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*The Annunciation* (1472–1475) by Leonardo da Vinci in the Uffizi Gallery, Florence. It depicts the annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she will conceive Jesus Christ and is set in the enclosed courtyard garden of a Florentine villa. The angel holds a Madonna lily, a symbol of Mary's virginity and of the city of Florence. It is supposed that Leonardo originally copied the wings from those of a bird in flight, but they were lengthened by a later artist.

Da Vinci was a Renaissance Master whose genius also profoundly impacted mathematics and the sciences. Insatiably curious and inventive, he possessed unparalleled intellectual diversity. Studying light and shadow, he was able to conceptualize three dimensions and used the knowledge to impart his figures with their revolutionary lifelike quality. His works also reflected his insight into techniques for expressing atmosphere, depth, and the effects of age and emotion.

## DOVE SCHEDULE

18-5 SS Phillip & James, May 1  
18-6 St Barnabas, June 11  
18-7 Transfiguration, August 6  
18-8 Michaelmas, September 29  
18-9 All Saints, November 1

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### March Anniversaries.

5<sup>th</sup> AJ & Courtney Anderson (Chung)

### March Birthdays

16<sup>th</sup> Marikyn Lee  
29<sup>th</sup> Vickie Haimes  
31<sup>st</sup> Hazel Smith

### April Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Christian Hancock  
4<sup>th</sup> Sandy Thomas  
5<sup>th</sup> Ken Nash  
21<sup>st</sup> Jared Strawn

## St. Stephen's Anglican Church

We are called "St. Stephen's". We are named after someone who could not be quieted, could not be silenced when it came to proclaiming his faith. And, names are powerful. A church's name can have such power that it can mold the congregation. And it can and should mold us!

We, like Stephen, can and should preach the Good News of Christ when we talk to our family, friends and neighbors about our faith.

We, like Stephen, can and should share God's love for all when we reach out to our neighbors and offer our assistance.

We, like Stephen, can and should pray for each other when special cares arise.

We, like Stephen, can and should stand up for what is righteous even when the vast majority of the world have abandoned those values.

We, like Stephen, can and should make every effort to worship our Lord as frequently as possible.

Names have power. We are called after one who powerfully proclaimed his faith, no matter what. Let us work, as a congregation, to live up to the privilege of conveying God's love to others and of being called St. Stephen's congregation.

## IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

let us include

**Our world and our nation in these troubled financial times**

**O**LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; we live in disturbing days. Throughout the world prices rise, debts increase, banks collapse, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Lord God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer: be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive thy gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found. We especially commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to The President of the United States, the Governor of our state and to all in civil authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**All Anglicans and the entire Catholic Church**

**O** GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

**Our parish ministry**

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, we thank thee for thy servants gone before who laid a firm foundation for the growth of thy Church here in Athens. Renew in us the gifts of thy mercy; increase our faith, strengthen our hope, enlighten our understanding, enlarge our charity, and make us ready to serve thee. Raise up, we beseech thee, others in our midst, that our parish of thy Church may grow and prosper to proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Those serving in our nation's armed forces with courage and honor**

**O**LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen.*

**The whole state of Christ's Church.**

**A**Lmighty and everliving God, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Diocese of Missouri Valley

**St. George, Leavenworth, KS**  
**St. Alban, Lenexa, KS**  
**Trinity, Prairie Village, KS**  
**St. Augustine, Topeka, KS**  
**Good Shepherd, Plymouth, MI**  
**St. Dunstan, St. Louis Park, MN**  
**St. John, Kansas City, MO**  
**St Barnabas, Omaha, NE**  
**Lakota Missions, Kyle, SD**  
**St. Stephen, Athens, TX**  
**Christ Our Saviour, Denison, TX**  
**St. Patrick, Hurst, TX**  
**Christ Savior of the World, Irving, TX**  
**St Matthew, Custer, WI**  
**Holy Apostles, Pewaukee, WI**

International Anglican Church

**Anglican Church of India (CIPBC)**  
**Orthodox Church of Pakistan (Anglican)**  
**Anglican Church/ Southern Africa –**  
**Traditional Rite**  
**Church of Umzi Wase Tiyopia**

ALL Religious Orders...Especially

**Order of St. Augustine**    **St. Benedict's Abbey**

WE beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue.

