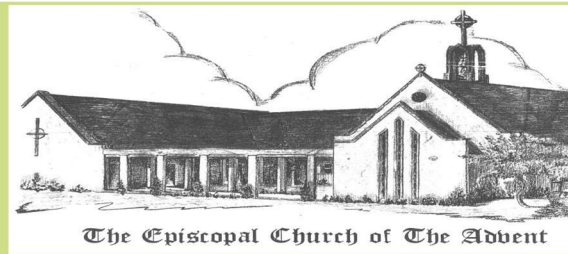


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But if anyone does sin, we have
an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; " 1 John 2:1

The Advocate

FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026

A few things to recall from June and July:
In June we remembered Juneteenth on the 19th and Father's Day on the 21st.
On July 4 th we celebrated the 250 th anniversary of our Independence.

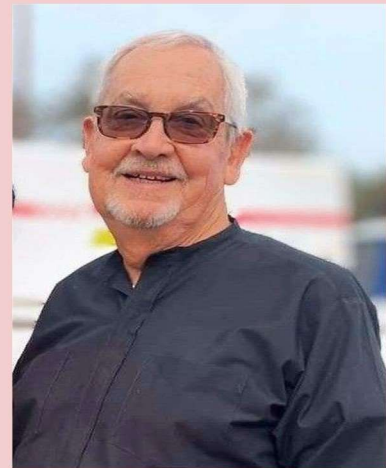
The way I celebrated July 4th was to arrive in Sydney, Australia. There we visited the Sydney Opera House, Bondi Beach and other sights.

We then traveled to the Australian Outback at Alice Springs – a one-time Sister City for Alice, TX.

Then on to Uluru, a monolith and sacred site of the aboriginal Australians. Our next destination was Cairns/Port Douglas – a resort area in a tropical part of Australia where we were exposed to the Daintree rainforest and went snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef. Finally, to Brisbane to fly on to Sydney and back to LA and then home.

Calendar activities for August are almost non-existent. The first day of school for AISD is August 10th. Be especially careful around schools and school zones.
In September we celebrate Labor Day on the 7 th - the unofficial end of Summer.

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We continue in our liturgical season of Pentecost. It is also referred to as Ordinary time – that time between Easter/Epiphany and Advent. Most of us tend to slow down, having fewer organizational activities. We may take some time to travel or find another way to separate from the routine. We may be away from church activities.

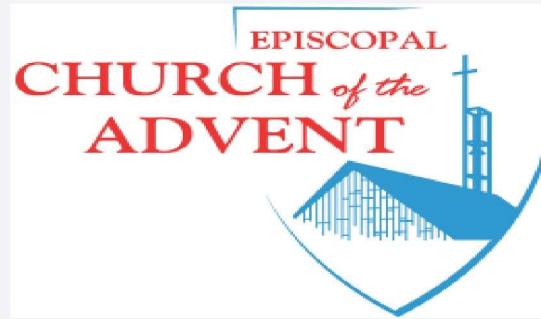
Perhaps it can also be a time when we think more about our relationships. How do we connect with our family – maybe nearby or distant? How do we connect with God and the church? What is our prayer life like?

These are questions that we should be asking all of the time, but, now, with fewer activities, it may be easier to stop and review those things that truly have meaning in our lives.

May we all seek “to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God”. Micah 6:8.

Blessings.

Tom



Linda's Book Club List 2026

January Theo of Golden by Allen Levi, Clare Wonders

February The Mystic Jesus by Marianne Williamson, MJ Rives

March The Correspondent by Virginia Evans, Bonnie Whitley

April The Second Life of Marielle West by Amanda Skenandore, Aaronette Housley

May The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton, Jacqi Nix

June The Hound of the Baskervilles by Conan Doyle, Juliette Wood

July At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities by Heather Webber, Glenda Dove

August Culpability by Bruce Holsinger, Heather Bilbrey

September People I Met at the Gates of Heaven by Don Piper, Judy Mumme

October The Heaven & earth Grocery Store by James McBride, Katrina Morris

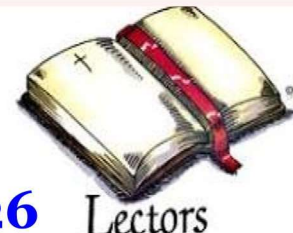
November A Marriage at Sea by Sophie Elmhirst, Megan Lemaster



**MOA and WOA
meet as needed
after Sunday
Services**



Called to Serve



August 2026

September 2026

August 2

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Clif Hammock

Usher: Roge Hoffman

August 9

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

August 16

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Jacqi Nix

Usher: Clif Hammock

August 23

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Clif Hammock & Liz Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

