

The Epistle

“Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it-not with ink, but with God’s living Spirit; not chiseled into stone, but carved into human lives-and we publish it.”

2 Corinthians 3:3

The Monthly Parish Newsletter of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Fort Mill, SC September 2009

The Dwelling Place of God

A few weeks ago, we read the Old Testament account of King Solomon dedicating the Temple in the city of Jerusalem. The people brought the Ark of the Covenant – the box that held the Ten Commandments – up to Jerusalem and placed it in the center of Temple. Then the glory of the Lord – the very presence of the Lord – filled the place. This was the house of the Lord. Now, the people knew that their building could not restrain or contain God. Solomon acknowledges this. “Will God indeed dwell on earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built!” Solomon and all the people knew that their God could not be contained. But they did believe that the Lord would meet them when they called upon his name. They knew that when they called upon his name – in times of trouble or sorrow or in times of joy and celebration, the Lord would be there with them. This house of the Lord was the meeting place with God.

The houses of the Lord are important to us also. I still remember with fondness the Church building, or Nave, that I worshipped in from my birth until I was ten - Emmanuel in Athens, Ga. This is the place where I first met the Lord. Within these walls, I was baptized, I sang hymns, I joined in prayers, and I heard God’s word. Also in this holy place, I played. My mother was on the altar guild and as she worked, my sister and I would march down the aisle playing bride. For me this place was holy because within its walls I met God.

Our houses of the Lord become holy because of the prayers that are offered and the praises that are sung within their walls. When we hear the word of God proclaimed and it speaks to our heart, God is present in this place. When we watch as a loved one is baptized, incorporated into the body of Christ, God is present in this place. When we gather around the altar to receive the bread and wine, the nourishment of Christ’s life with us, God is in this place. In our house of the Lord, we meet our God. This makes it a holy place, the dwelling place of God.

Now as I hope all of you know, we are in the midst of a campaign to raise money to improve our dwelling place of God. In June we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our building. Believe it or not the wiring in this building is 50 years old. It has never been reworked. Though the building has been renovated over the years, the wiring has just been added onto and not reworked. Part of having a holy sanctuary is taking care of it. Our sanctuary now needs care in order to preserve it. This is not an optional improvement. This is a necessity that is long overdue. If we are to continue worshipping our Lord in this place, we must take care of this place – this sanctuary. Solomon and all Israel sacrificed much to build a Temple for the Lord. Many resources, including much gold, were used in the building of the house of the Lord. It is now time for us to honor the Lord for all that he has given us by making the commitment to care for this place where we meet him – this house of the Lord.

Our Nave is special not because of the wood or the silver or the brass. This place is special because of the one we meet here – our Lord. As we gather together in community in this place, God is in our midst. This is what makes this house holy – this is what makes it the Temple of the Lord.

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Become a Fan of St Paul's on Facebook!

The Communications Committee is excited to announce the rollout of a new [St. Paul's Episcopal Church Page on Facebook](#) and is inviting all parish members and their friends to become a "fan" on the church (instructions below).

The page will compliment our existing communications efforts (website, newsletter, etc...) by providing **real time, interactive** updates from St. Paul's including commentary from Reverend Sally, parish announcements, events, photos, etc... Facebook members who become "fans" will be able to interact with and learn more about church directly on the St Paul's page and their own respective Facebook homepages. Once you become a fan, you will be able to receive the latest news, events, and photos posted by the parish on your homepage as they are published (just like one of your Facebook "friends" or other pages that you may be a fan of). Additionally, fans can post links and comments directly to the St Paul's page for others to see (as overseen by site administrators). This is of course a free, fun way to interact with the rest of the parish and the rest of St Paul's "fan" base on Facebook.

How to Become a Fan

Existing Facebook Members: if you are already a member of Facebook, you can become a fan of St. Paul's by clicking on the "Become a Fan" link on the top of the [St. Paul's page](#).

Non-Facebook Members: To interact with the St. Paul's page on Facebook, you need to sign up for a free [Facebook account](#) and then follow the instructions above for Existing Facebook Members.