Especially

**George, our President**    **Rick, our Governor**  
**Barack, Joe, & all newly elected leaders.**  
**The Legislatures and Courts of our land.**

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments.

Especially

**Stephen, Missouri Valley**  
**Louis, Anglican Church in America**  
**John, Traditional Anglican Communion**  
**Jack of Fort Worth**  
**James of Dallas**  
**Robert of Pittsburgh**  
**John-David of San Joachin**  
**Rowan of Canterbury**  
**Kirill of Moscow**  
**Bartholomew of Constantinople**  
**Ignatius of Antioch**  
**Benedict of Rome**

AND to all Thy People give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Especially

Parish Cycle of Prayer

**Ken Nash**                      **Fr. Jerry Pardue**  
**The PARROTT family**    **Charles Plotz**  
**The RAINWATER family**   **Hazel Smith**  
**James Smith Family**      **Linda Underhill**  
**Britton & Margaret Tarrance**  
**Josh, Tiffany & Annika Wheeler**  
**Jeff Warford & Family**   **Sherry Webb**  
**Tommie Andrews**         **Don Cook**  
**Brynn Ann Bargfeldt**     **DiAnn Bartholow**  
**Roland & DeLois Bomberger**   **John Bennett**

Those in the Military

**Taylor**                              **Robert**  
**AJ & Courtney**                 **Charlie**  
**TJ & Jared**                        **Richard**  
**Jerry+**                                **Simone**  
**Bill**                                  **Tim**  
**Ralph**                                **John**  
**Tracey Sue**                         **Dallas**  
**Samantha**                         **Joe**  
**Lauren**                              **Jerry L.**  
**Sharon**                              **Justin**

**All our troops in harms' way, their leaders and their families.**

AND we most humbly beseech thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Especially

<b>Rialann</b>	<b>Walter</b>
<b>Ann &amp; Marshall</b>	<b>Diana, Don, Ann</b>
<b>John</b>	<b>The Jerry Irvin family</b>
<b>Nola Robertson</b>	<b>Anne</b>
<b>Valerie</b>	<b>The HOWARD Family</b>
<b>Chuck &amp; Sr. Mary Anne</b>	<b>Linda &amp; Family</b>
<b>Fr. Richard &amp; Marsha</b>	<b>Fr. Mack</b>
<b>Fr. Vincent &amp; Fr. Joseph</b>	<b>Joseph</b>
<b>Sr. Mary Michael</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>
<b>Ed &amp; Margaret</b>	<b>Galen &amp; Michelle</b>
<b>Caitlyn &amp; Aiden</b>	<b>Vicki Haines</b>
<b>Katy</b>	<b>Karen</b>
<b>Vern</b>	<b>Sandy &amp; Family</b>
<b>Jenny</b>	<b>Alecia &amp; Family</b>
<b>Melvin</b>	<b>Loraine</b>
<b>Miriam &amp; Family</b>	<b>Shirley Anne</b>
<b>Frances</b>	<b>The Holt Family</b>
<b>Sr. Emily Ann</b>	<b>Camille &amp; James</b>
<b>Kris</b>	<b>Fr. Walter Wilson</b>
<b>Pam</b>	<b>Gladys</b>
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Raymond</b>

AND we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in Thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Especially

<b>Dwayne Hurt</b>	<b>Wilfred Armstrong</b>
<b>Mary Tarrance</b>	<b>Olivia Harris</b>
<b>Bob Hardin+</b>	<b>James Kirby</b>
<b>David Thompson</b>	

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

**LENT SCHEDULE**

Sundays  
8 AM Low ass  
10 AM Morning rayer & Sung Mass  
11:30 AM Fellowship & Christian Education  
Noon Prayer Book Communion  
Rose Sunday 4 PM Lessons & Hymns

Daily  
11 AM Morning Prayer & Mass  
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Mass  
Fridays  
6:30 PM Way of the Cross & Hymns

**HOLY WEEK**

Palm Sunday  
8 AM Low ass  
10 AM Morning Prayer & Sung Mass  
11:30 AM Fellowship & Christian Education  
Noon Prayer Book Communion  
6:30 PM Tenebrae

Monday & Tuesday  
11 AM Morning Prayer & Mass  
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Mass