August 30

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Jacqi Nix

Usher: Clif Hammock

September 6

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce H. & Clif Hammock

Usher: Steve Findley

September 13

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Clif Hammock & Jacqi Nix

Usher: Steve Keim

September 20

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Jacqi Nix

Usher: Clif Hammock

September 27

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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HE Rite I
9:00 am

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HE Rite II
9:00 am

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First Day of
School AISD

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HE Rite II
9:00 am

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Vestry
Meeting
5:15 pm

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Linda's
Book
Club
5:30 pm

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HE Rite II
9:00 am

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HE Rite II
9:00 am

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Tom Gone

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Debbie Gone

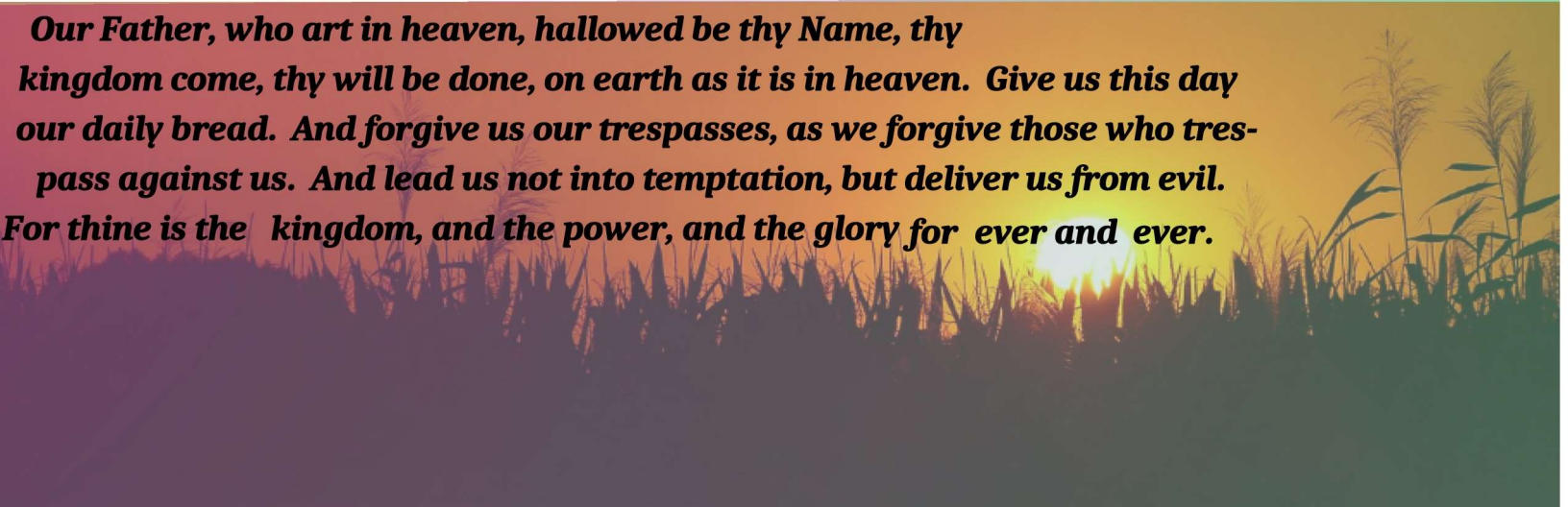


Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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6 H E RITE I 9:00 am	7 	8	9	10	11	12
13 H E RITE II 9:00 am	14	15 Vestry Meeting 5:15 pm	16	17 Linda's Book Club 5:30 pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 H E RITE II 9:00 am	28	29	30			
HE Rite II 9:00 am						

Tom Gone

Debbie Gone



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Pray for our Military Family

