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FRANCES BRAINERD FOUNDER OF ST. BARNABAS

Frances Berry Theobald Brainerd was born August 2, 1913 and died October 29, 2008 . She was born in Annapolis , Maryland and spent early childhood years in China with her parents Rear Admiral Robert Alfred Theobald and Helen Berry Theobald. She graduated from Bishop's School in La Jolla , with honors from Vassar College , and served with the Navy as a cryptanalyst.

She was an active adult in the Palo Alto area for many years where she founded the Children's Health Council and served as president of the Bay Area Junior League. She and her husband Jim lived in Turkey for several years and traveled extensively around the world. After his retirement they moved to Borrego Springs.



Frances was a founding member of the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association, instrumental in the building of the state park Visitor Center , and editor of "The Sand Paper" newsletter in the 1970s and 80s. She is the author of a compilation of desert essays, "Desert Watch or a Bird, Beast, Bloom or Bug for All Seasons."

With the help of their many friends here and around the world she and her husband built St. Barnabas Episcopal Church entirely debt free. It was dedicated in January 1987 and was her crowning achievement. She sang in the choir and served as lay reader and senior warden for many years. Frances is survived by her daughter Helen Windsor, her son Lex, six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Interment of ashes and a celebration of life will be held here in early 2009. A memorial fund has been established in her memory at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Box 691 , Borrego Springs , CA .

~Nancy Bye

Jill Bennett



Jill Bennett was born November 20, 1934 in Gainesville, Florida and died here October 23, 2008 from complications of lung disease. Jill grew up in the southeastern U.S. and Cuba. She attended Penn State and George Washington University and after her first husband's death returned to college to study ecology and natural sciences.

She married Jim Bennett in 1987, they built a home in Los Osos on the central coast and moved to Borrego Springs in 2003. Here she became an active member of the community and served as President of the Children's Center board of directors, on the vestry of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, and the board of the Performing Arts Center. She was an honorary member of the local Rotary Club.

A memorial service and celebration of life were held at St. Barnabas on Saturday, November 22nd. She is survived by her husband Jim, daughters Jan and Gwen, son Peter and Jim's sons Don and David, as well as nine grandchildren and a loving circle of friends. A world traveler, voracious reader, Jill was tough, both wise and witty. As her son remembered, she was filled with wonder about stars, plants, animals and life.

Memorial donations may be made to United Nations Children's Fund, online at www.unicef.org, or to the Borrego Springs Children's Center, P.O. Box 1516, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. Thankfully, her incredible spirit remains with us.
~Nancy Bye

June Fort was born June 1, 1935 in Oakland and died here in her home October 26, 2008. She had many talents and interests and led a fun-filled active life to the very end. She was active in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and was a great benefactor of the arts here in Borrego Springs. She left a note for her children that said, "No funeral, only a party."

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 6 at the Borrego Palm Canyon Amphitheater, followed by a reception at Palm Canyon Resort. Donations in her memory may be made to the Anza-Borrego Foundation to help complete the 5th grade camp facility.
~Nancy Bye

ST BARNABAS "SPECIAL" FRIENDS

Donald Reniers was born on October 14, 1919 in Ben Avon, Pennsylvania, (near Pittsburg). His parents were James & Florence Reniers. He had three older brothers, Jim, Dick and Bob (formerly of Borrego Springs). The family moved to Pasadena, CA in the early thirties.

Don attended South Pasadena High. After high school he worked as a supply clerk in the oil fields of Los Angeles. He served in WWII in Foggia, Italy as a Supply Sergeant in a photo squadron. After returning from the war, he went to Babson College on the GI bill. Don sold steel pipe throughout the western states with US Steel and then began to buy raw land as investments in the fifties.

When he met and married Virginia Harper in 1962, they began fixing up houses together and continued to invest in real estate. Their son Rusty was born in 1964, and by the time he left home at age 18 they had lived in 25 homes.

They began in Pasadena, moved to Rancho Santa Fe, Coronado Keys, Point Loma, Menlo Park, Glenbrook NV, and Carson City NV before moving to Borrego full time in 2003. From 1970 on they always maintained a home in De Anza, and after 1982 usually spent most of the season there.

