

THE ARCHANGEL

SMAA



The Newsletter for Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

Dallas, Texas

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FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, SPREADING GOD'S LOVE

January 1
New Year's Day
Services
7:30, 9, 11,
5:30

January 5
Epiphany
Service and
Reception

January 8
Sunday Classes
Resume

January 13-15
Youth Winter
Retreat

January 18
WOSM
Luncheon

January 22
That Girl/Guy
Thing
(10th and 11th
graders)

January 26
Humorist Gail
McWilliams

January 27-29
Coke Family
Weekend

"My soul magnifies the Lord," Mary said in humility. Because of the "great thing" that the "Mighty One has done" in and through her, all generations throughout time have called her blessed. Mary did not harbor this "great thing" unto herself, rather she permitted herself to be used as a vessel – not only for the birth of Jesus – but for enabling the mercy and love of the incarnation to flow through her from "generation to generation." From that, the Holy Family and the first disciples understood that to be a follower of Christ meant committing their lives not only to the fulfillment of the One born in Bethlehem, but to the larger manifestation of Epiphany – spreading God's love both near and far.

When the Vestry last year advanced new initiatives for Saint Michael's Strategic Plan – looking 12 to 36 months out – we started by looking to our roots. In thinking of the next decade, we didn't think first of new or renovated facilities, but rather we were/are trying to understand where we have come from and who we are in the present. And that became the springboard for looking at our future – what/whom we are called to be.

To that end, the Vestry "brightened up" Saint Michael's vision statement as it relates to our core values:

Followers of Christ, Spreading God's Love

At Saint Michael and All Angels, from generation to generation, we have witnessed the many expressions of spreading God's Love...in worship and formation, in pastoral care and outreach.

As we begin 2012 at Saint Michael – like the Vestry did last year – we will remember where we came from and what we are called to be, which I firmly believe, will make the pathway to our future more clear. During the year we will highlight the many ways our church has been "Spreading God's Love" in our community and around the world "from generation to generation."

On Sunday, September 9th we will celebrate our past and our promising future, both of which are personified in our beloved Leon Farmer, who has been among us for 50 years. To paraphrase the popular expression, "Leon's been there, done that...and there's a lot more of 'that' for him to do." Leon is not retiring and we hope he is a part of us for decades to come. But, as we celebrate where we came from and what we want to become, honoring Leon, his family, and our five decades together is only appropriate. We are planning a good ole' fashion Homecoming on that day, including "dinner on the grounds," games for the kids, and a warm welcome home to you and the many people who have been a part of this church through the years.

Mark your calendars now reserving Sunday, September 9th. It will be a time not to be missed.

Bob Daniels

Coke Family Weekend

Taste and See that the Lord is good – Psalms 34:8

Featuring:



LONELL WRIGHT
Vicar of All Souls
Mission, New
Orleans (“Saint
Walgreens”)



PEDER EIDE
Nationally
Known Worship
Leader and
Musician

Help our kids develop a faith that sticks...The Coke Family Weekend: a time to create faith experiences for you and your children together. Order tickets on-line at www.saintmichael.org or in the Youth Center.

How can we “taste and see” God, the others six days of the week?

Join us for:

- Lively worship
- Powerful storytelling
- Practical & joyful ways to cultivate faith within your family
- Meaningful mission & outreach as a family
- Fellowship & connection with other SMAA families

Friday - January 27

6:00 -7:30 p.m. Get a Taste of TASTE WORSHIP (T-A)

7:30-9:00 p.m. Coke Late Night for tween and teen families

Saturday – January 28

8:30 a.m. Serving God and Others
Service Activities (for all ages)

- North Dallas Shared Ministries
- Austin Street Shelter
- Emergency Bags – Here at SMAA

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. TASTE WORSHIP (S –T –E)

2:30 p.m. Go in Peace!

Sunday – January 29

9:00 a.m. Peder & Lonell will enliven and participate in some of our worship services

10:00 a.m. Whole Family Gathering with Peder & Lonell

11:00 a.m. Light Pick Up Brunch – Parish Hall

Ticket Prices for Coke Weekend

Single: \$15

Family: \$50 (three or more..flat fee)

Confirmation Family: \$0

Can register and pay on-line, www.saintmichael.org/coke or call Tami Leal: 214-369-4909.

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Mission and Outreach

Angels Provide Christmas Joy at Jubilee Park

More than 230 families from Saint Michael brought gifts from blankets and pillows to dolls and skateboards for the annual “I Believe in Angels” in Jubilee Park. The Power library was filled to overflowing before the gifts were taken to the Jubilee Community Center where 28 church volunteers helped set up the “shopping center.”

