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Please Join Us for our Annual **Rally Day** Blessing & Of the Backpacks



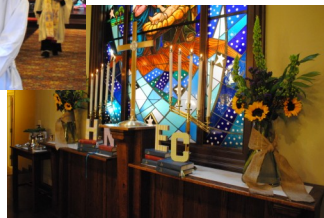
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

Join us as we kick off a new school year and learn about new programs and ministries for the fall!

Services at
8 and 10:30

(Blessing of the Backpacks
will be at the 10:30 service)

Picnic to follow. Bring a
side dish to share.



**Kids, be sure
to bring your
backpacks
and a
swimsuit
for the
water slide!**

Everyone
bring a Friend!!



Holy Nativity SummerTime in August:!

Our SummerTime gatherings every Wednesday feature a worship service from the Daily Office liturgies, “potluck” dinners around a food theme of the week, and great fellowship! Some of the liturgies have included Evening Prayer, The Service of Light, evening worship from both the New Zealand and Ireland prayer books, and Compline.

SummerTime continues in August. We gather at 6:00pm in the church for worship. Mark your calendars for August 6th when Jane Burkett and John Durgan team up to officiate a sung service of Evening Prayer.

A Women’s Discipleship Study Group meets in the Parish House after dinner each Wednesday. Join any week. Each week’s topic is self-sustaining. The August topics include Discipleship and Leadership, Spiritual Family and Church Life, Prayer and Worship, Faith and Hope.

Check the weekly bulletins, “What’s Happening” emails, and Facebook posts for weekly service information and what to bring to contribute for the food choice of the week.

See you Wednesday!

“An Evening on Broadway” Voice Recital at Holy Nativity on August 8th



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HOST CAITLIN MCNEILAGE, *MEZZO SOPRANO*, IN RECITAL ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT 7:00 PM. CAITLIN IS A GRADUATE OF HOLY NATIVITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL (CLASS OF 2010) AND A. CRAWFORD MOSLEY HIGH SCHOOL (CLASS OF 2014). THE PROGRAM WILL FEATURE BROADWAY HIT MUSIC FROM *LES MISÉRABLES*, *THE WIZARD OF OZ*, *THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA*, AND *THE UNAUTHORIZED AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF SAMANTHA BROWN* AND MORE! CAITLIN IS NO STRANGER TO THE STAGE AND HAS APPEARED AS THE LEAD IN NUMEROUS PRODUCTIONS AT HER SCHOOLS, MOST RECENTLY AS “BELLE” IN *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*. CAITLIN HAS

BEEN A PRIVATE STUDENT OF DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS, MARQUA BRUNETTE, FOR 7 YEARS. MS. BRUNETTE WILL ALSO BE THE ACCOMPANIST FOR THIS PROGRAM WHICH SERVES AS CAITLIN’S SENIOR RECITAL. IN THE FALL, CAITLIN WILL BE STUDYING FOR A B.F.A. IN THEATRE AT TISCH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. COME JOIN US FOR THIS DELIGHTFUL OFFERING OF BROADWAY SHOW TUNES AND HEAR THE SELECTIONS WHICH GARNERED HER SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS OPPORTUNITY AT NYU! SEE YOU THERE!



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Hello, Holy Nativity!

Remember that we are having Adult Sunday School the first Sunday of each month this summer. So for June, so for July, and coming up on August 3. In the Library between services, at 9:15 for an hour. If you can't come early or on time, then come late, just come, it's always fun!!

Our first session of Adult Sunday School for the Fall 2014 Season will be September 7, the Sunday after Labor Day. At our first session we will talk about what to study for the season, including looking into possibilities for Advent. Put it on your calendar.

Our midweek Bible Study offering will change for this new season. Instead of a morning/noon session, we will offer a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings as an adult program after Eucharist and Supper, the same time the EfM group adjourns for their weekly session. I'm thinking a 30 minute session, and have it the month of September to see if anyone is interested. First session the same evening as our first Wednesday Evening Eucharist/Supper for the Fall 2014 Season. Try it, you may like it!

