



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

February 8, 2017

A Message from Thack

I was talking to an old friend some time ago who referred to his dad as both “tender and tough.” I knew his dad and thought this was an apt description. I also know my friend offered this description in admiration of his father. I was struck by the contrasting character traits and thought what a wonderful combination. This may account for why some of the most spiritual people I know are both tender and tough.

We all know tender Christians. They are warm, emotional people whose love enables them to express assurance and compassion. Some Christians are also distinguished by their toughness. This is evident by their determination and unwavering faith. They are not intimidated by the vicissitudes of life and proceed through obstacles convinced, through the mercy of God, they will overcome them.

The problem is that most tender Christians need more toughness, and most tough Christians need more tenderness. Tenderness without toughness is sloppy sentimentality. Toughness without tenderness is harsh obstinacy. Those who have both qualities are especially blessed. First, they have the tenderness of grace. This usually comes from having had their judgmental spirit that is in all of us tempered by successive failures and tragedies. In the wreckage of their failures they encountered the healing love of the Lord. It is through their own brokenness and sense of fallibility that they express gracious sensitivity to others.

However, they never lose the other half of grace. They comport themselves as those under orders determined to seek and do God’s will as they see it. They have a hopeful spirit that trusts that through God, all will be well. They are not easily discouraged and regard defeatism as repugnant.

Jesus was both tender and tough. He was warm and compassionate and reached out in love to everyone, even those whom proper society and the religious institution had rejected. Yet, he also had an indomitable spirit and challenged injustices and religious abuses that dishonored his Father. He demonstrated a confident and hopeful spirit that naturally encouraged the downtrodden, and inspired others to follow him.

Maybe we as Christians generally, and Episcopalians specifically, should pray for equal portions of tenderness and toughness. As we contend with the issues that challenge our country and the world, let’s ask God for the compassion to be mindful of each other’s feelings, but also ask for the courage to be flexible enough in our positions to make decisions that honor God. Equipped with a proper balance of both qualities, our decisions on the ultimate issues that potentially divide us will not be based on fear, suspicion, hubris or a defeated spirit. They will be reached with humility and the assurance that they are truly from God.

Peace,

Thack



E.M.I. Food Pantry Needs

Ecumenical Ministries Food Drive

Ecumenical Ministries Food Drive will be in March this year at the request of E.M.I. (They have the Postman's Drive in February). Bags with suggestions will be in the Narthex on the 1st Sunday in March.

Thank you,
Airrior Norwood, Chairman

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Thank you all for your kindness and patience during the pledge card reminder calls. EVERYONE was truly wonderful and validating, even though this is difficult subject. Thanks for understanding that these cards are a necessary reality of any church and the only way we can plan our budget for the coming year. Thanks for understanding that your being a part of St. Paul's is more important than your pledge cards. And thanks for just being a great congregation! Bill Harrison

NAL (No Age Limit) Primetimers

The February 12 trip to tour the cathedral in mobile has been postponed. We will likely reschedule for March and will keep you posted. Thank you for your continued interest

St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool

St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool is now enrolling for the 2017/2018 school year! Registration for currently enrolled students and church members is during the month of February, but open enrollment to the community begins on March 1st. Spaces fill up very quickly now that we offer Extended Day hours! Our core program is from 9am-1pm with engaging age appropriate curriculum. Our Extended Day Program offers before-care from 7-9am and our after-care is from 1-5:30pm. Please contact, Mary Haulard, Preschool Director, at 626-2774 for more information.

Chapel:

- We are in constant need of snacks for chapel during our feast time! Thank you to those who continue to send in snack items for us. Our numbers in chapel are increasing and we go through the snacks and snack cups very quickly. I really appreciate your support! Please be aware when purchasing snack items that we have children with peanut allergies.
- Because our numbers are increasing, there will be weeks when some of our activities will have to be held in McCann Hall. The size of the space and restroom accessibility make our larger chapel's easier and more enjoyable. Please bear with me as we, as needed, will be in a different location! A notice will always be on the chapel door as well as outside McCann Hall!

Pork Butts For Sale

Mardi Gras is in full swing and Cooking ministry can help you party. We have two of the St. Paul's pork butts for sale. Remember there are only 2, so call as soon as you can. First calls get prize. :) They are \$40.00 each. Thanks, Jeanne Alton, 251-209-6505 or 251-508-5224.

Dear Faithful Grounds Sprucers,

I am planning to have a Grounds Spruce Day on March 4th and April 1st. There is a lot of weeding, pruning, sticker removal and trim work to be done on our campus before we celebrate our risen Jesus Christ on Easter, April 16th. Someone has been trying to take care of our beds and bushes but help is needed.

If you would like to help on either or BOTH of those days, please feel welcomed to do so. In the past we have had breakfast at 7:30 before we start working on the beautification of our landscape at 8:00. We will work until 11:00 or sooner if you have prior commitments. You will need to bring whatever tools you use when weeding or any of the other jobs needed to make our grounds impressive. Such as, gloves, rakes, hoes, shovels, clippers, lopping sheers, hedge trimmers, wheel barrows, chain saws and trucks for hauling debris to the street.

Breakfast and bottled water will be furnished.

Please plan on helping. It can be a lot of fun and it gives us time to get to know one another better.

God's peace,

Donna Brown

Youth and Adult Confirmation Classes

Youth Confirmation Classes will be held on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in Malone Hall beginning February 14th through March 28th

Adult Confirmation Classes will be held on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in Malone Hall beginning February 19th through April 9th. Confirmation will be Saturday, April 15th. Please call the church office, 251-626-2421, or email offices@paulsdaphne.com, to sign up for one of the above classes.