Christian Education

Many of you may have heard that we had hired a new Christian Education director. Unfortunately she had to reconsider her decision to accept the job. She is a teacher in Charlotte and this year made a change in her school and grade level. She has decided that with that much change in her life, she cannot take on the responsibilities of an additional job.

However we are still committed to hiring a Christian Education director for our parish. We will begin the search process again. We are looking for a person who has enthusiasm for ministry to children. If you know of anyone who has Christian Education experience, we have a job description in the office.

Sunday School

Sunday School starts September 13th. We are using a slightly different format this year. Classes will begin at 10:00AM. Children will stay in the class until the offertory when they will come into the Church for communion and sit together on the front row. Final details are still being worked on and more information will be available in the bulletin. If you would like to teach this year or if you would like to help with the nursery, please contact Heather Guess at (803) 548-8620.

Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry (EFM) is an in-depth study of the Christian faith. In the EFM seminar group participants learn about our faith and reflect on how that faith shapes our lives. The entire course lasts four years but is only committed to one year at a time. The first year cover the Old Testament. St. Paul's will begin EFM on September 17th. The group will meet throughout the school year on Thursdays at 6:30PM. If you are interested in this opportunity for study, contact Rev. Sally.

FINANCE COMMISSION

INTERIM CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR PLEDGING MEMBERS

As mentioned earlier in the year, interim contribution statements are being distributed by e-mail to those who pledged for 2009 where e-mail addresses are available. Interim contribution statements will be distributed via e-mail again in September. The first interim contribution statements were distributed by e-mail during May. Distributing the interim statements via e-mail reduces costs. Physical statements will still be mailed in January 2010 for full year 2009 giving. Pledging members who have not provided their e-mail addresses to St. Paul's will have their interim statements mailed to them as in the past.

MONTHLY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 2ND, at 7:30PM at the Church. Anyone with an interest in St. Paul's finances is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Reuille at (803) 547-6559 or by e-mail at ereuille@comporium.net.

	2009 through July		2008 thru July
	Actual	Budget	
Loose Offerings	2,318.00	2,530.00	2,467.00
Non-Pledging Members & Guests	10,725.00	11,858.00	12,565.00
Pledging Members	81,660.00	83,250.00	72,385.00
Total	94,703.00	97,638.00	87,417.00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – CROCODILE DOCK

Our Vacation Bible School, "Crocodile Dock," was filled with rollicky good fun. About 38 children joined in the fun on each of the four evenings. For a summer program to run as smoothly as "Croc Dock" many people contributed their talents: Heather Guess, director, recruited team leaders, and had a zillion good ideas from decorating to mixing up the age groups. Chanee Battle handled registration and worked to divvy up the age groups into the four classes. Story Tellers Ann Rankin and Kim Munday amazed the children with the stories about Moses and the burning bush, all those ten plagues, the wonder of the Passover, and parting the Red Sea. Tracy Greene, Julia Bemis, and Ashley Mantel lead Jumping music, as well as everyone's favorite, "This Little Light of Mine." Leah Abraham and Robin Barschow raided their shoe collection for some of the games they shared. Artist Tracy Kerstetter painted our backdrop in the parish hall and decorated our bayou with alligator masks. She and her husband, Brandon, also helped the children with clever crafts. Vonda Nuccio treated the children with great dinners - hot dogs, tacos, and pizza with the help of Mary Coleman. Lisa Price created snacks that accompanied each day's lesson. Mary Bemis delighted the children with several baby goats from her farm on the last evening. Group leaders included Julianne Wade, Noah Battle, Livi Battle, John Abraham, Ellie Abraham, Jasmine Showalter, Jacob Showalter, Lauren Barschow. Many thanks to everyone who helped the children learn about God's love, Moses, and the beginning of the Exodus. The success of VBS came from great folks and their extraordinary love for children, talents, and sense of fun.

Lizann Lutz

(Please pardon, if anyone has been left out!)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week fresh flowers are placed on the Altar. During the month of September we need someone to sign up for flowers on the 20th and 27th. In October, we need someone to sign up for the 25th. The flowers cost \$53 and the gift of flowers is a tax deductible gift to our Church. Please sign up or contact Clare Hawes at mwhawes@comporium.net or Karen Rogers, our Parish Secretary, at stpauls@comporium.net.