Fr. Tom+



The Education for Ministry program is an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the basis of your faith and learn how to apply that faith in the world around you. If you find yourself sitting in church thinking there must be something more, and looking for ways to integrate your faith more deeply into your life and the lives of those around you, EfM may provide that chance for growth. Over a period of four academic years we engage in critical study of the Old Testament, the New Testament, church history from Easter morning through the modern era, and applied theology. We also pray, eat, laugh and learn to see God in all things, becoming part of a group that produces friendships that last a lifetime. Our first weekly meetings are usually in late August, and our schedule corresponds to the school year. The tuition is \$350 for one program year, but scholarships are available if cost is an issue. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Mike Dickey at 850.867.2550 or mpdick-ey64@yahoo.com.

Lawrence Long Set to Retire



After ten plus years of service, our Sexton, Lawrence Long will retire effective August 10th. On that Sunday, between services, a reception will be held honoring Lawrence and his service to Holy Nativity. Please make plans to stay late or come early to celebrate this milestone.

The Church will be giving Lawrence a "retirement purse" to assist him in this new phase of his life. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to Holy Nativity with "Long Retirement" noted on the memo line.

🎵 Music Notes 🎵

by Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

The Rite One and Chancel Choirs

The adult choirs have enjoyed some free Thursday evenings due to summer schedules but we resume regular weekly practices after Labor Day. Both of our choirs are in need of additional members. I realize it is a great commitment but it is so very rewarding PLUS you get the best seats in the house for all special services like Easter and Christmas Eve!! We have been blessed with some wonderful voices in our choirs but we are continually searching for additional members to join. It takes all kinds of voices to make a choir – believe it or not, for years I considered myself just a decent ‘choral’ voice. But with regular practice and vocal maturity (yes, your voice continues to mature and grow) I am now a much stronger singer and not afraid of a solo. You don’t have to be a ‘soloist’ to join; we need your sound to blend with the others in the choir. Rumor has it; some of those new voices are sitting out in the congregation but have not made it to rehearsals yet. We encourage you to join us any Thursday evening. The Rite One Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 and we usually sing once a month. The Chancel Choir sings weekly at the 10:30 service and rehearses on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:30 before church.

Our choirs are not only opportunities for musical growth but a time for prayer and spiritual sharing. Thanks are always offered for each member for sharing their musical gifts with our choirs and Holy Nativity. Each voice help to make all of us better! God bless each of our choir members!

one has any questions, please ask me or any choir member. Do not be afraid if you cannot read music, most choir members do not read music, but they all learn enough to follow their part and share their gift of music. If God has given you a voice, please come and share it.

Children’s Choir

Children’s Choir has been on summer vacation from rehearsals but we resume Wednesday practices on September 10th. All children in grades one through eight are welcome to sing in Children’s Choir. Weekly rehearsals are held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 – 5:10 in the Choir Office, located in the Kids’ Kingdom Building.

The Children’s Choir sings several times throughout the school year at the 10:30 services and for the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to grow musically and spiritually and learn what it means to give back to the church by serving and sharing their gifts. We look forward to having your child join us. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at 769-9034.

Looking for Music Librarian Volunteers!

There is always an abundance of filing and sorting to be done in the music office. If you have a couple of hours to share, please contact Marqua Brunette. Whether you have an hour each week or 2 hours on only one day available in the next year, your assistance will be greatly appreciated! No musical skills are necessary – just a good knowledge of the alphabet for filing!

We look forward to welcoming YOU to our choirs. If any-

CALLING ALL CHILDREN’S CHOIR MEMBERS

The Children’s Choir will sing during our annual *Blessing of the Backpacks* on Sunday, August 17th, for the 10:30 service. We are singing music that we ALL know really well from last season and will plan to process in wearing our red robes and backpacks! Please speak with Director, Marqua Brunette at church to coordinate the details. I am hoping to make this a one-time rehearsal event the morning of the 17th. Just make sure you are in the church in your red robe at 10:00 AM and bring your backpacks!



