



St. Nicholas

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Update

Update on the Holy Spirit's work since January 2019...

Jan/February: Researched areas for our church plant, developed reports for the areas and decided on the Bulverde/Spring Branch area of the Hill Country. At our diocesan council, Jeremy and I were commissioned as church planters.

March/April: Began making connections in our Hill Country area and went to a Discerning Missional Leaders retreat developed by the national church. Organized a prayer team and began forming a group of people to help us grow the community. Began the development of a three year ministry plan. Blessed with a name for the Church - St. Nicholas.

May/June: Work began on our branding, logo, social media sites, and website. Began work on the Seed Grant for New Episcopal Communities funded by the national church.

July/August: Began meeting regularly as a launch team, continued attending events and meetings in the area and began to plan for small groups and our first event. In August we celebrated our first event, the beginnings of small groups and a team of people going to the Adaptive Leadership Conference.

September/October: Small Groups and meetings continued as we expanded our team of disciples. We hosted a pet blessing at the Walmart in Spring Branch which led to enriching relationships in the community. Secured a space for weekly worship.

November: Secured musicians and began prepping for launch Sunday through practice, space set-up and clean-up.

December: Launched our public worship on the 8th! Thanks to the incredible support of our diocese it was standing room only!

Throughout this past year we spent time visiting church plants in our tradition as well as other denominations. We have been humbled by the witness of perseverance and faith by all of these church plants. We have also been invited by many in our diocese to preach and teach about church planting, St. Nicholas and the joys and challenges of starting a new community of faith. Thank you to all who have graciously invited us to come and share our story. We have been blessed by so many friends in Christ and have been encouraged by your faithful ministries and your support of St. Nicholas. One of the scriptures that I hold close to my heart is 1 Corinthians 3:7. St. Paul reminds the community that it is God who gives the growth. All that we have, all that we are, all that we build is not ours but belongs to God. God does give the growth - through faithful people in the Diocese of West Texas. Thank you for your work, prayers, support, friendship and for being a vessel for God's Love, Grace, and Growth.

God's Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Beth+

WAYS TO PARTNER WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Bishop Reed's vision is for our diocese to be a family of churches who come together to plant churches and lift one another up in ministry. We are excited about the opportunities in the years to come for partnerships and creative ministry together. We hope you will consider some of the following ways of helping St. Nicholas. We also hope you will visit our exhibit and sign up for our prayer card resources for your church as a way for us to say thank you. We look forward to finding new and creative ways for us to build God's Kingdom together in the DWTX.

Please Consider...

- Add us to your congregational prayer list, your DOK prayer list, put us in your weekly prayers of the people.
- Consider leaders you have in your congregation that may be able to help us
 - Make altar linens
 - Woodworking - altar, cross, baptismal font
 - Teach/Train on a particular subject such as lay reading, children's ministry, safeguarding, altar guild, vestry workshops, etc.
- Adopt us as a hospitality host for a month by sending two families per Sunday to provide and host our fellowship time.
- Tell your friends and family who live in the Bulverde/Spring Branch area about St. Nick's. Give them Rev Beth's cell number 214-213-0739.
- Let us borrow (or gift us with) Godly Play materials for our children's and outreach ministries.
- Consider partnering with us on an event, worship experience, or outreach project.
- Bless us with a financial donation through our website at stnickshillcountry.org or through our diocese.



Thank you for your help!

Please come by and sign up for digital resources to create prayer cards for children and families. Receive the art, prayer, and online resources to create prayer cards with your logo for St. Francis Day Pet Blessings, Baptisms, Easter, and Pentecost.