Don's real passion besides land deals and houses was antique automobiles, especially Ford's and Lincoln's from the 'thirties. He usually had a dozen or so cars at any one time. He showed a few of his best Lincolns at the Pebble Beach show.

He was an animal lover especially fond of standard poodles and his last dog "Pete". He and Virginia were avid supporters of the San Diego Zoo, the National Automobile Museum in Reno, and the Nevada Museum of Art.

Even though he didn't play golf, he enjoyed dinners and social events at De Anza CC.

Don is survived by his wife Virginia, his son Rusty, and his granddaughter Tilly.

He passed away on April 27, 2008 in Rancho Mirage, CA

~Gary Westover

Interim Rector's Corner

THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC

An ancient Christian principle is expressed by the Latin phrase *Lex orandi, lex credendi*, generally translated as “the law of prayer is the law of belief.” It speaks to the relationship between worship and belief. The prayers that we share week in and week out, from the collects to the Great Thanksgivings, to all the special prayers we offer, shape our beliefs and our understanding of God and our relationship with God. Our current Book of Common Prayer, based on the original masterwork of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, and all the Supplemental liturgies approved by General Convention since 1979, are an inspiring expression of what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.

Another well-known phrase, ‘those who sing, pray twice’, is equally important when we consider the place of music in our liturgy. The hymns we sing are prayers and expressions of belief in and of themselves. I cannot encourage you more to take a moment before each service begins and read the texts of the hymns for the day. You’ll see how they echo and build on the lessons of the day. Bonnie and Joanne are to be commended for their diligent work in selecting music to inspire and illuminate us. To sing just a couple of verses is to read or hear only part of the story of our faith. For that reason, it’s important that we sing all the verses of each hymn.

In the coming months, we will be focusing more intentionally on the seasons of the Church year. Advent, with its themes of anticipation and preparation for the coming of God into the world as one of us, a human being, will have its own distinct texture from the colors of the vestments to the Prayers of the People and Eucharistic prayer we will use throughout the four weeks of the season to the service music and the hymns we will hear and sing. Hopefully, this will enhance our understanding and our feeling for the wonder of this part of the story of God in Christ. Hopefully, we will find ourselves even better prepared for the immensity of ‘the rest of the story.’

Blessings to you all,

~ Julie +



CELEBRATING OUR MUSIC MINISTERS

As part of our emphasis on music and worship this month, I’d like to offer thanks and appreciation to all the wonderful people who enrich our services with their offerings of music. Bonnie Walker and Cathy Oswalt are wonderfully faithful organists who lead us throughout the year with their music gifts. Joanne McLean and all the dedicated people who sing in the choir are also to be commended. They sing with us, to us, for us, and generally help all of us become better singers and participants in worship. Finally, there are all our special musicians - Frisbie Killman on his shiny horn, Haddon Salt on his violin, and others I’m just learning about, such as Dave Otis on piano and Gary Westover on guitar, who are thinking about special ways to brighten our worship experiences with their talents.

All these people invest a great deal of their time and energy and effort to practice and rehearse and share their special gifts with us so that we may lift our hearts and minds and spirits closer to God. Give thanks to God for their talents and give special thanks to them for their generosity in this season of giving thanks.

~Julie+

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS..... November 1, 2008



SAINT OF THE MONTH



December 6

St. Nicholas (d. 350?)

The absence of the “hard facts” of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that, after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him—an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man’s window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint’s feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

REMEMBER
LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 AT 9:30 AM
BRING YOUR FRIENDS.....

Without Jill

The light of the desert
Is gone; we breathe
And the air is less

Sweet; in the
Silence we live
As in a thin dawn

Knowing only
Her absence;
She who was

So quick and warm
In her constancy—
If now at rest

Will flower
Like Christ’s rose
In the gardens of the mind.

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St. Nicholas

O good holy Nicholas,
you who brought joy to children,
put in my heart the spirit of childhood

about which the Gospel speaks.
Teach me how to sow
happiness around me. Amen.

