knew that she would end up having to take care of the dog. But the children promised that they would do all the work. And so the children got their puppy. His name was "Danny." At first, the children kept their promises to care for the puppy, but after a month or so, mother found herself being more and more responsible for cleaning and brushing and feeding the animal. Finally, she had enough. She told the children that a new home would have to be found for Danny. Surprisingly, the children's reactions were mild. Only in a matter-of-fact manner did they indicate that they would "miss him." Mom agreed that they would all "miss him," but she explained that "he was too much work for one person." One of the children asked, "If he wouldn't eat so much and wouldn't be so messy, could we keep him?" But mom stood firm: "It's time for Danny to go to his new home." To which the oldest child responded, "DANNY? . . . We thought you said Daddy!"

There is reason why this story is so easy to believe. I once had a dog whose name was Bo. He was a good dog, don't you know? He had long floppy ears, a short stubby tail, and an energetic personality. He was a smart dog. He knew how to shake hands and how to "speak." Upon command he could also sit, lie down, and roll over. And every chance he got, Bo enjoyed sneaking past us to roam and sniff the neighborhood at will. When I would leave the house, Bo behaved as though he was supposed to go as well, and his countenance would fall when he was bid to stay. Indeed, leaving was a heart wrenching experience that almost always followed the same pattern. He would excitedly follow me to door where I would say to him, "Bo, stay. Be a good dog. I'll be back in a little while." His shoulders would then slump, his head would bow and his ears would drag on the floor. It was such a pitiful sight to behold. As I would pull out of the drive way and pass the front of the house it never failed that his face would appear in the front window. And often when I came home somehow he seemed to know for I always saw his head bobbing in the front window. It was as though his body, as it shook and quivered from one end to the other, was saying with glee "**The King is coming!**" And by the time I came through the door, there he was, jumping up and down, and turning all around, communicating his excitement that all was well. It was sheer unbounded joy. That is the difference between a "Danny" and a "Daddy."

While the Scriptures remind us to tend and care for our animals well, it was St. Francis of Assisi who taught us best. As a young man who took a vow of poverty, he learned to live very close to the world around him. This certainly included a developed close attachment to animals. He found a blessing in each and every one. He learned joy from these creatures and developed a spirituality that exuded that same joy. Though a simple man who brought the joy of the Lord to so many, he also taught us a deeper awareness of God's creation and the many profound blessings around us. It was he who first celebrated the Nativity of Jesus with the building a crèche, which he surrounded with many animals to remind us that they were among the first to welcome our Savior and King.

October 4<sup>th</sup> is the day the Church has set aside for us to celebrate the life of this wonderful saint. It is most often observed by our bringing our pets and animals to a special service to be blessed, where we show them our gratefulness and pray God's special favor upon them. This year we will celebrate his day on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. On that evening we at Emmanuel will celebrate a special blessing of the animals. So bring the creatures that have so much blessed your lives that they too can be blessed through us.

Faithfully,



# From the Desk of Deacon Doyal

A stray female dog appeared in my cousin's yard one day. The dog was shy and skinny-- her ribs were very visible--she was ready to whelp a litter of pups. My cousin got into a dither about what to do with that stray dog. Her conscience wouldn't let her chase the dog away. From her condition and obvious need, the dog had already been abandoned by someone else. But who knew? The dog was in need of food and attention and she had, apparently, wandered along the road until she found a place to search for food and water. She had skin problems and was heavily infested with fleas and other crawly things. But cousin, who had never been very fond of animals--she'd never had a pet in her life--fed the dog and gave her a bath. She dusted the dog with flea powder. Cousin felt stuck: what to do about the dog? Yet she felt pity that such an animal could have been treated so badly. Though she wasn't a pet person, cousin felt compassion. A trip to the vet showed that the dog was in fairly good health despite having been abandoned and was likely to have a healthy litter when she gave birth.

After a long discussion with the vet, my cousin decided that she'd keep the dog long enough for the pups to be born. Yep, she realized that she was really in for a long-term commitment she didn't really want. Cousin said she didn't need a garage full of co-dependents! She was a psychologist and used words like "co-dependent". Well, the dog, whom cousin named D-O-G, pronouncing all the letters, stayed around. With the help of the vet she found homes for the puppies--they were all born healthy, cute and feisty.

As it turned out D-O-G became a member of cousin's household for the next 14 years. D-O-G developed many medical problems that my cousin saw her through. D-O-G had to be put down when the vet said he could do nothing more for D-O-G's cancers. I had asked cousin about keeping D-O-G so long when she didn't really want a pet. She got a wry look on her face and said, well, if she'd been in need and abandoned pregnant, she hoped that someone would take her in and see to her and the baby's needs.

I think often of my cousin's love and kindness taking care of D-O-G, one of God's many critters. Just as we should be mindful of our obligations in looking after God's critters: all of God's creation. In Genesis we find God's instructions to care for his creation: to nurture the living things and to be responsible for his legacy--the earth, the sky, the seas--and all we've inherited from our creator.