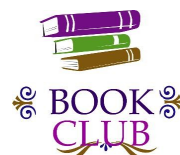
Aug. 1 Katy Brust, Ashlyn Pack
 Aug. 3 Ian Crelling, Mary Ellen Pettis,
 Caroline Zinszer
 Aug. 4 Brent Faison, Benny Watts
 Aug. 5 Joyce Dannecker, Holly Melzer,
 Joan Morrow
 Aug. 6 Penny Hutt
 Aug. 7 Steve Bates
 Aug. 8 Ivan Pereira, Nancy Reeder
 Aug. 9 Lily Bradford, Glenn Eddleman,
 Laura McClain, Hunter Smith
 Aug. 10 Rita Boston
 Aug. 11 Max Dannecker
 Aug. 12 Earnest Jordan, Ashlee Phillips
 Aug. 13 Mary Sittman
 Aug. 15 Gracie Cole, Bruce McLawhorn
 Aug. 16 Gordon Askt, Lori Bates
 Aug. 19 Robert Hickman
 Aug. 20 Seth Patterson, Caroline Smith
 Aug. 21 Michael Gailfoil, Mark Hawley,
 Philip Stewart, George Walrond
 Aug. 22 Rich Johnson, Jenna Rahn
 Aug. 23 Brian McClain
 Aug. 24 Kathy Dick
 Aug. 25 Samantha Eaton, Donna Hairston
 Aug. 26 Anji Dunlap, Peggy Ferrante,
 Connor Kelley
 Aug. 27 Tony Collier, John Hutt, Aaron
 Shores
 Aug. 28 Lee Scott
 Aug. 29 Phyllis McLawhorn, Jonah Reeder
 Aug. 30 Georgia Dake
 Aug. 31 Gregory Miller



Aug. 1 Richard and Jo Bruhn
 Aug. 3 Brian and Candace Leebrick
 Aug. 7 Allen and Pat Nease
 Aug. 12 David and Suzanne Grossman
 Aug. 14 Joe and Peggy Ferrante
 Aug. 17 Robert and Carrie Hickman
 Aug. 21 Ted and Anda Gagnet
 Aug. 22 Jim and Ursula Hixson
 Aug. 23 Bill and Carolyn Cramer
 Mike and Judy Dickey
 Aug. 24 Tim and Nancy Pride
 Aug. 29 John and Mary Frances Hutt

Kindle/Book Club

Everyone is invited to join the
Kindle/Book Club!



They meet every 4th Monday of the month at 5:30 pm at Panera Bread by the Mall for dinner and then at 6:30 pm in the Church Office/Parish House for book discussion!

The book that will be discussed for August 25th is
"Gideon's Trumpet" by Anthony Lewis.

Backpack Cookout!

The Backpack Buddies crew will have its summer cookout on **Sunday, August 3, 2014 at 5:30 at the Parish House**. For all of you who have helped out or contributed, or if you are interested in being a part of this ministry, come help us celebrate another successful year with a hamburger and an Episcopal beverage. If you would like to attend, please let Mike Dickey know at mdickey@barronredding.com so we have enough food. Drop-ins are still welcome.



Children's Ministry Schedule August 2014

August	Children's Church 10:30 In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	Nursery 10:15 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Callie Mills and our wonderfully faithful nursery Volunteer.
3	<i>"Two Masters"</i> Judy Bennett 215-1579 Tom Hairston 784-6319	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
10	<i>"Deborah"</i> Kathy Brust 814-8014 Tiffany Ennis 784-4762	Kaew Sumpton 814-8014
17 Rally Day & Blessing of the Backpacks	All Volunteer Alert! Families: Bradford, Brust, Carroll, Cole, Collier, Commander, Doran, Ennis, Hutt, Kelley, Leebrick, Melzer, Pereira, Russell, Shores, Williams, Judy Bennett, and Tom Hairston	Pat Spangler 215-5247
24	<i>"God Calls Gideon"</i> Tony and Jenny Collier 215-6554	Teresa Durgan 913-3471
31	<i>"Gideon Wins The War"</i> Judy Bennett 215-1579 Tom Hairston 784-6319	Katy Bradford 819-6277

