



Saints Alive

March 2009

Which Way Did He Go?

By Richard Cole

One of my favorite scriptures is Matthew 16:22-24. It's near the end of Jesus' ministry and is when he has begun to set his feet towards his final destination of Jerusalem. The scripture reads as follows:

From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders, and chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord; this shall not be done unto thee.

But he turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan; thou art an offense unto me; for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

This short passage shows so much about the two people involved.

Jesus was a determined man. He was focused on his goal and regardless of the known outcome, he was going to complete his assignment. I don't read in these words a sense of excitement or anticipation. What I hear is a factual, direct prediction of where he was going to go, what was going to occur when he got there and what the final outcome was going to be. I hear determination and in the face of the known conclusion, I hear courage.

Peter on the other hand shows himself to be a bold yet just a bit off-step disciple. He doesn't see the need to go to Jerusalem if that is going to be the result. In fact, there are a lot of other places they could go to instead. He also shows himself to be the protector of the man he has followed. Peter simply states that they will not be allowed to do these things to Jesus.

The three things that stand out to me are:

- 1) Peter heard the bad things, but failed to comprehend the beauty of the message. Jesus said he would be raised again the third day. I suspect Peter didn't hear anything after 'and be killed'. A phrase like that tends to leave a ringing in the ears that drowns out anything that follows. I also suspect that even if Peter heard Jesus say he would be 'raised again the third

day', he couldn't wrap his brain around the concept.

- 2) Jesus scolded Peter in a most direct manner. He told him to 'Get thee behind me Satan'. I remember the first time I read that scripture and thought how much that must have stung. Peter was rebuking Jesus to protect him and then gets compared to Satan.
- 3) Jesus never wavers in the face of temptation. There were many paths before him. Only one lead to Jerusalem and he stayed on it.

During this season of preparation for Easter, may we tune our ears to the beautiful messages that are around us. May we find ourselves in step with our Heavenly Parent. May we show determination and courage to follow a path of known or unknown consequences in order to fulfill our role as Christians here on earth.



BAKE SALE

On April 5th, the Crafty Ladies will have a bake sale to help toward the expenses of their service projects. The ladies are making receiving blankets, jackets and bibs for newborns in a poverty stricken area of Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa. They are also making receiving blankets for hospitals in San Antonio to distribute.

Come satisfy your sweet tooth on the first Sunday on April and know also that you have blessed the little newborns.

Upcoming Sionito Work Party Dates

Don't miss another exciting week of fun, food and fellowship. Calendar these dates now:

March 6-8

April 17-19

May 15-17

News From the Pews

The Spiekermann family grew last month when Lizzie married Drew Thornton on January 24 in Annandale VA, just outside Washington DC. Lizzie was a beautiful bride, Katie Rose was maid of honor and Rachel was matron of honor. The ceremony was in a little old historic church, and the weather was really cold but the sun was shining. Henry came home with Margot and Wayne afterwards while they're on their honeymoon. Lizzie and Drew and Henry will live at 1401 S. Thomas, Apt. #1, Arlington VA 22204. Lizzie works for the State Department, and Drew is in the Marine reserves and works for a Defense Department contractor.



Don and Reta Tucker are very proud of their granddaughter, Kelley Tucker. She made the Dean's List at Trinity University as a freshman with a grade point average of 3.956. She is in the top 15 of her class of 800 plus students.

CPI Survey Results & Pot Luck

After the 11:00 worship hour on March 29 Terry Shelton, Mission Center President, will meet with us in the Fellowship Hall to take questions and provide answers regarding the CPI Pastor Survey. By this date members will have completed and turned in a survey pertaining to the CPI program that Pastor Jim Burdick has been involved with for the past 3 years.

Jim and Carol will bring a ham for the Pot Luck dinner and those who stay for the discussion are invited to bring an accompaniment dish or dessert as well as any questions for our Mission Center President.



93 Years Young

Margaret Galbraith turned 93 on February 19 and celebrated the wonderful event with Pat Campbell, Kathlyn Graves and Carol Burdick. The foursome met at Crumpets and had a lovely birthday lunch complete with birthday cake. Happy Birthday Margaret!!

Meatless Potluck for March

The focus for March for our church as well as the San Antonio community is World Hunger (the CROP Walk occurs on March 1). So that we as a church community may continue to focus on this issue, our March 8 Pot Luck will be meatless. Bring your vegetables, fruits, breads and whatever you wish as we celebrate together with a meatless pot luck dinner.