USHERS NEEDED!

The 10:30AM service is in need of more teams of ushers. It's a great job - you get to greet everyone at the door, assist with the offertory and with worshippers coming to the communion rail, plus a few other tasks. Please consider serving a Sunday, and occasionally other special services. For more information, please talk with Otis and Lizann Lutz.

YOUTH READERS

Each week a youth in our Church has the opportunity to read a lesson from the New Testament. It is important to the leaders of our Church to include youth in the service. If you have a youth who would like to try reading, please contact me and I will meet with your youth(s) to see if I think they are ready. You may reach me by e-mail at janarnold@comporium.net.

Jan Arnold

CALLING POST

To listen to the latest Calling Post message from St. Paul's at any time, call 1-800-925-7443. When prompted, enter the Group ID: 182-072-9807.

FORT MILL CARE CENTER

The Care Center needs canned beans – green, baked, kidney, pinto, etc. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events at St. Paul's

PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND AT KANUGA

All final payments are now due for the Parish Family Weekend at Kanuga. Please give all payments to either Gordon Battle or Bob Griffin.

PARISH BREAKFAST

We will kick off our monthly breakfasts on Sunday, September 6th. Bring the family for a great breakfast. Hope to see you at 9:00AM...between first and second service!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day. Karen Rogers will be out of the office September 7th – 14th.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC

The Adult Choir of St. Paul's has resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00PM. Anyone who would like to participate is always welcome. It is not necessary to be able to read music. We have a great fellowship, and we have the wonderful privilege of participating in worship in a special way--through God's gift of music. Please consider trying it out if you have never been in the choir before.

The Chime Choir will resume rehearsals on September 9th at 8:00PM. We would love to have some more ringers. If you can't sing, but enjoy music, this may be the thing for you. Just let me know if you are interested. You may reach me at 803-548-5606 or tomtolbert@comporium.net.

Judy Tolbert, Director

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting for returning members and new members of St Paul's Fellowship Committee on Sunday, September 13th, at 9:15AM. This will be our first meeting for the 2009-2010 year and we will discuss the up-coming events for the year. The Fellowship Committee is a group of parishioners that plan and host social events during the year. It is a fun way to be involved! Come join us September 13th for more information or contact Chanee Battle at (803) 802-5974 or chaneebattle@aol.com.

THE ETHNIC RESTAURANT GROUP

The Ethnic Restaurant Group will dine at Terra Restaurant, 545-B Providence Road, Charlotte, on Thursday, September 24th, at 7:00PM. You can start checking out the treats at www.terracharlotte.com. In taste-space, Terra is somewhere between Lyon and Florence. For more information, please contact Tom Tolbert (803-548-5605, tomtolbert@comporium.net).

E.C.W. LUNCH BUNCH

The next meeting of the E.C.W. Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, September 30th, at 1:00PM at Red Bowl & Asia Bistro, 845 Stockbridge Drive, Fort Mill. Please call Sheilah Reuille at (803) 547-6559, or e-mail her at ereuille@fmtc.net if you have any questions.

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Births

Evelyn May Allegretti, daughter of Dana Allegretti, granddaughter of Jay & Betty Allegretti, born August 13, 2009

Deaths

Janice Centea, mother of Dan Centea
Evelyn Fisher, former St. Paul's member
Daryl Mitchum, friend of Kim Masters
Nadja Hudson, wife of Fr. Tom Hudson (former rector at Good Shepherd in York)
Bev Neely Bruce, friend of Robin Dorfer

ST. PAUL'S SHUT INS

If you have a moment in your day please drop these wonderful people a card or give them a phone call. They are parishioners that don't get out and need your love and support.