—Prayer to St. Nicholas

COMING SOON
MARDI GRAS PARTY
SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

VESTRY NEWS

St. Barnabas Church Vestry News

December 22, 2008

Vestry News

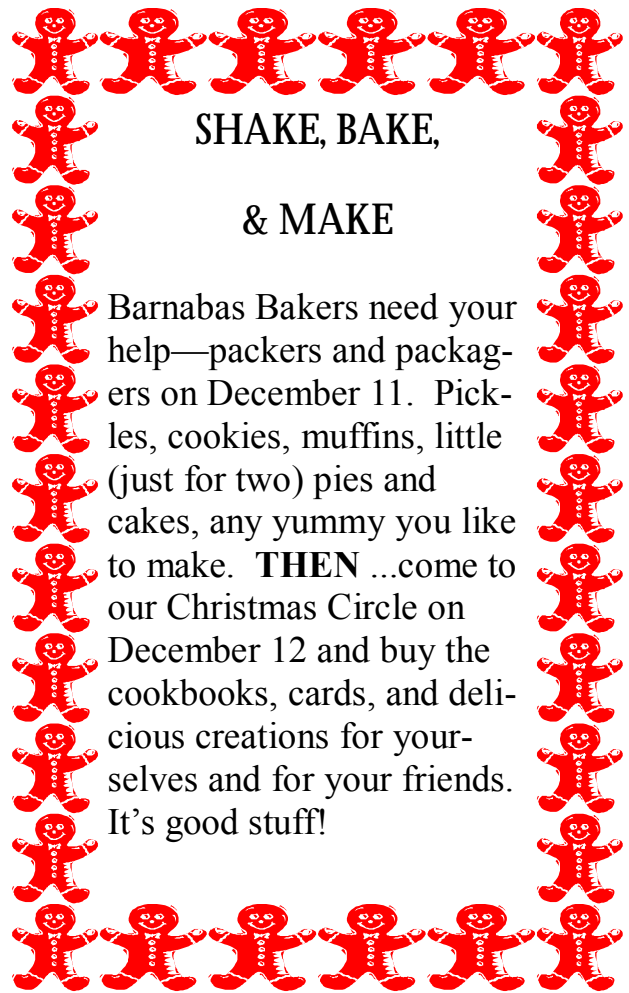
Julie Christian, Interim Priest, opened the November 2008 meeting with a prayer. Haddon Salt, Cathy Oswalt and Chuck Bennett were absent. The Finance Committee presented their 2009 budget in three parts: optimistic, realistic, and pessimistic. Addis Ward and Gary Westover, members of the finance committee, were there to support David Leibert in his presentation and to answer any questions that might arise. The '09 budget includes a new line item for plant and equipment depreciation and replacement. We are getting older and need to plan realistically for such expenses.

Pledge income is down \$30,000 for fiscal year '08 and the Smith Barney Church and Endowment Funds have suffered significant losses on paper because of the national economic downturn. Leibert suggests a general tightening of the belt to protect this investment portfolio from repeated withdrawals to meet routine expenses, and goes on to suggest that anything not paid for by designated funds must be cleared first by the finance committee and then by the vestry. We need a CPA to audit our books and hope that we can find someone locally to fulfill this task.

B.J. Parsons, Mary Levine and Bill Walker (terms expiring) formed the nominating committee for incoming vestry members and chose, LLouise Jee, Bonnie Walker and Victor Levine to the '09-12 term. Other nominations should go to Cathy Oswalt by December 14.

Addis Ward and Fred Jee will co-chair the calling committee and hold their first meeting after the 9:30 service on December 14. Jenny Vervynk will be here January 4th to further discuss the entire process.

~Nancy Bye for Sue Salt



SHAKE, BAKE, & MAKE

Barnabas Bakers need your help—packers and packagers on December 11. Pickles, cookies, muffins, little (just for two) pies and cakes, any yummy you like to make. **THEN** ...come to our Christmas Circle on December 12 and buy the cookbooks, cards, and delicious creations for yourselves and for your friends. It's good stuff!