Our own Shenandoah cowgirl, Aliyah Marie Farrell, pink boots and all, won a trophy at the San Antonio Rodeo, as a participant in a sheep riding demonstration. Congratulations to the 4 year old daughter of Darcie and Sergio Farrell.

2009 Camp Sionito Camping Season

If you plan to attend a youth camp or reunion this summer, here are the details you have been waiting for if you haven't already seen them on Coastal Bend Mission Center website.

Youth Camps:

Early Registration is \$290 if the completed registration form and a \$50 non-refundable deposit is postmarked by the early registration deadline. This information should be mailed to the appropriate Camp Business Manager.

Late Registration is \$340. There will be **no waivers** for the early registration cut-off date. Please register early!

	Camp Dates	Early Registration (\$290)	Late Registration (\$340)
Sr. High Camp	June 14 – 20	ends May 14	May 15 – June 14
Junior Camp	June 28 – July 4	ends May 28	May 29 – June 28
Jr. High Camp	July 12 – 18	ends June 12	June 13 – July 12

The \$50 deposit will be applied to your registration fee. The remainder of the registration fee is due on or before the beginning of camp.

Shenandoah will offer one campership per camper again this year and the final amount will be decided after the White Elephant fundraiser in May. The amount is also dependent on the number of campers. Our best guess at this point is the campership amount this summer will be under \$100.

Please note that the Mission Center is also offering a \$90 campership to each camper this summer. To apply, log onto www.coastalbendmc.org and submit your application electronically or you can submit a paper copy with your camping application to

the business manager of the youth camp you are attending.

The most important thing you need to do is get your application and \$50 nonrefundable deposit (to be applied to the registration fee) mailed to the business manager of the camp you are attending **by the Early Registration Deadline**. You will pay the \$340 late registration fee if you miss the early deadline. They are serious when they say there will be no exceptions.

Reunions:

The Reunion dates are June 20 – 27 for Reunion 1 and July 4 – 10 for Reunion 2. Registration dates are as follows:

	Reunion 1	Reunion 2
Early Bird Registration ends on	April 20, 2009	May 4, 2009
Early Registration ends on	May 20, 2009	June 4, 2009

Registration fees for both reunions are listed on the registration form.

Registration forms for both youth camps and reunions can be found on the mission center website at www.coastalbendmc.org. Additionally, you will find paper copies on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall/Education Building. You can register anytime – **just be sure to get your applications in on time and for the youth camps, include that \$50 deposit**. I will give you campership checks made payable to Camp Sionito in May. Please call me at 695-4593 or e-mail me at pwalker5@satx.rr.com with any questions.

Guest Minister - March 29th

You won't want to miss Shenandoah worship on March 29th at the 11:00 service because we will be honored to have our newly appointed Coastal Bend Mission Center President, Terry Shelton, as guest minister. The Shelton family lived in San Antonio in the 80's when Terry was an appointee to Central America. Please make a special effort to attend on the 29th and welcome Terry.

Job Openings!

Sionito is accepting applications for 2009 Summer Staff. The positions include:

Photographer
Cook and Cook's Assistants
Life Guard and Life Guard Assistant
Maintenance Assistant

Click on the link below for details including job descriptions, qualifications, application form and contact information.

<http://sionito.org/employment.htm>

The application deadline for preferential consideration of otherwise qualified Community of Christ members is March 15, 2009.

See you @ Sionito.

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Intentional Invitation Challenge

I would challenge each of us to make this a time to be aware of opportunities to ask a friend or family member to go with us to the upcoming Men's and Women's Retreat events. It has been my experience that when we do have friends come to our retreats lives are enriched and affected in very positive ways.

A time now for "Intentional Invitation" seems to be especially relative.

May "Each One, Reach One!"

Peace,

Joanne Chapman
Missionary Coordinator

March Greeters

1st—Jeeta Caraballo
8th—Marilyn McCrimmon
15th—Patty Walker
22nd—Evelyn Williams
29th—Pat Campbell

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2—Dalton Klaus
4—Clayton Kanani Clark
7—Michelle Theisen
22—Pat Campbell
24—Katie Rose Spiekermann
27—Jim Burdick
29—Edna Workmon