The messages we glean from the Bible is to practice and perfect radical love of God's creation, of God's critters and everything that God has said was good.

*Deacon Doyal Davis*



# Youth & Family Ministry



## **Blessing of the Animals at the Feast of St Francis**

Wednesday Night, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Bring your pets for a blessing and celebration of God's gift in our lives.

Blessing is at 6:00pm, Family Supper to Follow



## **Strum and Drum Weekend**

October 28 and 29

7<sup>th</sup> Graders and Up. For those interested in learning the basics of guitar playing or drumming. Note that this is NOT an over-night retreat, but will take place Friday and Saturday at All Souls Church in Oklahoma City. Tim Sean is a guitar leader for this retreat and can provide transportation back and forth. Cost is \$35 plus T-Shirt and Song Book extra. You can register online at the Diocese:

<http://epiok.org>

Click on: Christian Formation/Youth

Click on: Strum and Drum Weekend

## **Diocesan Convention High School Lock-In, Tulsa, OK**

November 4 & 5

Ask Tim Sean and Nathan Johnson for more information.



## **A Church-Wide Parents Meeting**

Sunday Night October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Childcare will be provided.

This will be, among other things, a preliminary discussion about our church's role in your child's Sex Education. What kind of sex education are you and their school providing? What kind of a role do you want your spiritual community to play? Are your kids getting what they need to navigate what many may feel is an overly sexualized culture? The Church has a beautiful and meaningful theology of the sexual parts of our humanity, a spiritual gift of God's love for us. How do we intentionally communicate that to them? To each other as adults?

We will also discuss church related topics like Youth Camp, fundraising, and how everyone is feeling in general about our life together.

Practice Resurrection...

*Tim Sean Youmans*

## **Morning Prayer**

Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer will be offered each Monday morning in the Lady Chapel from 8:00am till around 8:40am.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> Pentecost XVI 8:00 AM – Rite I 9:15 AM Formation 10:30 AM–Rite II	<b>3</b> 7 PM EFM	<b>4</b> 7 AM BSA Breakfast	 <b>5</b> 5:15 AIG 6:15 PM Meal 7 PM Family Activities	<b>6</b> 11 AM Class/Mass/ Lunch	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM People First	<b>8</b> 7:30-9 AM Breakfast on Broadway Outreach & Prayer Pups
<b>9</b> Pentecost XVII 8:00 AM – Rite I 9:15 AM Formation 10:30 AM-Rite II 1:30PM Visiting Rabbi	<b>10</b> 7PM EFM  Columbus Day	<b>11</b> 7AM BSA Breakfast	<b>12</b> 5:15 AIG 6:15 PM Meal 7 PM Family Activities	<b>13</b> 11 AM Class/Mass/ Lunch	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Pentecost XVIII 8:00 AM – Rite I Formation 10:30 AM-Rite II	<b>17</b> 7PM EFM	<b>18</b> 7AM BSA Breakfast	<b>19</b> No Activities	<b>20</b> 11 AM Class/Mass/ Lunch	<b>21</b> 12:30-5:30 Blood Drive 6:30 PM People First	<b>22</b>
			Fall Break			
<b>23</b> Pentecost XIX 8:00 AM – Rite I 9:15 AM Formation 10:30 AM - Rite II	<b>24</b> 7PM EFM  <b><u>Newsletter Deadline</u></b>	<b>25</b> 7AM BSA Breakfast	<b>26</b> 5:15 AIG 6:15 PM Meal 7 PM Family Activities	<b>27</b> 11 AM Class/Mass/Lunch 6 PM Children of Divorce 7 PM Vestry Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Pentecost XX Christ the King 8:00 AM – Rite I Formation 10:30 AM–Rite II <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sun. Lunch</b>	<b>31</b> 7PM EFM   Happy Halloween					

Emmanuel will once again host the Seminole Jewish Community visiting Rabbi at our parish on Sunday October 9th at 1:30 in the afternoon. Each year their community invites a student Rabbi from the Reformed Jewish Seminary in Ohio to lead them during the Holy Season of Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah. He or she will be preaching at the Methodist church in Seminole that morning and then present a short presentation for us with discussion afterward that afternoon. Refreshments will be served.

Need a part-time, full-charge bookkeeper with financial statement and budgeting experience for church office. Must be computer savvy. Position opening after January 1, 2012. Please provide resume to Church Office for review. Thank you.

Daryl McVey, Senior Warden

### **SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT**

The committee continues to review candidates' profiles and get additional information from some of the candidates. We have a number to examine and listen to recorded sermons. It is very helpful to be able to hear a candidates' sermon without having to travel to their parish. It is a slow process to get all the information and communicate back and forth with the candidates. Keep the committee and our parish in your prayers by

continuing to pray the Prayer for Discernment.

*Mike Lodes*

**Prayer for Discernment:** Lord God, direct us and our doings that we may be of one heart and mind. Grant us your continual help through the Holy Spirit in all our undertakings. Look graciously upon our Church and for the person for the people of this parish and equip us for our ministries.

