Griffin Pool Party

St. Gregory’s annual pool party was held June 29th at the home of Bill, Candace, and Angie Griffin. There was lots of swimming, lots of food, and lots of fun. We also celebrated Gigi’s birthday.

The date for the Fall Festival is October 19th. If you would like a vendor space or know of someone who would, Registration Forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. For information on how you can help with the Fall Festival, contact Candace Griffin (817)366-5686.

Candace
There is something to be said for reading excellent books on theology, spiritual classics, ancient texts from the Church Fathers, and even modern guides on church growth or even proper marketing and branding. All of these are important for the life and growth of a church. But, for me, there is something particularly engaging about a good piece of Christian fiction. To be sure, there must be a healthy amount of discernment when taking on fiction, the highly popular novel *The Shack* comes to mind with its somewhat questionable illustrations of the various persons of the Godhead. But that is another discussion. Fiction has the ability to put various theological truths into interesting perspectives while also taking the reader on an adventure with the characters in the story. It can be both engaging and enlightening and appeal to a wide audience.

With all of that said, I recently finished the first novel in C.S. Lewis’s “Space Trilogy,” *Out of the Silent Planet* after encouraging my oldest daughter to read it as well. Once you get used to the decidedly British turn of phrase and style of speech, the reader is taken on a trip through space as our protagonist finds himself on a distant planet with strange inhabitants. It becomes clear that this world is far different from ours as the division between the natural and supernatural orders is much less distinguishable. All in all, it is an excellent read that illustrated the ways in which the fall has affected our world. I look forward to reading the next two books in the series.

We can all learn something by reading all sorts of Christian literature, but I would highly recommend including some fiction in your rotation, and C.S. Lewis is a great place to start. That is all for my summer submission to The Chant as I pack for my week at Camp Crucis and I look forward to moving into the new school year refreshed and ready to dive back into our regular schedule of Sunday School and Bible Study and all of our exciting Fall events.

**Fr. Alan Horton**

Sunday sermons are recorded, each Sunday.  

**August Birthdays**

05 ~ Paul Jennings  
06 ~ Michael Odunze  
13 ~ Chineny Okafor  
15 ~ Janie Smith  
22 ~ Kathy Walker  
30 ~ Tate Hightower & Thomas Hightower

**August Anniversaries**

16 ~ Trice & Barbara Edwards - 05 years  
19 ~ Jeff & Bernice Baldwin - 36 years  
20 ~ Fritz & Rita Barowsky - 41 years  
22 ~ Tony & Maria Casamento - 31 years

**August Memorials**

Colin Hiley ~ memory of Viola  
Jeff and Bernice Baldwin ~ anniversary  
Trice and Barbara Edwards ~ anniversary  
Tony and Maria Casamento ~ anniversary  
Grace Kim ~ thanksgiving for parent’s anniversary

**Mark Your August Calendar**

02 ~ Genealogy meeting, 9:30 a.m., parish hall  
03 ~ Men’s study group, 8:00 a.m., Rosa’s  
07 ~ Wednesday Eucharist, 6:30, pizza potluck  
10 ~ St. Clara’s, nine-12 p.m., Barbara Hanson’s  
14 ~ Holy Eucharist, 1 pm, Watercrest, St. G, 6:30 pm  
17 ~ Men’s study group, 8:00 a.m., Rosa’s  
18 ~ Bishop Iker’s visit, preschool teacher blessing, ice cream social following the Eucharist  
20 ~ Vestry meeting, 6 pm  
21 ~ First day of preschool fall semester  
24 ~ DHC, 10 am, St. G’s  
28 ~ Holy Eucharist at Watercrest, 1 pm  
08 Sep ~ RALLY DAY  
19 Oct ~ Fall Festival
Preschool Happenings

Summer camp has come to a close and we are now gearing up for the 2019/2020 school year! We had 32 campers attend our summer program and a great time was had by all! It is such a blessing to be able to provide a quality, Christ-centered program for families in our area during the summer. Our summer camp fills a need within our community and is an opportunity to sow seeds of faith in these young peoples’ lives. I can’t think of a better way to spend my summer (aside from the beach maybe!)

