

The E-Matt



A weekly glimpse of God's People, God's Work
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St. Matt's celebrates Pentecost



If there were any “dry bones” in the audience, they certainly came to life as St. Matthew’s celebrated Pentecost. Pentecost is the anniversary of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles.

The joyful service was ablaze in red—the color of the tongues of fire that appeared on the apostles’ heads as the Holy Spirit came to them. Children waved red banners. Red balloons decorated the sanctuary.

Even a temporary loss of electricity did not prevent a stirring a cappella platform of praise.

“Preach to them dry bones. Witness to them God’s love, compassion, power and glory. Call them back to the truth which is the word of God. Proclaim to them the promise that God will open their graves. By words and actions speak to them of truth, love, and hope. Testify to them of a call to return home to God and his covenant.”

Father Beau, May 31, 2009.



The sanctuary on Pentecost.

Women combine breakfast & blessings

Seventeen St. Matt's women gathered on May 30 for a delicious breakfast and a teaching on blessings. Deb Wagner's presentation on scripture-based blessings gave the ladies a model to use in their own relationships.

The Elements of the Blessing include:

- Meaningful Touch
- A Spoken Message
- Attaching a High Value to the One Being Blessed
- Picturing a Special Future
- An Active Commitment to Fulfill the Blessing



Judi Dickson (left) and Terry Howell at the Women's Breakfast.