Wednesday  
11 AM Morning Prayer & Mass  
6:30 PM Way of the Cross & Hymns  
Maundy Thursday & Good Friday  
11 AM Tenebrae  
6:30 PM Liturgy of the day  
Watch at Altar of Repose  
from 8 pm Thursday until 11 AM Friday

Holy Saturday  
11 AM Tenebrae  
6:30 PM Easter Vigil & Solemn Mass

Easter  
8 AM Low Mass  
10 AM Morning Prayer & Sung Mass  
11:30 AM Fellowship & Christian Education  
Noon Prayer Book Communion  
4 PM Evensong & Benediction  
Confession 6 PM Wednesday & Friday

# St Stephen's Kalender

March 2009	<p>3/22 LENT 4 ROSE SUNDAY</p> <p>8 am Low Mass 10 am Morning Prayer &amp; Sung Mass 11:30 am Fellowship (Cookie Sunday) Noon Prayer Book Holy Communion 4 pm Lessons &amp; Carols for Lent</p>	<p>3/23</p> <p>11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>3/24</p> <p>10am @ West Place 11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>3/25 ANNUNCIATION</p> <p>10:30 am AARP 11am MP &amp; Mass 6 PM Confessions 6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>3/26</p> <p>8-4 Good Samaritan Adult Care 10am @South Place 11am MP &amp; Mass 6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>3/27</p> <p>11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6 PM Confessions 6:30 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>3/28</p> <p>9 am BREAKFAST FORUM Community Services 11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>
March 2009	<p>3/29 LENT 5 (PASSION SUNDAY)</p> <p>8 am Low Mass 10 am Morning Prayer &amp; Sung Mass 11:30 am Fellowship (Cookie Sunday) Noon Prayer Book Holy Communion 4 pm Evensong</p>	<p>3/30</p> <p>11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>3/31</p> <p>11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>4/1</p> <p>11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6 PM Confessions 6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>4/2</p> <p>8-4 Good Samaritan Adult Care 11am MP &amp; Mass 6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>4/3</p> <p>11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6 PM Confessions 6:30 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>4/4</p> <p>11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>
April 2009	<p>4/5 PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>8 am Low Mass 10 am Morning Prayer &amp; Sung Mass 11:30 am Fellowship (Cookie Sunday) Noon Prayer Book Holy Communion 6:30 pm Tenebrae</p>	<p>4/6</p> <p>11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>4/7</p> <p>11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>4/8</p> <p>11am MP &amp; Mass</p> <p>6 PM Confessions 6:30 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>4/9 Maundy Thursday</p> <p>8-4 Good Samaritan AC 10am @South Place 11am Tenebrae 6:30 pm Maundy Liturgy watch follows</p>	<p>4/10 Good Friday</p> <p>watch ends at 11 am 11am Tenebrae</p> <p>6 PM Confessions 6:30 Good Friday Liturgy</p>	<p>4/11</p> <p>11am Tenebrae</p> <p>6:30 pm Vigil &amp; 1st Mass Easter</p>
April 2009	<p>4/12 EASTER</p> <p>8 am Low Mass 10 am Morning Prayer &amp; Solemn Mass 11:30 am Easter Breakfast Noon Prayer Book Holy Communion 4 pm Evensong &amp; Benediction</p>	<p>4/13</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6 pm EP</p>	<p>4/14</p> <p>10am @ West Place 11 am Morning Prayer 6:30 pm Henderson County Democrats</p>	<p>4/15</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6 pm EP</p>	<p>4/16</p> <p>8-4 Good Samaritan Adult Care 11 am Morning Prayer 6 pm EP</p>	<p>4/17</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6 pm EP</p>	<p>4/18</p> <p>9 am BREAKFAST FORUM School Bond Issue 11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6 pm EP</p>
April 2009	<p>4/19 EASTER 1</p> <p>8 am Low Mass 10 am Morning Prayer &amp; Sung Mass 11:30 am Fellowship (Cookie Sunday) Noon Prayer Book Holy Communion 4 pm Evensong</p>	<p>4/20</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6 pm EP</p>	<p>4/21</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>4/22</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6 pm EP</p>	<p>4/23</p> <p>8-4 Good Samaritan Adult Care 10am @South Place 6 pm EP</p>	<p>4/24</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6 pm EP</p>	<p>4/25 ST MARK</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>
April 2009	<p>4/26 EASTER 2</p> <p>8 am Low Mass 10 am Morning Prayer &amp; Sung Mass 11:30 am Fellowship (Cookie Sunday) Noon Prayer Book Holy Communion 4 pm Evensong</p>	<p>4/27</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6 pm EP</p>	<p>4/28</p> <p>10am @ West Place 11 am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>4/29</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6 pm EP</p>	<p>4/30</p> <p>8-4 Good Samaritan Adult Care 11 am Morning Prayer 6 pm EP</p>	<p>5/1 SS PHILLIP &amp; JAMES</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6:30 pm EP &amp; Mass</p>	<p>5/2</p> <p>11 am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6 pm EP</p>



