

Subject: Fall Festival



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We seek to be family
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Fall Has Finally Arrived!

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Sunday Schedule

8 am, Rite I
8am-Noon, 6-7 pm Nursery Available
9 am, Breakfast
9:40 am Sunday School & Jr. Choir
10:30 am, Rite II
11:45 am, Gathering Tree
6 pm, Wellspring (1st 3 Sundays) service & dinner
7:15 pm EYC

Dear Jack,

It's been an amazing two months with you. What a whirlwind. Rob and I continue to be so very grateful that we have been called to such a great church in a wonderful community. You all continue to warm my heart with your many expressions of kindness and your incredible devotion to St. Thomas.



By now you should have received the information regarding the 2011 parish budget. (If you didn't...we can certainly fix that!) A graphic designer friend of mine produced those lovely brochures for us...for free because he fell in love with St. Thomas after one visit here from Houston. As he and his business partner wandered our parish grounds and took those lovely pictures of the chapel and worship space, the gathering tree, and the other buildings he could feel how very loved this campus is by all of you. My friend said, "this feels like real church." Amen to that.

As you prayerfully consider how you will support this wonderful and real church know that the staff, vestry, and I will make every effort to use your money wisely to further the work of this remarkable place and all for the glory of God.

With affection and gratitude,

Rhoda

~Welcome Erik & Katy Scott~

We are The Scott's! Erik, Katy, Libby (7) and John Foster (4).

Erik and Katy moved to College Station 6 years ago after selling their ranch up the road in Franklin. Both Houston natives, they couldn't bear to move back and run the rat race, so chose to stay in the Brazos Valley.

Erik, a former Marine, is now an owner and realtor at BrazosLand Classic Realty and specializes not only in residential sales, but farm & ranch, commercial & investment properties. Katy, a real estate broker herself, now works part-time for The Research Valley Partnership and helps Erik with his Real Estate marketing on the side. Due to the extreme premature birth of both Libby and Foster, Erik and Katy spend their spare time volunteering for the March of Dimes of which Erik is President of the local Board of Directors.



Libby, who is in the 2nd grade at Pebble Creek Elementary, loves to play soccer and with her American Girl Dolls. While John Foster waits for his SUPER POWERS to appear, he also plays soccer and loves to build leggos.

We are so excited to be a part of St. Thomas. We truly feel the presence of the Holy Spirit with-in and have felt both rejuvenated and inspired after Sunday service. Libby said it best when she said, "It's just so sunny in that place!" We can't wait to get to know everyone and develop a deeper relationship with our new church family!

Katy Scott

So Much to Do.....



BISHOP DOYLE will join us Sunday, November 7th for Breakfast at 9 am and celebrate Holy Eucharist and confirm several new parishioners during the 10:30 service. Please join us for breakfast, church, and stay for a special Gathering Tree.

FALL FESTIVAL is Sunday, November 14th. Come join us after the 10:30 service for chili and sides (hot dogs for children available)...GAMES, PLUS a PIE CONTEST.



Judges will be present and a prize to the best pie. **Please bake a second pie to sell - all proceeds to go to Brazos Church Pantry.** Please sign up in narthex for what you would like to bring (chili, sides, etc). Check out the Alternative Gift Fair during the Festival too!!!

Games by Conrad Include:

- Youth friendly drink/soda/latte ring toss (for children and adults)
- Apples on a string
- Pumpkin toss
- Face painting
- Ring Bessie's Bell
- Possible special canine visitor

PLEDGE SUNDAY All pledges will be offered and blessed on Sunday, November 14th.

ANGEL TREE - There are over 500 children in the Brazos Valley under Child Protective Services. Again this year St. Thomas will share the spirit of Christmas and bring cheer to 40 of these children. The Angel Tree will go up in the Narthex right before Thanksgiving; please pick an ornament, fill the child's wish, and bring gift back by **December 10th**, wrapped, with ornament taped to outside of package. I am always amazed how much the St. Thomas family reaches out; what a gift these children give US - opening our hearts, sharing our gifts, allowing us to help! Amazing!!

A day of **THANKSGIVING** - Thursday, November 25th, join us for a 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Service.

ADVENT WREATH TIME - A generational event! Join us in the parish hall, Sunday, November 28th (the first Sunday of Advent) and make your own family advent wreath. Please bring greenery!

Have you Heard???

Ghoul's Night Out at Rev. Rhoda's was a smash hit!

Sunday School is just completing the first block...The All Saint's Block was graciously led by Christy Brumbelow with an emphases on Saints! **Jr. Choir** is in full swing under Bonnie's leadership and Katherine Cox will begin the next Sunday School block, Nov. 7th, focusing on the birth of Christ!

EYCers have been rockin' and a rollin' with OMG..... their parents leading them along with Rev. Rhoda and Rob!!! They have bowled, cooked out, and manned the parking lot during football games, not to mention worshipped and shared fellowship!



We've had our second annual **Blood Drive**, we've shared many a pancake and good hearty **breakfasts**, our **readers, chalice bearers and lay Eucharistic visitors** have been busy, **Altar Guild** has been here every Saturday and then some setting up for church, baptisms, weddings, **Supper club** has kicked off with about 70 parishioners participating; **Adult Forum** has been meeting and discussing Barbara Taylor's book entitled "An Altar in the World", The **Families with Young Children** had a very large and beautiful weekend for a campout, our new Sunday evening **Wellspring** services have been a hit with about 45 people each Sunday evening followed by dinner; Bonnie and the **choirs** and **handbells** are practicing, we've enjoyed **ELC** parenting workshops, **4Hers, DAR, OPAS, Boy Scouts, Canterbury**, and many other groups visiting and using our beautiful buildings, and lastly your **Vestry** has been busy meeting and ensuring that St. Thomas thrives! What energy this parish has!!!

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