In Bay County and most of Florida, August is back-to-school month. At Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, back-to-school is the time for the Blessing of the Backpacks and Rally Day to celebrate the resumption of fall ministry programs. We want you and our visitors to know about the many programs that are in place at HNEC...and there will be many visitors that day. We hope that you will invite your neighbors and friends to join us at Holy Nativity on Sunday, August 17 for worship, backpack blessings, food, and fun for everyone. I am asking all of you who work with the children, or who know our children and are known to them, to come out and play. Help us welcome our guests, maintain safety and order, and make sure the children have fun. The families who have worked in Children's Ministry this year are wonderful teachers and role models for our children, and therefore have earned the opportunity to be Rally Day Volunteers. Sincerely, thank you so very much.

Many thanks also go to our nursery volunteers, Sandy Ciccarelli, Kaew Sumpton, Pat Spangler, Teresa Durgan, and substitutes. Certainly, they and the parents of babies and toddlers join me in being sad to lose the marvelous Callie Mills to college, Florida Southern in Lakeland. She has been a key part of Children's Ministry, not only by giving the children loving and expert care, but also, with her organizational skills and attention to detail, she has ensured that our nursery is safe, clean, and well

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supplied. We can be proud of her academic performance at Bay High as well. She graduated from the AICE program With Excellence as a Cambridge Scholar and she was inducted into highly regarded achievement rewarding clubs such as Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, and the National Honor Society. Callie has been actively involved with charity work and community improvement projects, and she chose her own parish to benefit. She researched plants, met with specialists, and raised funds for landscaping around Holy Nativity's columbarium. With the completion of this complex project, Callie earned the Girl Scouts of America's highest achievement, the Gold Award, which is equivalent to Eagle in Boy Scouts. Good job, Callie! We will miss you, so come visit with us and see the babies growing up just as Megan and Mollie Thompson do when they are in town.



Beverly McDaniel

News from the Diocese!

HAPPENING -

Reminder that Happening is scheduled August 29-31 in Memphis, TN, in partnership with the Diocese of West Tennessee. Happening is a renewal weekend held twice annually for Episcopal youth in grades 10-12. The weekend provides teens with a way to explore their spirituality while living and learning with others their age who want to share the faith they've found in Jesus Christ. And it's a ton of fun! The cost for the weekend is \$70, transportation is provided and financial assistance is always available. Please contact James Lawrence, Diocesan Youth Coordinator at james@beckwithal.com or call (251) 616-2162 if you have any questions or to register.

WOMEN OF VISION -

The annual Women of Vision Retreat is scheduled for August 1st - 3rd, at Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center. The theme is "Empowering Women". This retreat is an opportunity for women to be empowered for ministry in all areas of their lives. The sessions are led by women who have participated in these retreats previously and will teach skills and tools for establishing a vision for their ministry in their lives and in the church. The price for the weekend includes lodging and all meals: \$162.00 (double occupancy); \$208.00 (single occupancy). If you have any question, please contact Amanda Smith (251) 223-1099 or Andrea Shilston (251) 928-2376.

Diocesan Search Committee Announcement



THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST ANNOUNCES THAT IT IS NOW RECEIVING NOMINATIONS FOR ITS 4TH BISHOP. THE PROFILE, NOMINATION FORMS, THE NOMINATION PROCESS, AND SCHEDULE ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:
[HTTP://BISHOPSEARCH.DIOCGC.COM](http://BISHOPSEARCH.DIOCGC.COM)
 NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL
 SEPTEMBER 1, 2014.