Mrs. Betty Mills
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† Prayer Requests: †

Members of St. Paul's

Kaylee Battle-prayers for health
Samuel Kraft-prayers for health
Sandy LaCasse-prayers for health
Ladd Mills-prayers for health

Sue Bleau-prayers for health
The Krafft Family-prayers for health
Dean Matheson-prayers for health
Marjorie Peay-prayers for health

Bill Homan-prayers for health
Nancy Lawson-prayers for health
Ray McGuirt-prayers for health
Jim Smith-prayers for health

Family and Friends of St. Paul's

Isabel Jurado (Friend of Janice Hage)-prayers for healing
Trish Carpenter (friend of Nance Griffin)-prayers for healing
Paul Jackson (friend of Chip Smith)-prayers for health
Kathy Sibell (daughter of Ginger Johnson)-prayers for health
Joyce Barrett (mother of Ernie LaCasse)-prayers for health
Robert McCleave (friend of Mike & Marilyn Fleek)-prayers for health
Karen McNally (daughter of Ginger Johnson)-prayers for health
Nell Chambers (mother of Michael Chambers)-prayers for health
Paula Edwards (friend of Libby Justice)-prayers for peace, comfort & health
Evelyn Curtis (sister of Robin Barschow)-prayers for health
Beachy Allen (friend of Sophia Beers)-prayers for health
Carolyn Franklin (step-mother of Rev. Sally)-prayers for health
Annie Morgan (relative of the Abrahams)-prayers for health
Bill Morgan (relative of the Abrahams)-prayers for health
Trish McGorry (cousin of Carol Genest)-prayers for health
Kathie Byrd (aunt of Janice Hage)-prayers for health
Bob Boyles (friend of Janice Hage)-prayers for health
Frank Hardesty (friend of Tricia Smith)-prayers for health
Kathie Byrd (aunt of Janice Hage)-prayers for healing
Jerry Poyeta (friend of the Hage family)-prayers for health
Linda Spire (friend of Rev. Sally)-prayers for health
Kathy Baker (daughter-in-law of Wanda Neisner)-prayers for health
Edith Klasen (mother of Judy Tolbert)-prayers for health
Deborah Agnone (daughter of Anna-Louise Fitzgerald)-prayers for health
Susan Nocella (sister-in-law of Cathie Nocella)-prayers for health
Vanessa Rogers (daughter-in-law of Karen Rogers)-prayers for health
Bonnie Dennis (mother of Kim Munday)-prayers for health
Estelle McKeon (sister-in-law of Wanda Neisner)-prayers for health
Normal Fogg (relative of Sheilah Reuille)-prayers for health
Rosalie Fogg (relative of Sheilah Reuille)-prayers for health

With the Military

Dustin Lester, deployed in Iraq
Mark Lester, deployed in Afghanistan

If you are a member of St. Paul's, or have a family member or friend who needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact the office so that we may add them to the list. Names of friends and family members currently enlisted and serving in our armed forces will gladly be added to our prayer list. Please include the person's rank and location where serving abroad.

September 2009 Celebrations

Birthdays

Emily Whiting	2-Sept
Betty Allegretti	4-Sept
Luke Mantel	6-Sept
Chris Griffin	7-Sept
Kristen Geary	8-Sept
Emilia Kelly	8-Sept
Kim Masters	8-Sept
Jackson Price	9-Sept
Otis Lutz	11-Sept
Peter Huddy	13-Sept
Livi Battle	14-Sept
Chanee Battle	14-Sept
Ell Close	14-Sept
Paul Fleek	14-Sept
Lilly Lindgren	14-Sept
Cathie Nocella	15-Sept
Dot Wilson	15-Sept
Pete Fleetwood	16-Sept
Brenda Branson	17-Sept
Hannah Higgins	18-Sept
Amelia Martinez	20-Sept
Steve McGuirt	20-Sept
Dylan Battle	21-Sept
Pam Fleetwood	23-Sept
Sally Higgins	24-Sept
Polly Weaver	27-Sept
Alison Hunter	28-Sept
Christian Gillespy	29-Sept
Raymond Bleau	30-Sept

Anniversaries

Terry & Susan Campbell	1-Sept
Michael & Sue Craven	9-Sept
Jim & Amanda Lozier	10-Sept
Barry & Mary Mack	14-Sept
Tom & Betty Harris	17-Sept
Raymond & Sue Bleau	20-Sept
Chris & Stephanie Krafft	20-Sept
David & Virginia Tawse	20-Sept
Mike Gozaloff & Helen Carpenter	21-Sept
Mike & Gay Warren	25-Sept
Wesley & Kim Munday	26-Sept
Ben & Scottie Chastain	28-Sept

If your name has been left off of the birthday or anniversary list please contact the office. Please contact the office with information regarding births, hospital patients and deaths.

