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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parish Family and Friends:

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5: 16-18

November. A month to be thankful. I have a Bible search engine that allows me to search for words or phrases in the Bible. I put the words, "give thanks" into the appropriate box to do a search and pushed the button and out came twelve matches in the New Testament from the Book of Romans to Revelation, including the one above from I Thessalonians. We are all aware of the history of the national holiday of thanksgiving which is one of my favorites, if not at the top of the list as it is a holiday set aside to remember some history about the founding of this country but mainly just to have a feast of food and most of us partake heartily in that event and don't have to be convinced of the benefits of that food fest. After stuffing ourselves with turkey and all the fixins, we fall asleep on the couch or in an easy chair watching a football game. Usually no gift exchange or cards, just great food with family and friends.

Saint Paul says we are to give thanks in ALL circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. O.K., I understand, just like in marriage for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health... I like the better, richer and health but I am not so sure about the worse, poorer and sickness part of the equation. Really Saint Paul? In ALL circumstances? How does one do that? First of all he says, rejoice always and pray constantly. In order to rejoice always, a Christian needs to know God and His Son Jesus, rather than know things about them. I know some things about Tony Romo and the Cowboys, but I don't know them because I haven't spent time with them. We get to really know someone because we spend time with them. In the case of the Triune God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, we have to spend time getting to know them and we do that together as the community of the faithful. Once we get to know the Father and the Son, we can expect to live in the power of the Spirit. Do we ask God in our prayers each day to be working in and through us? If you don't, you should. Second, if we have asked God to be with us throughout that day, what makes you think that He isn't? And, if He is in our day then it is His day and not ours. After all, we have asked Him to be the Lord of our life and He takes our requests most seriously. If we are looking for answers and reasons why some things happen in our lives and others don't, just take a look back and see why God didn't reveal some things until much later. So, Saint Paul is right again; Rejoice always, pray constantly and give thanks...and you will be closer to God in your daily life and living and will better understand how you can love God and your neighbor. Part of our purpose in this life is to love God and by loving our neighbor, we love God as well. So, give thanks to God in ALL circumstances; even the ones we don't understand as we continue our journey of faith in the living God.

Thank you is certainly not anywhere near adequate in regard to the lovely celebration last Friday evening, October 23 on the Feast of Saint James of Jerusalem on the occasion of my 20th anniversary to the priesthood. We had a marvelous turnout, a great sermon and liturgy and a delicious meal shared with family and friends. I thank God that He has called me to His priesthood and that you have called me to be your Rector. For everyone who participated in the festivities and made them possible, a very grateful thank you from a priest who was humbled being surrounded with the love of God being manifest in His people.

See you in church.

Faithfully,

Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC,VI Rector

Stewardship Dinner—Our annual Stewardship Dinner has been scheduled for Friday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. Bishop Keith Ackerman, SSC, will be our guest speaker with the theme, “ The Harvest of God” . The entire family is invited and child care will be available. Please contact Holly with your reservations.

Thanksgiving Liturgy—on Tuesday, November 24, we will gather for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist to thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us and our parish. Please bring a canned good or two with you that evening at 7:00 p.m. to help share our abundance with others as we will help restock a local food pantry. This will be the only weekday liturgy that week so that members can travel and be with their families on this national day of observance.

Advent at Saint David’s—The first Sunday of Advent is Sunday, November 29. We will follow our regular schedule of liturgies that day: 8:00 a.m., Rite I; 10:30 a.m., Rite II; and 5:00 p.m., Rite II. Advent Lessons and Carols will be offered on Sunday morning, December 13, Rose Sunday in place of the liturgy of the word at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Please join us this day for a very beautiful Anglican liturgy and tradition of our Church.

Advent Dinner and Lecture Series—Our dinner and lecture series will take place on Tuesday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 15. Both evenings will start at 6:30 p.m. with Evening Prayer followed by a soup and bread meal at 7:00 p.m. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Bishop Keith Ackerman, SSC. Child care will be available. For more information contact Holly in the parish office.