Then on Saturday, December 10 Jubilee Park residents, who had volunteered to work on community projects during the year, were allowed to “shop” for Christmas gifts for their children and family. At the end of the day, 117 Jubilee families with 331 children, and another 90 seniors received their Christmas gift wishes.

Angels are real!



The Nativity Pageant

The parish celebrated the birth of the Christ child through the pageant as presented by our Children and Youth.



Photos by Ray Hand and John Glass



Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We need everyone's help! It is not too late to turn in your 2012 pledge to Saint Michael. Your stewardship pledge may be a spiritual experience motivated by faith or a feeling of obligation. Regardless of your spiritual journey, the outcome of our giving supports all of the work we do at SMAA. Your pledge keeps the lights on, the doors unlocked and reaches so many in need. It maintains a talented staff of dedicated professionals focused on taking care of us. Your pledge says "Yes, I am part of Saint Michael!"

Without all of us willing to make and fulfill an annual pledge, the doors to our church would be closed. The thousands of people, local and abroad, that are touched by our ministries each month wouldn't know of Saint Michael and All Angel's loving, caring and generous nature.

Each ministry: Clergy & Staff, Music, Mission Outreach, Operations, Early Childhood and all others have submitted their 2012 budget for final review. The Finance Committee and Vestry must balance the budget based on OUR 2012 pledge. The budget will be finalized mid January. But for us to cover all of the proposed plans for 2012, we need you to give, please! Help support the work God has called us to do. Pledge your support to your church today. Visit www.Saintmichael.org or call Jenny Andrews in the Stewardship Office at 214-365-3557.

Nancy and Kyle Moore

Stewardship Chairmen

Overview

Pressure Points Sunday Class

How exciting and informative the *Pressure Point: Faith and Culture* Sunday class has been this fall with presenters from the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin!

Branching out from the fall theme of “civility,” the classes January – May will highlight the theme of “Shalom: Being God’s Peace.”

- What does it mean in today’s multi-faceted world to be a Christian?
- What are we really saying when we bless our fellow worshipers with “The Peace of the Lord be always with you”?
- How can we be instruments of God’s peace in our family lives and our workplaces?
- How do Christians live the peace of God amidst political initiatives, wars, personal conflicts, business agendas?

Join the discussion in the ESD Library Sundays at 10:00.

The first class features a combined Adult Sunday Class in the Parish Hall with Dr. Roy Heller speaking on “Shalom: Being God’s Peace – a Biblical Perspective.” Following classes feature



Lee Taft speaking on faith, doubt, suffering and God’s peace; Tom Rhodus leading a discussion of Rabbi Jonathan Sachs’ book *The Dignity of Difference* (which John Danforth called the most significant book he had read); Fr. Craig Reed, a former military chaplain, speaking on “Finding

common ground: God’s peace and the military”; and classes on faith and politics; faith and economic decisions; and more.

Feast of Lights

The Feast of Lights, on Thursday, January 5th, is one of most beautiful church evenings of the entire year. Join us for a service of lessons and anthems, beginning at 6:00, culminating in the Burning of the Greens. Then, it’s up to the Youth Café Center (a new location this year) for a festive dinner buffet with children’s crafts and three Kings’ Cakes, each containing a ring waiting to be found by a special girl or boy. An event for all ages! Childcare is available during the service and reservations can be made at 214-361-1224 ext 243 or ksalewske@saintmichael.org.

PT Cruisers to tour Frito Lay

Getting ready to settle in and watch the Super Bowl with a drink and some chips? First come see how those chips get made! The bus leaves the church on Thursday, January 26th at 10:00. Please note that this is the 4th Thursday. There is no charge for the tour, only \$3 for the bus. We will have an “on your own” lunch after the tour. Call Mary Davis for reservations at 214-363-7761. The deadline is Sunday, January 22.

Bookshop of Saint Michael Sale

The Bookshop Christmas Sale has begun. 50% off select Christmas items including nativities and ornaments.

All past years SMAA ornaments will also be on sale! They are 50% off so come by and get the ornament you might have missed from past years to fill out your collection. This is a great time to start a collection of them if you have not done so.

They also make wonderful gifts especially for someone new to the church.