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DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

*The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan II - Bishop
The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate*

CHURCH STAFF

*Youth Director - Judy Dickey
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Director of Choirs - Marqua Brunette
Church Organist - John Durgan
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills
Sexton - Lawrence Long
Weekend Sexton - James Rahn
Nursery Attendant - Brynn Ledman, Emily Brock*

THE VESTRY

<i>Fr. Steve Bates - Rector</i>	<i>Mike Harding 13-16</i>
<i>Henry Breland 13-16</i>	<i>Betty Grammer 12-15</i>
<i>Edyth Brown 12-15</i>	<i>Brian Leebrick 14-17</i>
<i>Joe Ciccarelli 13-16 Jr. Warden</i>	<i>Chris Mills 13-16</i>
<i>Carolyn Cramer 12-15</i>	<i>Hercules Pettis 14-17</i>
<i>Mark Godwin - Treasurer</i>	<i>Madge Smith - Clerk</i>
<i>Michele Hahn 12-15 Sr. Warden</i>	<i>Stewart Sumpton 14-17</i>
	<i>Todd Williams 14-17</i>

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I *</i>
	<i>9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's Sunday School (Sept. - May)</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II**</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11:30 am - Healing Eucharist</i>
	<i>5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist * and programs</i>

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for August 2014

Aug 3, 2014	Aug 10, 2014	Aug 17, 2014	Aug 24, 2014	Aug 31, 2014
Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, and David Burris	Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Phyllis McLawhorn, Kaew Sumpton, Jane Burkett, and Inge Churchill
Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Charlie and Cassie Commander	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Betty Heminway 10:30 am: Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Charlie and Cassie Commander
Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Jim Hixson 10:30 am: Mark and Nina Godwin	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan Johnson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Bret and Katie Fisher	Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker 10:30 am: Todd Williams and Mike Dickey	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Stewart Sumpton and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and Mike Dickey	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Joe Ciccarelli	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker 10:30 am: Todd Williams and Stewart Sumpton
Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Jacob Brock, Camryn Commander, Grace Ennis, Ben Bradford	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan, Ginny, Kate, and Beka Leebrick 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Morgan Williams, Ashtyn Williams, Hannah Hickman, Ryan Nelson	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Trevor Madden, Joseph Thompson, Michael Watts, Paul Burst, James Thompson, Jacob Brock, Ginny Leebrick, Sean Dickey	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Sean Dickey, Camryn Commander, Chappel Syfrett, Hannah Hickman	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Morgan Williams, Ashtyn Williams, Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson
Lector at 10:30 am Beverly McDaniel	Lector at 10:30 am Mary Ellen Pettis	Lector at 10:30 am Jackie Rahn	Lector at 10:30 am Judy Dickey	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran
Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Frances Hutt	Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan	Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Natasha Lithway	Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert



Only if you are unable to find a replacement for the day you are scheduled, please call your lay ministry leader.

Acolytes: Mike Harding - 747-0601

Altar Guild: Inge Churchill - 265-6744

Chalice Bearers/Lectors:

8 a.m. Gayle Ahrens 235-4265 10:30 a.m. Edyth Brown - 265-4009

Greeters/Ushers: Terry Jangula - 874-2382

Tablecloth Ministry: Madge Smith - 588-8320



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 The 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 5:30 pm - Backpack Ministry Cookout	4	5 11:30 am-Mary Martha Circle	6 6:00pm –Summertime worship/dinner/ Women's Bible Study	7	8 7:00 pm - Kaitlyn McNeilage Recital	9
10 The 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Lawrence Long Retirement Party 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	11	12	13 6:00pm –Summertime worship/dinner/ Women's Bible Study 6:00pm-Parish Ultreya/ Cursillo Reunion	14 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work 5:30 pm - The Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost RALLY DAY AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Parish Lunch 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	18 	19 First Day of School	20 6:00pm –Summertime worship/dinner/ Women's Bible Study	21	22	23
24 The 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	25 Book Club 5:30 pm-Book Club at Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Book Club at the Parish House	26	27 6:00pm –Summertime worship/dinner/ Women's Bible Study	28	29	30
31 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel						