

Good News from Epiphany

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END OF SUMMER

“We have called you friends”

On August 29th at 6:00 p.m. over a 100 people gathered for Evening Prayer to celebrate the Rev. Helen McPeak’s ministry to Epiphany. The Rev. Helen chose as the first lesson Ecclesiastes 3, “For everything there is a season”. 1 Thessalonians 5: 11-25 was also chosen, “Encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing”.

Helen’s theme for the entire evening was – lean on one another – trust one another – be kind and considerate to one another. What appropriate words for a parish that is experiencing its first major transition. Change is always hard, but if we lean on one another, we as a parish will become stronger to spread the Word of Christ.

Helen asked, “What is God trying to say to Epiphany in tonight’s lessons? How are you equipped to help the congregation live into this Word? What support do you need to live fully into this invitation?” As parishioners discussed this with one another, we realized we would grow in God’s love by trusting and leaning on each other.

At the conclusion of the service, Sr. Warden Betty-Jeanne Cousins presented the McPeaks with a Memory Book 2006-2012 as a reminder of the flock here at Epiphany. The McPeaks also received VISA gift cards. Apparently Kinnon and Douglas discussed how to spend this monetary gift on the way home. “Mama” had other ideas to discuss with the family.

A delicious reception in the Narthex followed as we broke bread with the McPeak family



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COMMUNITY

SEEKING TO

KNOW CHRIST

AND TO

MAKE CHRIST

KNOWN.

In with the Positive – Out with the Negative

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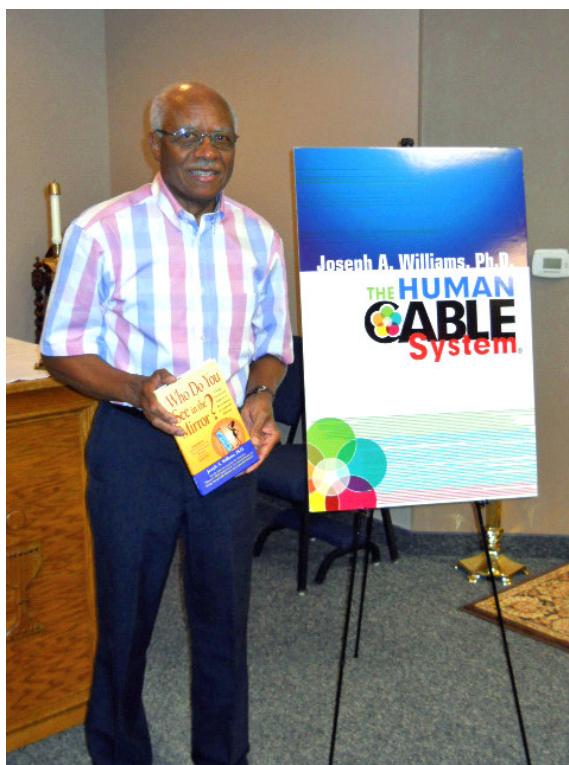
On July 26th Epiphany had one of its own speak about how our behavior affects others.

We all know that if we have negative attitudes it does affect how others react to us, but if we are smiling and positive others want to be around us. Easier said than done, isn't it – staying positive all the time?

Dr. Joe Williams spoke to us about the CABLE System. CABLE is an acronym standing for

C – Consequence A – Attitude B - Behavior L - Learning E - Environment

"This is a system consisting of both learned and natural reactions in the responses people have to the situations that make up their lives." Joe talked about what motivates us to behave the way we do. As Joe told us story after story, we were amazed and enlightened how his common sense principles might easily change all of us if we just took the time for self-examination. Joe has written a book that all of us can relate to, [Who Do You See in the Mirror?](#)



Hopefully, Joe will join us again for a return engagement here at Epiphany. We are thankful that we have such gifted parishioners here among us. Thank you, Joe, for sharing your gift with us.

Southern Mission District

Meets quarterly

The Southern Mission District (SMD) 3rd quarterly meeting was held on August 4, 2012 at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Boulder City. Issues discussed included the restructuring of the SMD, Diocesan Convention, the Diocesan Budget, and parish activities.

The SMD will be subdivided into West and East to give more representation on Standing Committee. The West will include Grace in the Desert, All Saint's, Christ, and St. Martin's. The East will include Epiphany, St. Matthew's, St. Thomas, St. Timothy's, St. Luke's, Holy Spirit, and St. Christopher's. The East and West will meet as one body.

Some of the future activities among the parishes include:

Grace in the Desert - Basic Discipleship in NV for Licensing Thursdays 9/6/12 - 11/15/12
Christ - Lobster Fair 10/20/12, 9am-3pm
Epiphany - Wine Tasting 10/20/12, 5 pm
St Luke's - Fair with Food, Games, etc. 10/20/12

The next SMD meeting will be November 3, 2012, at Christ Church.

Thank You Corner

Michelle & Bob Williamson's ministry to Epiphany is taking the signs in and out to Pecos Road each and every Sunday. What a ministry to Epiphany! While they were away this summer the following parishioners stepped up to continue that ministry: Thank you to **Shawn Woolworth, Mannie Makhathini, Dan Villanueva, Paul Gretter, and Melissa Farr**. Special thanks goes to **Richard Schwaner** who brought the signs in every Sunday during July and August. Teamwork is alive and well at Epiphany!

From the Senior Warden – Betty-Jeanne Cousins

On behalf of the Parish we wish to thank **Ginny Guzman-Walsh** for setting up and taking down the lovely reception for the McPeaks held on August 29th. Thanks to: **Judy Frankhouser** for being willing to launder the tablecloths, **Mannie Makhathini** for bringing the rug back to the Narthex for me, and **Melissa Farr** for putting Epiphany's signs out for visitors for this special celebration.

We were honored that our **Presiding Bishop Katharine and Dick** were able to attend. Also in attendance were **the Rev. Jeff Addiego**, from St. Matthew's and **the Rev. Carol Walton** from All Saints. We thank all the parishioners who brought such a wonderful assortment of finger foods for everyone to enjoy.

A very special thanks to all the parishioners who donated toward the VISA cards for the McPeak's. What a huge surprise it was for Helen and her family.

Praise God for whom all blessings flow. We wish you God speed Helen, Rob, Kinnon and Douglas.

Pictures from the Celebration of the Rev. Helen's Ministry

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