M,T,Th,F 10am-3pm

Wed. 9am-3pm

Sat. 9am-11am

Sun. 8:30am-12:30pm

Women of Saint Michael Luncheon

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Alexandra “Ecky” Malick, from Austin, is the granddaughter of two Episcopal bishops, the daughter of an Episcopal priest and is on the ordination track herself to become a priest. Join us to hear her talk, “Gratitude for Life’s Disappointments” during our monthly luncheon. 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. If you would like to come or bring a guest RSVP on the Women of Saint Michael voicemail at 214-365-9343 ext. 343.

Humorist Gail McWilliams Featured at All Parish event Sponsored by the Singles in Prime

A special night with wine and cheese is planned with you in mind. Come enjoy a night of laughter, inspiration and motivation. It is a great time to shake off any leftover holiday slump and start the new 2012 with a boost of Hope and Vision. Gail McWilliams will be our special guest in the theater of St. Michaels, Thursday night, January 26. Your life will never be the same as you discover that you have been strategically positioned for greatness.

Gail McWilliams is an inspiring, motivating and humorous professional speaker who has an instinctive ability to capture and lift the spirits of people, empowering them for a renewed reach toward dreams and purpose they once thought impossible. She has extensive experience in public speaking, television and radio, as a recording artist and life-coach, and is a compelling author. Her love is people and her passion is leaders. Gail's versatility generates invitations from a wide variety of organizations, nationally and internationally.



She effectively customizes her life-message to benefit conferences, universities, corporations and faith-based organizations. She also serves as a keynote speaker for many fund raising efforts around the nation.

Her first book, *Seeing Beyond*, with foreword by Zig Ziglar, and her book, *Engaging the Heart*, have impacted thousands worldwide. Both books have also been printed in Spanish. Her newest release is *BI2: Doses of Encouragement*. Her story is also included in Zig Ziglar's newest book *Embrace the Struggle*.

Gail has also gained international experience in Mexico where she spoke nine times in five days, including Colima University. She appeared recently in Spain, where she spoke fifteen times in eighteen days to a variety of audiences, including some ruling members in the Parliament in Barcelona.

Gail is the recipient of the first Hope for Life Award given by The Justice Foundation.

Gail resides in Dallas with her husband, Tony and their children and grandsons.

What some are saying about Gail McWilliams...

Our staff was tremendously encouraged and very impressed... Her message is clear, profound and so understandable... I was personally encouraged. - Zig Ziglar, Author and Speaker

Gail can touch heartstrings and tear ducts while keeping her audience riveted to her every word. - Hugh Bray, Haggard Clothing Company

Gail McWilliams will knock your socks off. - Rick Perry, Governor of Texas

Gail McWilliams shares a powerful message which connects with all who hear her. - Dr. Jack Graham, Prestonwood Baptist Church

Gail has a way of accessing your heart without you being aware she's there. - Mike Murray, Christian Renewal Center

Gail is truly at ease with an audience, she has an amazing ability to make you feel as if you've known her forever. - Sandy Heilman, LaQuinta Hotels

The event with Gail McWilliams at Texas A&M International University was by far the most successful event my department has put together to date; the audience loved her and there was a deep impression made. - Dr. Gilbert Salinas, Director of Student Counseling, TAMU

Caring and Sharing

Pastoral Care

There is a strong possibility that during the past year, lay volunteers of Pastoral Care Ministries have responded to you, a family member, or close friend. There are currently 22 different lay ministries that permeate our community and reach out as we are commanded in John 13:34: *...that you love one another, just as I have loved you.*

The year 2011 has been an example of parishioners: Visiting, Caring, Praying, and Serving each other in the Saint Michael Community. Here is how just four of our ministries embraced our parish.

Care Giver Support Group provides a place for those caring for ailing loved ones to confidentially share their challenges. Meeting at 11:00 on the first and third Mondays of the month caregivers can learn more about how to handle the issues they face and the resources available to them. During the year, 14 new members joined the group. Special programs during the year focused on “Reducing Caregiver Stress” and sponsoring a Sunday morning coffee to answer questions and provide resource materials to other parishioners. To learn more or to participate contact Sandra Klingeman; jsklingeman@sbcglobal.net or Drew Stull; jstull3141@aol.com.

Grief Ministry is best known for the **Faith and Grief Luncheons** held at Saint Michael on the first Wednesday of the month in the Coke Activities Room. There lay volunteers facilitate small group discussions following a clergy-led devotional and a presentation by a person experiencing the loss of a loved one.

The Grief Ministry, a collaborative ecumenical community program, grew during the year necessitating the addition of a third location, with a fourth site slated to begin this month.