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF BOB CASSIDY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

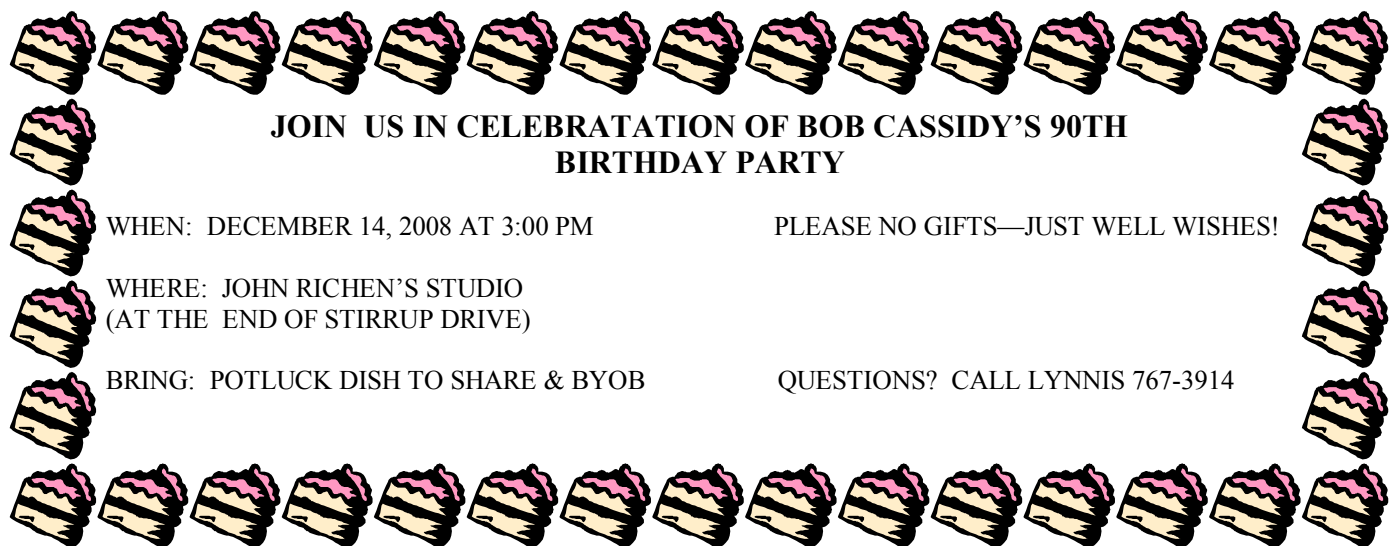
WHEN: DECEMBER 14, 2008 AT 3:00 PM

PLEASE NO GIFTS—JUST WELL WISHES!

WHERE: JOHN RICHEN'S STUDIO
(AT THE END OF STIRRUP DRIVE)

BRING: POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE & BYOB

QUESTIONS? CALL LYNNIS 767-3914



LAMBETH 2008

PART II

As reported in the last Carillon (November '08), the goal of the 2008 Lambeth Conference was to bring all Anglican bishops, including those of the Episcopal Church, together in intimate discourse on the issues that have arisen, both locally and internationally since the last Lambeth in 1998.

DISUNITY

However, there was another issue which challenged the unity of the Anglican Communion. It came from within and questioned the way the Communion had developed and was currently being led by its spiritual leader, Archbishop Rowan Williams.

While it is true that the Conference was successful in its agreement with the continuing, and indeed expanded, world-wide mission of the Anglican Communion—behind that unity, lay two disagreements that continued to roil the churches in the Communion.

They could not be resolved because the bishops in opposition chose to be absent. Their loss of confidence in the Communion's future was based on their perception of actions by other the Anglican churches, particularly in the United States (Episcopal Church) and Canada (Anglican Church of Canada).

The decision of those bishops to register their disagreement by absenting themselves from Lambeth '08 was based on a rejection of 1) a place for homosexuals, especially as it pertained to churches in the Communion, and 2) what they saw as errant reading of Scripture.

The issue is the discerned position of North American churches which fosters an acceptance of homosexuality, within the church and society. That position also stresses, via the application of scholarly and scientific methodologies, a more accurate reading of the Bible.

From the standpoint of the missing bishops, both issues at this stage seem to be non-negotiable. They have tried to pressure American and Canadian churches into halting the ordination of homosexual priests and to return to the more traditional reading of Scripture.

A proposal has been put forward by those dissenting to add a new document to those forming the 19th century foundation of the Anglican Communion, a covenant which would radically organize the Communion by spelling out the obligations of each of the bishops and their churches.

That proposal is currently making the rounds of North American churches but is nowhere close to full consideration within the time-span demanded by dissentients.

It is too early to predict its outcome but there are many factors against it which are built into the historical evolution of the churches in both the Episcopal and Canadian provinces of the Communion.

In the end, it's clear that the efforts of the bishops at Lambeth '08 concentrated on issues, like those growing out of the Gospels, which they considered more pressing than those seized upon by the bishops of dissenting provinces in Africa, South American and Southeast Asia.

For more detailed background on this, see Mark Chap-

man, *The Anglican Covenant* and pamphlets (www.forwardmoving.org) by Frank Strasburger ('*Why The Anglican Communion Matters*'), James Fenhagen ('*The Anglican Tradition*') and Matthew Johnson ('*The Anglican Way*').

BITS & PIECES

"YOUNGER NEXT YEAR"

Returning support group that will focus on all the important things that keep us young. I will deal with goal setting, nutrition, exercise, life style and staying connected. Join Bill Walker on December 11 from 4:00 to 4:50 PM in the Parish Room for the first class.

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- 2) Cleaning ,Vacuuming ,Cooking
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ART PROJECT, JEWELRY, QUILT-
ING, PAINTING, ETC. ETC.

REMEMBER: The proceeds from this
sale stay right here in St. Barnabas! In-
formation: Call Faye Dorsey 767-5542

**WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS—
NEW DATES!**

Ann Nourse was hostess for our well attended November meeting. It is always a pleasure to gather in her marvelous desert house. The group approved an emergency donation we had made in October to the troubled Lopez family via Ernie Loza. Martha Mitchell took on the task of planning and arranging the November 20 celebration of Jill Bennett's life.

**Friday, April 3
See December 12**

**Wednesday, April 8
Hostess to be determined
Plan for Summer '09**

Shall we do the Easter Holy Happy Hour?

**Thursday, December 11
Parish Room—see posted schedule for
Barnabas Bakers delivery and wrapping.**

**Friday, December 12
Sign up for your time at the Barnabas Bakers
Event at Christmas Circle—7 to 11 a.m.
Help needed from the guys!**

**Wednesday, January 7
Nancy Bye, hostess for potluck lunch
Meet the new principal and the students we
sponsored in '08 events.
With Shirley Vialpando, plan for '09
Camp Stevens, ambassadors, etc.**

**Tuesday, February 11
Sue Salt, hostess for potluck lunch
Ernie Loza will tell us about his charities and how
we can help him.**

**Wednesday, March 4
Faye Dorsey, hostess for potluck lunch
More work on our ever growing photographic
history.
Planning for summer activities.**

**Thursday, April 2—help Irene Foster with
palm crosses
See December 11**

**Friday, April 3
See December 12**



***A PERFECT
CHRISTMAS GIFT!***

*Our very own lovely cookbook
Heavenly Delights.
Perfect for everyone on your
list.*

*Available in the Parish Room
And at Barnabas Bakers,
Christmas Circle, December 12*

*Check out the hors d'oeuvre
and dessert recipes to try for
our 12th Night Party at the
Rectory!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**THE 12TH NIGHT AT THE RECTORY.
BRING APPETIZERS AND FRIENDS.....**

JANUARY 11 AT 5:00 PM

Mark Your Calendar

DECEMBER

December, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. The Men of St. Barnabas
@ Kendall's Café
December 11: Delivery/Wrap Bake Sale in Parish Room
4:00—4:50 "Younger Next Year"
December 12: 7:00 –11 AM Barnabas Bakers Event at Christmas Circle
December 22: Monday at 8 a.m. monthly Vestry meeting
December 24: Wednesday 8:15 PM Christmas Sing-along
8:30 PM Christmas Eve Service
December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist
December 28: 9:30 AM Lessons & Carols



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