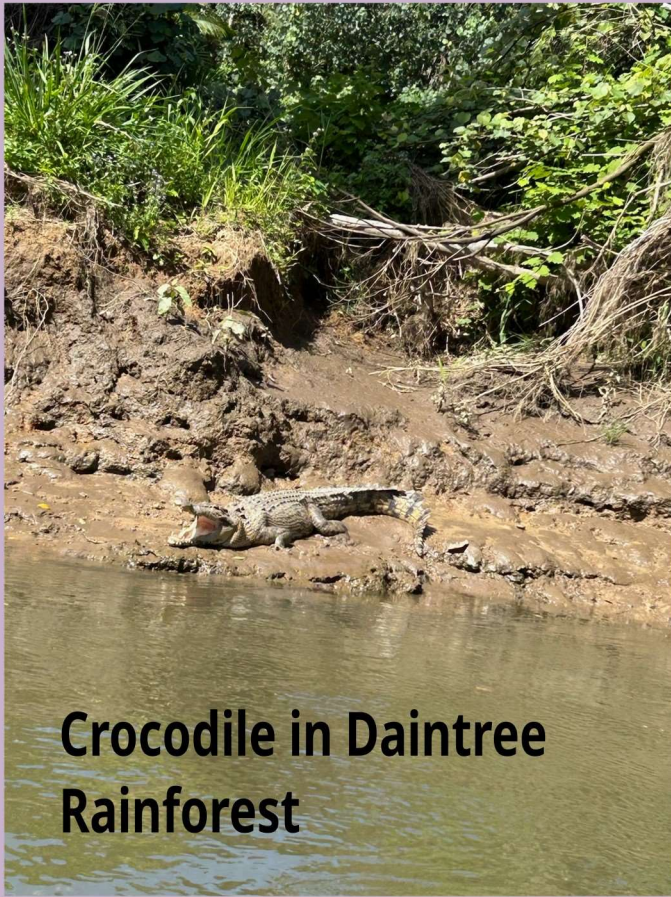
*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad; especially **Correy, Drew, Joseph, Lauren, and Noah**. Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

~Amen~

Please Pray for:

Bill Acker, Blaine Ainsworth, Keith & Linda Arnold, Bette & Rachal Ash, Alex Aquino, Anne Bayless, Sandra Barnum, Mike Bishop, James Bishop, Clayton & Susie Black, Brad Blankerbecker, Buzzy Botard, Cindy Case, Bill Christian, Jody Cole, Shannon Davis, Leslie Denning, Bob Eifling, Eva Elkins, Garron Farrar, Rhonda Farrar, Tammy Findley, Delfi Flores, Melba Gafford, Michaela Gannon, Cindy Gonzales, Bosco Hillman, Renee Hinojosa, Erica Hoelscher, Aaronette Housley, Danny Housley, Eddie Housley, Kelly Hunter, Hank Jackson, Carol Jordan, Cindy Kinney, David Light, Alex Lopez, Tessa Matthews, Nellie Ann Martin, Kelly Mayeux, Crystal Mead, Katherine Milligan, Cami Morgan, Gary Morgan, Pat Myane, Patrice McIntire, Jim and Jamie McLarty, Megan McLaughlin, Sarah Perkins, Nena Pitts, Gregg Robertson, Mike & Sylvia Saldivar, Brady Scarborough, Phyllis Seidel, Jim Siverd, Paulette Southard, Annette Starr, Brent Stringfellow, David Sullivan, Ken Teale, Michelle Texiera, Lainey Topacio, Tom Turner, George Vaughn, Carl Walker, Holden Weaver, Dale & Sandy Wilson, Cinco Woods and Donna Yokum.

Tom's Family Vacation in Australia



**Crocodile in Daintree
Rainforest**

**Ready for snorkeling at
the Great Barrier Reef**



**Port Douglas Beach with
Warnings**





Walking the Trail at Kata-Tjuta



Happy Birthday!

August Birthdays

- 2. Elizabeth Reeves*
- 10. Celzie Clifton*
- 12. Cassie Hammock Clifton*
- 19. Annette Wells*
- 22. Clinton Hammock*
- 28. James Nix*

September Birthdays

- 4. Steve Keim*
- 5. Melba Gafford*
- 10. David Sullivan*
- 15. Roge Hoffman*
- 27. Anne Bayless*
- 29. Caton Hammock*

HAPPY ANNIVERSERY

No anniverseries for these
two months

Uluru



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WORSHIP:
SUNDAY 9 AM-HOLY EUCHARIST AND SERMON

**Followed by Coffee, Fellowship,
and Bible Study**

SPECIAL SERVICES AS ANNOUNCED.

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*A life filled with love, service,
and family is a life worth celebrating.*

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

95 Wonderful Years of Melba Gafford

For 95 years, Melba has blessed the lives of so many
through her love, kindness, generosity, and unwavering
dedication to her family and community.

Please join us for a COME-AND-GO
Birthday Celebration
as we honor this remarkable woman.

Come by to wish Melba a happy birthday, share
your favorite memories, and enjoy visiting with
her children, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren, family, and friends.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



HELEN KLEBERG COMMUNITY CENTER
230 W. Yoakum Avenue
Kingsville, Texas 78363

No gifts, please.

Your presence is all we could ask for.
If you'd like to honor Melba, we invite you
to bring canned goods or other non-perishable
food items for donation to the local food bank.



♥ Finger foods and light refreshments
will be served.

Your presence is the greatest gift of all.

CELEBRATING A LIFE OF LOVE, SERVICE & FAMILY