**We are not kidding folks.** Bingo may be coming to a church near you.

If we do become licensed to host Bingo here at St Stephen's we will not be the first ACA parish to call on his lucrative fund raising source. The ACA Cathedral of the Incarnation located in Orlando, Florida has used this method to grow their income for several years.

We are still in the exploratory phase. Let us know what you think. Email us at [rector@ststephensanglican.org](mailto:rector@ststephensanglican.org)

**Look also for an upgrade of the College Street Market.**

We will be selling some of our most successful items over the web. Our Snack Mix, Chocolate Pies, Hot Momma Salsa, and soon to be introduced Sweet Heat are just some of our offerings. We hope to expand the number of crafts offered by using the Internet. Holy Smoke fire starters, cloth children's books, hand crafted name boards, soy candles; all will be available when we are up and running.

Five loaves of bread and two small fish have been provided and we are charged to spiritually feed our area. And that is exactly what we are about. We have lost some very generous members to the Church Triumphant and a few to other places of worship but that will not deter us in our ministry.



From Under  
the Biretta...



This issue of the Dove is dated Annunciation but aside from DaVinci's painting there are no articles about Our Lady's day because we discussed it last issue. Conversely we include comments about St Patrick, March 17 and Rose Sunday March 22, all before Annunciation Day. Hopefully I will get the hang of this, putting articles in the proper editions.

With all of our community activities which serve the twofold purposes of community involvement and fundraising such as the Breakfast Forum, the College Street Market and the Good Samaritan Adult Day Care one might ask how about doing church. A glance at our worship schedule should reassure all that we do indeed do church here in Athens.

It has been a main tenet of my ordained ministry to seek to serve the liturgical desires of all who call themselves Anglicans. As I say so often, and I hope my repetition conveys how deeply rooted is this belief, that the glory of Anglicanism is our diversity. It is to be celebrated, not merely accepted.

For some this means chanting, incense and bells; for others quiet reading of the Cranmerian translations and simple liturgical acts. And this we do at St. Stephen's to the joy of some and the dismay of others.

Then there is the matter of timing. I would cheerfully forgo the early service Sunday morning but this is the only time that a few have to worship and in the summer the preferred time for others. We celebrate daily office and Mass and some prefer 11 am and others 6:30 pm so we schedule both. Often we actually only celebrate Mass once since Anglican discipline requires at least one other than the priest. So for sure we have Morning and Evening Prayer both times with Mass at one of the times each day.

Our hearts go out to Tommie Andrews who recently lost her mother to the Church Triumphant. One of our newer members AJ lost his father and Briton lost his grandmother. We honor the memory of these loved ones and keep both those still with us in the flesh and those who have gone on to glory in our prayers.

Easter presents us with an opportunity to assess our many blessings as the inherited children of God the Father. We reach out to so many of you who have been so generous in your support of our ministry here in Athens with heartfelt thanks for your kindness. I have been asked to include in this mailing an opportunity for special Easter gifts to the support of our efforts. Please respond as you may wish.

May we all have a spiritual Holy Week and a glorious Eastertide.

*Jerry+*

## St. Patrick's Creed

Because of the secularization of St. Patrick's Day and the mythical legends of the snakes and so forth we may lose sight of the great spirituality of this Celtic saint so much a part of our Anglican heritage. The following is attributed to Patrick

Our God, God of all men,  
God of heaven and earth, sea and rivers,  
God of sun and moon, of all the stars,  
God of high mountains and of lowly valleys,  
God over heaven, and in heaven, and under heaven.