Nominating Committee for Vestry and Convention Delegate—a nominating committee, composed of the outgoing members of the vestry is being organized for the purpose of gathering names for nomination for the vestry and as 2009 diocesan convention delegate. If you are being called by God to serve Him in this way, please give Steve Hale, Andy Odom, or Vern Bassett your name. What qualifications are needed for someone to serve? The following requirements should be met:

1. A confirmed member of the parish 18 years of age or older;
2. A confirmed communicant in good standing of the parish;
3. Regular in church attendance;
4. A giver of record to the work of the parish for at least a year prior to the election, either tithing or working towards a tithe; and willing to serve God and His Church in a leadership capacity.

Office Closings—The parish offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Christian Education

Saint Cecilia Children’s Choir—will once again present the Children’s Christmas Pageant this year during our 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve liturgy. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 8 at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, December 19 will be a full dress rehearsal, time to be announced later.

Advent Readers—The Christian Education Department is making several Advent readers available for purchase. If you would like any of these books please e-mail your selections to Holly in the parish office and drop your check in the offering plate or you fill out one of the order forms in the narthex and return it to the office with your check attached. *All orders must be turned in no later than November 15.*

Love came down: Anglican readings for Advent and Christmas \$10.00—draws on the best sermons, books, poems and hymns by writers, to provide a reading for every day in Advent and for each of the twelve days of Christmas. Writers include Christina Rossetti, R.W. Church, F.D. Maurice, John Donne, Jeremy Taylor, Madeleine L’Engle, Phillips Brooks, John Keble, William Temple, Thomas Traherne, William Law, Harriet Beecher Stowe, etc.

Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas \$12.00—From Johann Christoph Arnold to Dorothy Day, Madeleine L’Engle to Karl Barth, Saint Thomas Aquinas to Meister Eckhart, this anthology offers wisdom, beauty and spiritual nourishment from a wide spectrum of classic and contemporary sources.

Advent and Christmas with the Saints \$8.00—offers spiritual sustenance from those holy men and women whom we honor because of their close spiritual relationship with God. Readers walk day-by-day with the saints, recalling the Scriptures they read, meditating on the thoughts on the thoughts they had, praying as they might have prayed, and talking openly with God.

Case for Christmas by Lee Strobel \$3.00—Here's a great way to share the gospel---and the true reason for the season! The author investigates the facts behind Luke 2:8--18 and asks: Was it all a hoax---or truly the pivotal event of human history?

Preparing my heart for Advent by Amy Marie Stewart \$10.00—accomplishes its purpose of keeping Christ in Christmas by serving as both a seasonal Bible study and devotional. Spiritual significance is offered for common Christmas imagery, and the historical background of familiar carols is explained in detail.

Ministries and Organizations

Altar Guild—will meet on Saturday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall. For more information call Pat Caruthers at 940.387.2944.

Brotherhood of Saint Andrew—will meet for Morning Prayer and breakfast on Saturday, November 28 at 8:00 a.m. Contact David Williamson at 940.382.3385 for more information.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers—are accepting members at this time for training. If you enjoy and are called to read the Holy Scriptures in public worship, contact Nancy Hundley, the Rector, or the parish office.

Soldier's Angels—Our youth group is putting together a package for a soldier each month; below is a list of some items that would work great for his care package. Anyone that feels like they may be able to help our cause can leave items with Holly in the office, send them with their child to our youth group meetings, or leave them in the box in the parish hall. Thank you for all of your support and help as we work to involve your youth in a worthwhile cause.

Blankets, Phone Cards, Slippers, Cards and letters of encouragement, T-Shirts(solid gray or black), Lounge pajamas, Hand held games, Snacks and goodies, Chapstick, Personal hygiene items, Lotions, Backpacks, Bug repellent, Magazines, CD Players, CD's and DVD's, and Gift cards to Walmart, Target, etc.

Youth Group—will meet on Sunday, November 15 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Our Youth Group is for all students in the 6th through 12th grades.