In addition to providing ways to cope with grief, attendees have formed new friendships that extend beyond the walls of the church. To learn more or to participate contact Katherine Bowen; kbowen@saintmichael.org

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one confidential ministry which provides care to individuals facing life-challenges or difficulties. A Stephen Minister is a trained individual who can walk beside those who need help facing serious issues in their lives providing encouragement, resources, and prayerful concern. This confidential service is supported by more than 30 hours of in-depth study and training.



In December, Saint Michael commissioned 8 new Stephen Ministers, bringing to 22 the number serving or available to serve our parish community. To learn more or to participate contact Harriet Cousins at hhcousins@gmail.com. *Stephen Ministers receive more than 30 hours of training.*

Parish Nurse Program grew last year adding 5 new Registered Nurses who serve parishioners by providing basic health screenings and information about health issues. The volunteers, in addition to being Registered Nurses, have gone through additional training to serve in our parish's program.

On the third Sunday of the month, they are available to take blood pressures and to provide counseling concerning health and wellness topics. Our Parish Nurses also follow-up with parishioners recently released from a hospital or who are known to have on-going health issues. To learn more or to participate contact Dianne Boyd at dboyd@saintmichael.org, or Cynthia Lane, RN; c.l.lane@sbcglobal.net

Pastoral Care

Please mark your January, 2012 calendar with the following dates for Pastoral Care Ministries meetings or events:

Mondays

12:30 Monday, Book Study. Meets every Monday, 12:30 to 1:30, in the Youth Space. BYOL, drinks provided. The first class of the new year will be on January 9.

Basic Christian Yoga. THERE IS NO FEE. Every Monday evening at 5:30-6:45, in the Youth Space

Women's Cancer Support Group. Every Monday, 1:30 pm in the Parlor

The Caregiver Support Group. First and third Mondays in the Parlor, 11:00 to 12:30.

Tuesdays

Centering Prayer Group meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Bride's Room. Contact Mary Ann Webster, maryannwebster@sbcglobal.net for more information re centering prayer.

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry meets every Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the the Coke Activities Room.

Alterknit, The Nighttime Knitting Ministry meets every Tuesday night 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Drake Room or the Parlor.

Wednesdays

Faith and Grief Luncheon at SMAA meets on the first Wednesday, January 4, in the Coke Activities Room, 12:00 -1:00 pm.

Other F&G Luncheons this month:

***Thursday, January 12,** at the Baylor location;

Wednesday, January 18, at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church.

***Thursday, January 26,** Wilshire Baptist Church will become a member of the Faith & Grief Community of churches that host monthly luncheons for those experiencing the loss of a loved one.

Come and bring a friend. For reservations, go to www.faithpresbyterianhospice.org/luncheon.

*day of week exception.

Thursdays

Sunday Service Prayer Team on the third Thursday, January 19, 6:00 p.m., in the Coke Activities Room. This regular monthly meeting and dinner includes a book study, *The Only Necessary Thing, Living a Prayerful Life*. For reservations, contact Rick Porter, rporter43@gmail.com

New for 2012

Recovery Advocates Groups: An Al-Anon group, consisting of families and friends of alcoholics, will begin meeting every Thursday night, 7:30-8:30 in the evening, beginning January 12th through May of 2012 in the Chapel Conference Room. Contact: The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhern@aol.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous:

Confidential meeting times and dates are available by contacting The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhern@aol.com

Men's Cancer Support Group. To express your interest in participating in a six-week series, scheduled to begin in April, 2012, please contact The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhern@aol.com



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

**Blood Drive
February 12**

Coke Activities Room



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

The Edge Lock-In

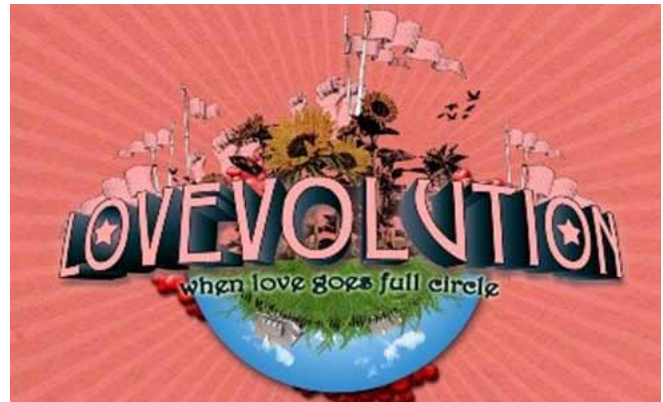
January 14th and 15th

Saturday 8:00pm until Sunday 10:00am

Get your camping gear together! The annual Edge Lock-In is approaching and we are roughing here at Saint Michael. The evening will include smores, kick ball tournaments, picnic games, an indoor campfire and more. We will end our fun filled lock-in with Discovery Mass Sunday morning at 9:00. For more information please contact Suzi at sfinan@saintmichael.org or 214-692-3052.