### **ADULT INTEREST GROUP -- Wednesday's 5:15pm in St. Augustines**

We got a great start to the new Adult group on Wednesday's. We have finished a short series based upon "This I Believe," a segment of NPR's morning edition. We entered into Holy space and ground as we each listened to the other's statement of belief.

We are a new enough group that we are still developing our plans but they will be posted on the Bulletin Board of the Education wing, in the Sunday Bulletin and eventually in the Te Deum. This group is open to all adults but no

babysitting is provided.

*Elizabeth Davis*

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### **Did You Know?**

A recent study has found that solvents like perchloroethylene or PERC are retained in clothing and soft furnishings after dry cleaning. PERC is a common dry cleaning solvent used by most dry cleaning companies and has been linked to cancer and neurological damage. According to the study, wool fabrics were the worst culprit but cotton and polyester also tended to absorb the chemicals over time. While the debate rages on about what levels are acceptable in the home or in clothing worn on the body, you might be interested in more immediate action. Consider taking your items to a "green" dry cleaner such as Shawnee Cleaners and Laundry. The study found that fabrics cleaned at "green" dry cleaners were PERC-free. Or save a penny instead and just hang your clothes out to dry on the clothes line. The air is still cheap and relatively clean!

For more information on this study, visit [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com) and search for "Study:

Perc remains in dry-cleaned clothes.

*Turner*

*Shawna*

### Dear Family Promise Family,

As you know, most non-profit agencies function on limited resources to provide services to people in need. Family Promise of Shawnee is no different. We are in need of volunteers to assist in the maintenance and upkeep of our day center. If you are an electrician, plumber, heating/cooling, appliance repair professional, etc. would you consider volunteering a professional service to our cause? Currently we are in need of someone to put insulation in our attic to help reduce our monthly utility bills. We have an estimate from a local professional for \$1500 which above what we can afford. We can purchase the materials, but seek someone who can install the insulation.

We are also in need of someone to repair one of our washer units. If you are willing to donate your time and services for a worthy cause, please call me at 405-273-0161. Thank you.

Peggy S. Johnson

Executive Director, Family Promise of Shawnee

## Lay Ministers Schedule

If you are unable to serve, please make arrangements for another to fill in & e-mail [TimSean@me.com](mailto:TimSean@me.com).

Date	Vestry Member Greeter	8:00 Lector	8:00 Epistoler Acolyte	10:30 Lector Prayers	10:30 Epistoler Chalicefer	10:30 Crucifer Tapers	10:30 Usher Oblationer	Altar Guild
Oct 2	Don Weir	Mike Stevens	Tim Sean Youmans	Cantor Chants	Nathan Johnson Evaughna Johnson	Blair Johnson Kevin Black Katie Black	Tim & Judy Ford Cecil & Carolyn Hamilton	Betty Henderson Mel Beauchamp
Oct 9	Cecil Hamilton	Tim Sean Youmans	Mike Lodes	Pam Dotson Valerie Pardoe	Nancy Reese Barrett Tim Sean Youmans	Daniel Langley Gus Fritz Kate Barrett	Cherie Buie Kevin Kalies Jack Kinkaid Cathy Kinkaid	Melodie Beauchamp Cherie Buie
Oct 16	Tim Ford	Mary Ealey	George Moore	Josh Kalies Cantor Chants	Tim Sean Youmans Fr Tom Newman	Ashlee Birchall Morgan Birchall Chris Korb	Virginia Bradshaw Mike Merrill Kevin Kalies Tim Ford	Jacque Roberts Mel Beauchamp.
Oct 23	Daryl Mcvey	Rob Autrey	Tim Sean Youmans	Jack Barrett Shawna Turner	Shawna Turner Elizabeth Davis	Chelsea Dilbeck Wyatt Frerichs Noah Youmans	Rob Autrey & Jacque Roberts Mike Langley & Langley Boys	Nancy Langley Melodie Beauchamp
Oct 30	Shawna Turner	Mike Stevens	Mike Lodes	Daryl McVey Randy Birchall	Nancy Reese Barrett Elizabeth Davis	Phillip Langley Aaron Frerichs Blair Johnson	TBD	Altar Guild

## Notable Quotes

Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant. *Robert Louis Stevenson*

Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower.     *Albert Camas*



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- 2 Sean Beauchamp  
6 Kristie Stastay  
8 Chelsie Kinkade  
11 Lynn Clarke  
12 Lindsay Peters  
13 Dona Adcock  
Kathryn Black  
14 Linda Gann  
16 Wanda Keller  
18 Jacqueline Roberts  
25 Shirlene Newman  
Lauren Canaday  
27 Susan Morris  
Mary Beth Frerichs  
28 Allen Gossett  
29 Joshua Kalies  
31 Natalie Montonya
- 5 Mike & Jane Lodes  
10 Jeremy & Amanda Black  
15 Jerry & Terri Pickering

*If your birthday or anniversary is  
not listed for October, please let  
us know at 273-1374.*