

## **Parish Notices: August 28-29, 2010**

If you are interested in assisting with the accompanying childcare program, please contact Katie Dickinson. A donation of \$22 will underwrite one student. We are estimating 25 students at the cost of \$22 each. Make checks payable to Ascension and note at the bottom "Literacy."

### **HAVE LUNCH AT ASCENSION ON SEPTEMBER 12!**

On Sunday, September 12 the Nigerian Association will host a lunch in the Parish Hall after the 10:15 service. The Nigerian women of the parish will provide African main courses and side dishes for everyone to enjoy. Other parishioners are invited to bring a dessert, fruit, or beverages to enjoy with the meal. The lunch is in honor of our new Deacon, Andrew Van Kirk, so please come to enjoy great Nigerian food, and fellowship with the Ascension family.

**MURDER AT THE ASCENSION ON SEPTEMBER 25:** The Ascension Theater Guild will once again be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner. It is time to dig through your closet and find your golf attire! This year's golf themed event will be held on September 25 in the parish hall. This is an interactive game where each table works as a group to solve the mystery. The Theater Guild needs people to be the suspects as well as to help decorate and sell tickets after church services on Sunday. No acting experience is necessary! To help, please call Nancy Johnson.

**DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY CLASSES:** Classes start the first week of September. All levels of Bible scholarship are welcome! Disciple Bible Study meets weekly, in 2 hour sessions, September through the first week of May. All levels involve weekly Bible study and listening to Scripture. The entry level class is called Disciple 1, BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY and meets on Wednesday night. For those who have completed Disciple 1, we offer Disciple 4, UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE, on Tuesday nights. The registration fee for Disciple 1 or 4 is \$35. For more information, please come to the Disciple table in the Narthex or contact Kathy Wendling or Rita Sands.

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A MENTOR**

The mentoring program at our partner school, Stults Road Elementary, will reconvene in October. The roll of a mentor is critical: providing friendship and companionship to a young person. Many people think that being a mentor requires special skills, but mentors are simply people who dedicate about one hour per week, have the qualities of a good role model, and can take the lead in supporting a young person through an ongoing positive relationship. Despite three million students currently being mentored throughout the country, fifteen million still need a mentor. Please consider helping a child—contact Marsha Gadsden for further information on the program. On Sunday, September 19, Darwin Spiller, principal of Stults, will address the congregation during the announcement period following the 10:15 service. There will be a 1/2 hour orientation/training session for interested parties immediately after Mr. Spiller speaks. Sign-up at the kiosk. Please prayerfully consider joining this vital ministry.

### ***SAVE THE DATES!***

- **September 5:** Ascension at the Lake
- **September 11:** Training for volunteer teachers for literacy program
- **September 12:** Regular Sunday School classes resume
- **September 12:** Parish Lunch hosted by the Nigerian Association
- **September 25:** Murder Mystery Dinner by Ascension's Theater Guild

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF THIS WEEKEND:** Join us on August 29 at 9:00 a.m. for part 2 of our kickoff for the Sunday School year! All adults will meet in the Parish Hall with Mother Kai; all youth (Rite-13, J2A, and Seekers) will meet in the upper building with Kathy and Todd, and children will meet in the courtyard with Amy Hofland and the other Sunday School teachers. Whether just starting preschool, long since retired, or somewhere in between, these programs will help cast a vision for where you might grow in ministry and discipleship over the course of the coming year. (Regular Sunday School classes will begin September 12, after Ascension at the Lake on September 5.)

**SOUPER WAY TO SUPPORT THE PANTRY TODAY (SUNDAY)!** SOUP lunch following the 10 a.m. service to raise awareness about hunger in Dallas and to raise money for our Food Pantry. We are asking for everyone to come eat and make a contribution to the Food Pantry to help sustain the level of giving through the year. We distribute over 150 bags of food every month, and the cost is about \$10 per bag.

**ASCENSION AT THE LAKE:** Join the fans who raved about the lake event in 2008 and 2009! Sunday, September 5 we will celebrate a festive lake-style Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Texoma. (8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services will also be held at Ascension for guests and those not wanting a day at the lake.) Enjoy canoeing, swimming, and other fun activities at our diocesan camp, All Saints, after the worship service. Visit the Ascension at the Lake table in the Narthex today for more information and to purchase your tickets – which cover the catered lunch and camp and waterfront fees (\$10 for adults and children/youth over 10 years old; \$5 for children 4-10; free for kids under 4; maximum of \$30 per family.)

### **NEWCOMER'S TOUR OF ASCENSION**

Next Sunday after the 10:15 service, there will be a short tour of Ascension. Newcomers and guests of all ages are welcome to participate. Please come to the Welcome Desk if you are interested. The tour will introduce you to all the important spots for fun and ministry at Ascension.

### **DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT: FALL RALLY FOR 6TH—12TH GRADERS**

2010 Fall Rally at All Saints Camp: **Saturday, September 11.** Join us as we head up to All Saints for the kickoff of the 2010-11 diocesan youth events year. This year's theme is "Tournament of Champions." Connect with old friends from camp (the youth from Annunciation are going), meet new people, and participate in fantastic activities and worship. The event is at All Saints from 10:00 am—4:00 pm, so we'll need to leave the church by 8:30 am. We'll be back at Ascension by 5:30 pm. Because we have to pre-register for with the Diocese, you must sign-up to go by September 5. To sign-up, tell Mother Kai or Deacon Andrew, or email Deacon Andrew [andrew.vankirk@ascensiondallas.org](mailto:andrew.vankirk@ascensiondallas.org).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LITERACY PROGRAM:** Ascension is starting a literacy program this fall for Sudanese women who are members of our Dinka congregation. Volunteer training for people who'd like to help teach will be held on Saturday September 11 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. No prior teaching experience is necessary. Contact Pat Turton (214-348-5392) or Lyn Hurt (972-664-0834) for more information.