He has a dwelling  
in heaven and earth and sea  
and in all things  
that arc in them.

He inspires all things,  
He quickens all things,  
He is over all things,  
He supports all things.

He makes the light of the sun to shine,  
He surrounds the moon and stars, and  
He has made wells in the arid earth, placed dry islands in the sea  
and stars for the service of the greater luminaries.

He has a Son coeternal with Himself,  
like to Himself;  
not junior is Son to Father,  
nor Father senior to the Son.

And the Holy Spirit  
breathes in them;  
not separate are Father  
and Son and Holy Spirit.

**On Rose Sunday** our Gospel lesson is the familiar feeding of the five thousand miracle. This Gospel is a treasure trove of themes; the miracle of the feeding, the foreshadowing of the Eucharist, the manner Our Lord set to distribute the food, the symbolism of the twelve baskets. Let us focus on Andrew's statement. "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?"

Andrew, speaking for us assumes that our offerings will not be sufficient for Our Lord's ministry. Throughout the Old and New Testaments we have citations of God calling on men and women to serve and their first response is their inadequacy. Moses stuttered, David was just a shepherd, Gideon was the least of the least family of the least tribe. And then there was Mary, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" "When God makes it clear to them all that he will cause his ministry to work through them it becomes a question of not could they but rather would they. He asks the same of us over and over again.

As a parish we face the call to ministry urgently. The challenge is so great, the opportunities so many, our numbers so few, and our resources so small. We need to look deep inside ourselves and determine not can we but will we answer the call to be an effective Anglican presence here in Athens, Texas.



## BREAKFAST FORUMS



**Saturday, March 28, 9 AM**

**Athens community services with presentations from**

The Disciples Clinic which will offer low cost health services to those uninsured patients in the community

The Family Peace Project providing safety and service to abused families

The Food Pantry making food available to those in need

**Saturday, April 18, 9 AM**

**Athens Public Schools Bond Issue**

Debate with speakers for and against the proposed construction bond issue

**As always pancakes, sausage and fruit with lively discussions of important current community topics**

## TENEBRAE

The name *Tenebrae* (the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows") has for centuries been applied to the ancient monastic night and early morning services (Matins and Lauds) of the last three days of Holy Week, which in medieval times came to be celebrated on the preceding evenings.

In preparation for the service, a large triangular hearse with fifteen candles is placed on the altar. Apart from the chant of the Lamentations (in which each verse is introduced by a letter of the Hebrew alphabet), the most conspicuous feature of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains.

Toward the end of the service this candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection (Matthew 28:2), the hidden candle is restored to its place, and by its light all depart in silence.

This service provides an extended meditation upon, and a prelude to, the events in our Lord's life between the Last Supper and the Resurrection.

*Tenebrae* is observed four times each Holy Week at St. Stephen's. On Palm Sunday evening we use selected readings and Psalms assimilated from the original three offices found in *Book of Occasional Services* of the Episcopal Church. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings we use original monastic selections found in the *Liber Usualis*.

**To date planks have been given to the Glory of God  
and support of our parish building in honor of:**

Father Vincent Anthony, OSA	Catherine M. Bartholow	J.W. Bartholow, Jr
Robert & Elizabeth Davis	Jewel Doty	Paul E. Endtricht
John & Thomas Epps	Cecelia & William Finley	Jessie & Jack Galloway
Aaron Tessman	Father Vernon Grosvenor	Jean M. Hampton
Father Walter Wilson	Josiah Hancock	Milton Hancock
Catherine & Clifford Happe	Richard Bartholow	Father C B Harper
John Bryan Harris, Jr.	Frank Hayes	Elsie & Harold Kling
The Leeper Family	Helen Magdalena Leiher	John Peter Leiher
Peter Matheus Leiher	Stephen Lookabaugh	Wes Martin
Jean & Joe Padilla	Father Jerry Pardue	Horace & Luckie Pitts
Dee Plotz	Father Richard K Smith	Charles & Jane Stewart
Harless & Lucille Strawn	Father Stephen Strawn	Bill Underhill
Maryellen Wilson	Charles & James	Father Peter Tompkins

**PAYING FOR OUR CHURCH BUILDING ONE PLANK AT A TIME**

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