Youth Winter Retreat - January 13-15, \$100



Open to all 6-12 Graders

Join us for our second annual Winter Retreat, Loveevolution. The winter retreat is unique in that it's open to both Jr. High and High school kids. High school kids spend time mentoring the Jr. High kids through Bible studies, prayer activities, and fun time together but also have a whole lot of time to be together as just a high school group. When we are asked to mentor another in a faith activity, we learn and integrate it in a much more real way. The retreat is at Camp Allen, an Episcopal Camp near Texas A&M. This is a great camp with great facilities. The Fentons, Rusty and Denise, will be our cooks for the weekend, and Droo will be leading music for us.

We have chartered a full size coach bus for the event and we will have additional support vehicles along for the trip.

As you may have noticed this retreat is over the MLK weekend. We will return Sunday evening and we invite parents to join us at church for a closing Eucharist around 7:00 p.m. The kids have Monday off from school, allowing for a day of homework and rest. Registration is online www.saintmichael.org.



Bible Adventure Class using Legos

**Wednesday
4:30-5:30 PM**

Six week class begins January 11

**More information? To register?
Emily Given
egiven@saintmichael.org**

Open to Kindergarten and above.

For Your Information

We welcome to our parish family the following who were born into our parish family:

Ruby Louise Philyaw

November 28, 2011
Elizabeth & Jason Philyaw

Helen Liesel Fellows

&

Leonard Allan Fellows

December 10, 2011
Pauline & Steve Fellows

Virginia Sardi Beard

December 13, 2011
Marcela & Russell Beard

LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER!!

THE WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL CELEBRATE

THE ADULT PARISH COMMUNITY

WITH A MARDI GRAS PARTY

DINNER AND DANCING TO THE BLENDERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

7:00-11:00 P.M.

PARK CITY CLUB

5956 SHERRY LANE, 17TH FLOOR

(free parking in garage)

TICKET LEVELS:

\$75 REVELER (I'm at the Party)

\$100 KREWE (I'm on the Float)

\$150 ROYALTY (I hold a Scepter)

BE MAJESTIC AND HELP SUPPORT OUTREACH

THROUGH THE WOSM GIFT COMMITTEE!

SEND CHECK TO KAY BARRY,
5430 BOCA RATON DRIVE, DALLAS, TX 75229

Your check is your reservation!

\$_____ Amount of check for _____# of reservations

\$_____ Sorry I cannot attend, but please accept my donation!

My phone# _____

My e-mail _____

PARISH CLERGY

The Reverend Bob Dannals, Rector

The Reverend Patty Willett

The Reverend Kevin Huddleston

The Reverend Jemonde Taylor

The Reverend Greg Pickens

The Venerable Jim Webb

The Reverend Michael Harmuth

The Reverend Neal Hern

The Reverend Pamela Theodore

PARISH VESTRY

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Paige Wilbur, Jr. Warden

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Sheryl Wylie, and Blair Richert, Clerk

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. - Eucharist - BMC

WEDNESDAYS

10:00 a.m. - Healing Service - BMC

SATURDAYS

8:30 a.m. - Eucharist - BMC
5:30 p.m. - Candlelight Mass - Church or SMC

SUNDAYS

7:30 a.m. - Eucharist Rite I - SMC
9:00 a.m. - Eucharist Rite II - Church
9:00 a.m. - Discovery Mass - SMC
9:15 a.m. - Joy Mass - Parish Hall
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School Classes
(Children and Adult)
11:00 a.m. - Eucharist Rite I - Church
11:00 a.m. - Celebration Mass Eucharist
Rite II - Theater
5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer and Eucharist
Rite I - SMC

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Christmas Giving

Offerings collected during our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services are being given to support feeding hungry children in our community, in our nation, and around the world.

North Texas Food Bank supporting Jubilee Park and Food 4 Kids	\$13,553
Rosebud Indian Reservation Food Initiative Supporting Food 4 Kids, Kid's Café, Elder Nutrition Center	\$13,553
Episcopal Relief Development Fund Supporting Providing Food for the Littlest Scholars - feeding tomorrow's minds today	\$13,553
Total Christmas Giving	\$40,660

Thank You!