Angel Tree Ministry—Our Youth Group, sponsored by Scott and Jeanie Porter and Autumn Rainey will be working with the United States Army Recruiting Center here in Denton to give several children a special Christmas. Children who have one or both parents incarcerated in a state or federal prison have applications filled out by their parents concerning age and clothing sizes and we have adopted over a dozen children this year. We ask the parish to give so that we may get them some items of need and to provide a blessing from our parish to the children. All checks should be made payable to Saint David's with a notation in the memo section of "Angel Tree" . Your generosity is requested.

Canterbury of UNT/TWU—Will have a Thanksgiving meal together on Saturday, November 14 here at Saint David's. We will begin with Noonday Prayer at 11:30 p.m. followed by our meal. All faculty and students should bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish to share. If you would like more information on Canterbury you can contact Dr. Williamson at williamson@unt.edu and Dr. Rose at krose1@twu.edu or 940. 898.3154.

Saint David's Stitchers—The next meeting of Saint David's Stitchers will be on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come join us for stitching and fellowship! For questions see Judy Johnston or Margaret Dodson.

Food Pantry: The item for November is canned soup. Please deposit your items in the donation box in the parish hall.

Our Daily Bread—is kicking off its annual drive for warm winter clothing for their clients. They need sweatshirts (with or without hood) sizes L, XL and XXL; socks, gloves and stocking caps. Please, new clothing only. There is also a shortage of staples at this time, primarily canned fruit, cream soups, chili, and peanut butter. Drop boxes for both these requests are available in the Narthex. Your donations will be most gratefully received.

"A Night on the Riviera", a Fundraiser Sponsored by the Women of Saint David's—The Women of Saint David's are presenting their big fall fundraiser *A Night on the Riviera* on Saturday, November 7, from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. There will be live music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and fruit punch. There will also be live and silent auctions. If you are in town on this week-end please buy your tickets and join us for a lovely evening. Because this is not a traditional seated dinner you will be able to shop, mingle, eat, and visit at your pace. Also, you have the option to come anytime between 7 and 10 p.m. If you are not attending, please consider buying one or two tickets to give to someone or help the WOSD raise money for their special projects. You may purchase tickets from the parish office for \$15.00 or at the event for \$17.00. For those of you who have children, child care will be provided. Contact Katie Rose at katie.rose1@verizon.net or (940) 898-0032. To donate items for the auction, contact Karen Hale or Denise Clifford or bring items to the church marked for the auction. For more information on any part of this event, contact Jo Ann Ballantine at 940-368-1998 or jballantine@verizon.net.

Saint of the Month

Andrew the Apostle, November 30th

Most references to Andrew in the New Testament simply include him on a list of the Twelve Apostles, or group him with his brother, Simon Peter. But he appears acting as an individual three times in the Gospel of John. When a number of Greeks (perhaps simply Greek-speaking Jews) wish to speak with Jesus, they approach Philip, who tells Andrew, and the two of them tell Jesus (Jn 12:20-22). (It may be relevant here that both "Philip" and "Andrew" are Greek names.) Before Jesus feeds the Five Thousand, it is Andrew who says, "Here is a lad with five barley loaves and two fish." (Jn 6:8f) And the first two disciples whom John reports as attaching themselves to Jesus (Jn 1:35-42) are Andrew and another disciple (whom John does not name, but who is commonly supposed to be John himself -- John never mentions himself by name, a widespread literary convention). Having met Jesus, Andrew then finds his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. Thus, on each occasion when he is mentioned as an individual, it is because he is instrumental in bringing others to meet the Saviour. In the Episcopal Church, the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew is devoted to encouraging personal evangelism, and the bringing of one's friends and colleagues to a knowledge of the Gospel of Christ.

Just as Andrew was the first of the Apostles, so his feast is taken to be the beginning of the Church Year. The First Sunday of Advent is defined to be the Sunday on or nearest his feast (although it could equivalently be defined as the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day).