We have over 40 students enrolled for the Fall and we continue to field calls and host tours for incoming preschool families. We have 7 returning preschool staff members: Preschool Director Elizabeth Rivera starting her 9th year, Assistant Sarah Rivera starting her 5th year, Substitute teacher Susan McDuff starting her 4th year, and Teachers Ellen Dauzat starting her 14th year, Jennifer Buckley starting her 8th year, Michelle Savitch starting her 9th year, Lillianna Fejeran starting her 3rd year, and we welcome one new full-time teacher: Mrs. Wendy Prevatte. Wendy’s family is settling here in Mansfield and she is excited to put down roots and be a part of our SGP family! We are grateful for such devoted, long time employees.

Preschool “Meet the Teacher Night” will be Thursday August 15th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Any church members who would like to volunteer for this event, please contact the office or let Elizabeth know. Our first day back to school will be Wednesday August 21st.

Summer camp pics: pic #1 enjoying s’mores for snack time, pic #2 creating a collage for art, pic #3 making our own crayons

Elizabeth Rivera
Our July meeting was held on July 12th in the Parish Hall at the Church. We finished our discussions on DNA.

On Friday, August 2nd, we will start a new Beginner's Group. The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We have had a number of people express interest in this, so we hope everyone will come.

Some upcoming opportunities from the Fort Worth and Arlington Genealogy Societies:

- July 30 - Fort Worth Downtown Library - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - “Follow The Money” presented by Lora Pallatto
- August 6 - Arlington Downtown Library - 7-8:30 p.m. - “Hands-On Genealogy Database Training”
- August 17 - Ridglea Country Club - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 2019 FWGS Summer Seminar “Researching Your Family Tree”
- Registration Fees $50 - Members and $60 - Non-Members due no later than August 9

Happy Hunting, Gayle Bradburn

The next meeting of the St. Clara’s Guild will be August 10 at 9:00 at the home of Barbara Hanson, 722 Danvers Lane, Mansfield. We will be continuing work on the random quilt, so bring your sewing machines and other basic supplies, such as scissors, pins, etc. If you can’t bring your machine, come anyway and we will let you press seams, pin fabric, etc. Please bring navy blue thread and have navy blue on your bobbins if you can help with machine work. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Edwards at 817-729-4783 or bredwards51@yahoo.com.

On July 7, a quilt made by St. Clara’s Guild was presented to Hanna McDuff in honor of her Baptism.

Barbara Edwards

Looking for a way to use your talents to serve at St. Gregory’s? After services on Sunday September 8th the Parish Hall will be filled with displays, contact information and sign up sheets for all Guilds and Organizations at St. Gregory’s. There will also be a sign up sheet for Sunday School which resumes on September 15th.

Candace
Daughters of the Holy Cross met on Saturday, July 27th, 2019, at 10:00 am in the Parrish hall at St. Gregory’s. We continued with our Book Study, Intercessory Prayer, by Dutch Sheets. Bernice led the book study and all the Daughters participated in the discussion of Chapter 9 of the Book.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Saturday, August 24th, at 10:00am at St. Gregory’s.

Blessings, Bernice Baldwin

Order of St. Luke

FAITH

Faith is the belief that something not confirmed or backed by logic will become reality. No; faith is much more: Faith is the conviction that whatever you hope and pray for HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we ask of him. 1 John 5:14-15

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” Since Faith cannot be logically proven it can be assumed that Faith is entirely spiritual. It is important to keep that in mind. When one tries to explain or prove Faith through worldly means, one becomes instantly aware that by worldly means Faith cannot be explained. “Lord if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” Matthew 14:28-31

This is proof that believing in the power of worldly things, in this instance wind, distracts from faith and causes doubt. Once this happens we no longer operate in spirit but in the world. We must remember that the world is the domain of the devil (the master of lies) and it is in his interest that we have little or no faith. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak. 2 Corinthians 4:13

Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” Mark 16:15

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Candace & Bill Griffin celebrated their 50th Anniversary July 6th.
Our Clergy and Staff

“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him”
John 13:16

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