Please check this schedule very carefully. REMEMBER: IF YOU CANNOT BE HERE ON YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY, PLEASE BE SURE YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOMEONE TO COVER FOR YOU.

Weekly Rotation			
Date	Vestry Member of the Day	Nursery/Infant Room	Coffee
06 Sep	Ginger Johnson	Janice Hage	Frank & Libby Justice
13 Sep	Libby Justice	Kim Munday	Harold & Susan Leighton
20 Sep	Lizann Lutz	Robin Barschow	Barry & Mary Mack
27 Sep	Lisa Price	Tracy Greene	Clark & Rikke Gillespy
04 Oct	Lynn Smalt	Herb & Ashley Mantel	Wesley & Kim Munday
11 Oct	Ginger Johnson	Ryan & Catherine Lindgren	Jack & Lisa Price
18 Oct	Jim Lozier	Dave & Emma Kelly	Jeff & Kim Owens
25 Oct	Kim Munday	Gordon Battle	Chip & Cathie Smith

8:00 Service		
Date	Lector/Chalice	Acolytes
06 Sep	John Arnold	Christy Reuille
13 Sep	Ed Reuille	Robert Munday, Lauren Barschow
20 Sep	Clare Hawes	Christy Reuille
27 Sep	Betty Allegretti	Ellie Abraham, John Abraham
04 Oct	Ed Reuille	Christy Reuille
11 Oct	John Arnold	Robert Munday, Lauren Barschow
18 Oct	Clare Hawes	Christy Reuille
25 Oct	Betty Allegretti	Ellie Abraham, John Abraham

10:30 Service		Chalice Bearer		Lector		
Date	Usher	1st	2nd	First Reader	Second Reader	Acolytes
06 Sep	Barry Mack	Pam Centea	Pat Hunter	Dick Adkins	Robert Munday	Sarah Hunter, Christian Gillespy, Drew Hunter, Karoline Gillespy
13 Sep	Dan Centea, Jim Abraham	Chanee Battle	Scottie Chastain	Gordon Battle	Noah Battle	Libba Mack, Bayles Mack, Hannah Cook, Landon Cook, Chris Cook
20 Sep	Otis Lutz, Lizann Lutz	Dan Centea	Cilla Thomas	Janice Hage	Savannah Wright	Dylan Battle, Savannah Wright, Jackson Price, Margaret Price
27 Sep	Lynn Smalt, Sylvia Smalt	Frank Stewart	Jan Arnold	Leah Abraham	Jim Abraham	Noah Battle, Jim Abraham, Meagan Clark, Livi Battle
04 Oct	Barry Mack	Mary Luzzi	Cilla Thomas	Dick Adkins	Lizann Lutz	Sarah Hunter, Christian Gillespy, Drew Hunter, Karoline Gillespy
11 Oct	Dan Centea, Jay Abraham	Carol Genest	Scottie Chastain	Gordon Battle	Mary Mack	Libba Mack, Bayles Mack, Hannah Cook, Landon Cook, Chris Cook
18 Oct	Otis Lutz, Lizann Lutz	Chanee Battle	Jan Arnold	Julia Bemis	Lisa Price	Dylan Battle, Savannah Wright, Jackson Price, Margaret Price
25 Oct	Lynn Smalt, Sylvia Smalt	Dan Centea	Pat Hunter	Janice Hage	Susan McClure	Noah Battle, Jim Abraham, Meagan Clark, Livi Battle

Please send all announcements for the October Epistle to stpauls@comporium.net by September 20th.