Several centuries after the death of Andrew, some of his relics were brought by a missionary named Rule to Scotland, to a place then known as Fife, but now known as St. Andrew's, and best known as the site of a world-famous golf course and club. For this reason, Andrew is the patron of Scotland.

When the Emperor Constantine established the city of Byzantium, or Constantinople, as the new capital of the Roman Empire, replacing Rome, the bishop of Byzantium became very prominent. Five sees (bishoprics) came to be known as patriarchates: Rome, Alexandria, Antioch, Jerusalem, and Byzantium. Now, the congregation at Rome claimed the two most famous apostles, Peter and Paul, as founders. Antioch could also claim both Peter and Paul, on the explicit testimony of Scripture, and of course Jerusalem had all the apostles. Alexandria claimed that Mark, who had been Peter's "interpreter" and assistant, and had written down the Gospel of Mark on the basis of what he had heard from Peter, had after Peter's death gone to Alexandria and founded the church there. Byzantium was scorned by the other patriarchates as a new-comer, a church with the political prestige of being located at the capital of the Empire, but with no apostles in its history. Byzantium responded with the claim that its founder and first bishop had been Andrew the brother of Peter. They pointed out that Andrew had been the first of all the apostles to follow Jesus (John 1:40-41), and that he had brought his brother to Jesus. Andrew was thus, in the words of John Chrysostom, "the Peter before Peter." As Russia was Christianized by missionaries from Byzantium, Andrew became the patron not only of Byzantium but also of Russia.

Andrew is the national saint of Scotland and of Russia. George is the national saint of England, Patrick of Ireland, and Dewi (David) of Wales. Patrick and David were among the first to preach the Gospel in their

respective countries, and George was declared patron of England by King Richard I ("the Lion-Heart") after he appeared to Richard in a vision while Richard was fighting the First Crusade around 1200. George, who was a soldier, is customarily pictured as a knight with a shield that bears a red cross on a white background. This design is therefore the national flag of England. It is said that Andrew was crucified on a Cross Saltire -- an 'X' -shaped cross. His symbol is a Cross Saltire, white on a blue background. This is accordingly the national flag of Scotland. A symbol of Patrick is a red cross saltire on a white background. The crosses of George and Andrew were combined to form the Union Jack, or flag of Great Britain, and later the cross of Patrick was added to form the present Union Jack. Wales did not appear as such (sorry!).

Community News and Events

27 Annual Turkey Roll Bicycle Rally—will take place on Saturday, November 21 and is sponsored by the Denton Breakfast Kiwanis. You can register online at www.dentonbreakfastkiwanis.org or www.dentonturkeyroll.com. New this year, there will be a spaghetti Supper on Friday, November 20 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Denton Fairgrounds. The price for the supper is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids under 12. Proceeds from the Turkey Roll help the Kiwanis sponsor youth clubs and the Apple Tree Project.

Our Prayers and Best Wishes to those celebrating a birthday or anniversary in November!

Anniversaries

11/4 Jim and Mona Carrico	11/21 Bob and Ellen Ralph
Wayne Zimmermann and Jolayne LaCour	11/23 Eddie and Linda Touraine
11/9 Father and Dana Seatvet	11/24 Bret and Stacy McDaniel
11/12 Murray and Diane Ricks	11/25 Don and Lois Johnson
11/15 Don and Jennie Walsh	Steve and Karen Hale

Birthdays

11/2 Amy Hope	11/13 Lois Johnson	11/22 Suzanne Webb
11/5 Ed Coe	David Poinier	Ben Ivey
11/6 Carolyn Miller	Courtney Han	Scott Hays
Jo Ann McMillen	Eamon Danzig	Laura Jennings
Bob Fisher	11/14 Emma Ploeger	11/23 Ronald Ponsonby
11/7 Emma Ricks	Megan Ploeger	11/24 Larry Hayes
Maureen LeBeau	11/15 Bill Clifford	11/25 Sandra Parker
11/8 Peggy Roach	Mark Miller	Jane Boyle
Farrell Stucky	11/16 Laura Wallace	11/26 Sherrill Carrera
11/11 Norma Curry	11/17 Victoria Sunio	Collin Wallace
11/12 Betty Shultz	11/21 William Powell	11/27 Geri Chafin
Alison Smith	Jacquelyn Cooke	11/29 John Wehrung
		John Wright

***If we have left off an anniversary or birthday, we deeply apologize and ask that you contact Holly in the parish office so that the correct information can be obtained and a correction printed immediately.*

Financial Update from Treasurer, Jan Rousey:

	<u>September Actual</u>	<u>September Budget</u>	<u>September YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD September</u>
Income:	\$ 23, 729	\$ 27, 141	\$ 279, 174	\$ 244, 260
Expense:	\$ 31, 808	\$ 27, 266	\$ 285, 174	\$ 245, 196

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 2009

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
<u>Ushers</u>					
8:00 a.m.	Miller	Todd	Touraine	Rousey	Rousey
10:30 a.m.	Clifford Baird	Easley Mays	Ridout Hundley	Clifford Mays	Ridout Hundley
<u>Altar Guild</u>					
	Team III	Team IV	Team I	Team II	Team III
<u>LEM's</u>					
8:00 a.m.	A. Rainey	Pickens	Yoder	B. Rainey	Phillips
10:30 a.m.	Hundley Mays	Williamson Kensingler	Seatvet Dodson	Hale Bradley	Johnson Kensingler
5:00 p.m.	Hodges	Sager	Ballantine	LaCour	Giffin
<u>Acolytes</u>					
	Team I	Team II	Team III	Team IV	Team Captains
	W. Strecker K. Ivey T. Clifford B. Cotton K. Stafki	G. Bussell S. Connor B. Keffer W. Sims	R. Clifford T. Strecker Q. Ivey M. Connor C. Ridout	T. Wright D. Bussell I. Fisher	
<u>Golden Nook</u>					
8:00 a.m.	Miller	Touraine	Fisher	Touraine	Touraine
10:30 a.m.	Clifford	Hale	Sidor	Odom	DuChemin
5:00 p.m.	Carrico	Carrico	Carrico	Carrico	Carrico
<u>Hospitality</u>					
8:00 a.m.	Ballantine	Pickens Collins	Prentice Bassett	Johnson	DuChemin Ingoldsby
10:30 a.m.	Ridout Andrews	Shultz Shultz	Clifford Clifford	Mallory Ealey	Bahnsen Kensingler
<u>Vestry Greeters</u>					
8:00 a.m.	Touraine	Bassett	Rousey	Keffer	Pickens
10:30 a.m.	Odom	Hale	LaCour	Williamson	Hale

NOVEMBER SUNDAY LECTIONARY

November 1 All Saints Day	First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-10, 13-14; Psalm 149; Epistle: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-17; Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12
November 8 XXIII Pentecost	Old Testament: 1 Kings 17: 8-16; Psalm 146: 4-9; Epistle: Hebrews 9: 24-28; Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44
November 15 XXIV Pentecost	First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-4a(5-13); Psalm 16: 5-11; Epistle: Hebrews 10: 31-39; Gospel: Mark 13: 14-23
November 22 The Last Sunday after Pentecost	Old Testament: Daniel 7: 9-14; Psalm 93; Epistle: Revelation 1: 1-8; Gospel: Mark 11: 1-11
November 29 The First Sunday in Advent	Old Testament: Zechariah 14: 4-9; Psalm 50: 1-6; Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Gospel Luke 21: 25-31

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Weekly Worship and Bible Study Schedule

Sunday
8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 a.m. Christian Education (Adults and Children)
10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Children's Chapel
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
*A nursery is provided for all children to age 5.
Monday-Thursday
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Healing Liturgy, Rite II
Thursday
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Mid-Week Bible Studies

Thursday
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

*****Confessions are heard by appointment**