Great Wednesday @ 6 will meet Wednesday, February 15th in the Life Center at 6:00 p.m. We will continue the study on "Turning to Christ." Supper is potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

Chris Ed Notes:

Children's Chapel

This month children's chapel will be held in McCann Hall all month long. We are beginning a new structure for chapel which will include a memory verse challenge! We will focus on praise, prayer, promises, people of the Bible, and pleasing God because "God wants us to pray, praise, and thank Him no matter how we feel...what we do...where we go... or who we're with." Every week I will send home a verse for your child to memorize and if they can recite it back to me the next Sunday they will receive an incentive. After reaching their goal they will get to choose a prize from the treasure chest. Please help your child to strap on the sword of the spirit, an essential for a good, successful foundation!

-  A BIG thank you to Court and Susan Hurst for bringing moon pies to chapel! Our kids LOVED this special treat and we are so blessed by your generosity!!

VBS and MAD Camp News

VBS and MAD Camp dates have changed to July 17, 19, 21 (MAD Camp) and July 24-27 (VBS). I've had a wonderful opportunity to go for a week of Chris Ed training at Camp Kanuga, unfortunately it is the original week of MAD Camp. The good news is, this gives us even more time to make VBS even more wonderful! If you would like to volunteer for MAD Camp or Vacation Bible School it is never to early! Please contact me if you would like to have a part in the preparation or "pulling off of" either of these fun and busy weeks! This is a wonderful way to take part in our children's ministry!

First Communion Classes

I would love to begin a first communion class this spring for our elementary age kids who have not made their first communion yet! No dates have been set as of now but if you are interested please let me know! This is such an important milestone for their growing faiths!

Thank you so much, parents, for allowing me to teach your little ones about the love of Jesus and helping to lay down that strong foundation in their faith for their future!

- Mrs. Elizabeth

Church Directory

I've had a lot of inquiries about our Church Directory. It is available via our church website and your smart phone.

Website PDF Version: If you visit the website, www.stpaulseasternshore.com, look on the left side of the screen. You will see **church directory**, it is just below the **Thrift Shop** telephone number. This link will take you to the pdf version of the directory. You will need a password to open the directory file, so if you will email me or call the office, 626-2421, I will give you the password. This is to protect the information from being accessed outside of our congregation. Since the directory is in a PDF format it can be viewed and/or printed. Once you click on the link the directory will take a minute to open then it will display a picture of the church. You will have to scroll down to see the entire directory in this format. It **does not** work by clicking on the pictures.

Smart Phone Version: You can also view the directory from your iPhone, iPad, Android or Kindle Fire by downloading the free **Instant Church Directory Members App**. You will need to search for "Instant Church Directory" in the Apple App Store, Google Play, or Amazon App Store, or use this link: <http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app>. When you have the app on your phone you will have to type in your email address. **If you are not in the directory, you cannot access it via the smartphone app.** It syncs with your email address in the directory as a security measure. Once they receive your email address, Instant Church Directory will email you a password to type in on your phone. The directory will then be available for you to view.

If you are not in the directory, please submit your name, address, telephone number, email address, and date of birth, via email or text to me along with your picture. My email address is officestpaulsdaphne@gmail.com and my cell phone is 251-214-3227. Please be sure to include your name with the picture. If emailed the pictures must be in a JPG format.

This is an ongoing project. Everyday changes are made to the directory, I cannot keep it up-to-date without your help.

Thank you,

Terri McMillan

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Christian Education
(Life Center and Malone Hall)
For Children and Adults
9:15 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

Wednesday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
7:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Healing Service
Wednesday
12:00 pm (Noon)

3rd Thursday
of each month
Taize Prayer
(Narthex)
7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday

Christian Education
(Life Center and
Malone Hall)
For Children and Adults
9:15 am

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
7:00 am

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Library)
10:30 am

Great Wednesday

(Malone Hall)
6:00 pm
Potluck Supper and Study

VESTRY AND OFFICERS

Term Ending

December 31, 2017

Donna Brown
Nancy Dziubakowski
Tim Michael,
Sr. Warden
Howard Wilson,
Jr. Warden

December 31, 2018

Roxanna Carpenter
Davis Daniel
Jim Jackson
Janet Norman

December 31, 2019

Sue Cody
Alice Frederick
Michael Koepp
Tom Walker

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Walker Jackson,
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Martha Lathan,
Clerk of the Vestry

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Treasurer

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Fish Fry! Sunday, February 26, 2017 at NOON in Malone Hall

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

For the past 12 years, teams from our Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast have been traveling to our companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic, conducting both medical and construction missions. Many members of St. Paul's, Daphne have been strong supporters of this mission work. As a veteran of many construction missions myself, I know we are doing God's work. This year six St. Paul's parishioners will be among the twenty-person team participating in the Diocesan Construction Mission to the Dominican Republic in March. These parishioners are Marty Ollinger, Coleman Wood, Marc Silliman, Tom Walker, Lee Richards, and Howard Wilson.



We are holding a fish fry in Malone Hall following the 10:30 a.m. service on February 26. This is the Sunday before Mardi Gras. All proceeds will go towards our mission work in the Dominican Republic. Please come enjoy a delicious fish dinner, and help support our work.

The Diocese of the Dominican Republic is growing fast, with new churches and schools being built all the time. Our first project in the Dominican Republic was to build the pews for a brand new church, San Marcos in the Haina community, near the capitol city of Santo Domingo. Our second project, was to build all new pews for an existing church that had lost their pews to termites and decay, San Andres, in inner city Santo Domingo. The past two years we have built pews, altars, baptismal fonts and other furniture for two newly constructed churches in outlying poor communities near the capitol. Our team will be building pews and other furniture again this year, to be used in two additional churches. The goal of our work is to help give Episcopalians in the Dominican Republic beautiful places to worship.

I am often asked, "why do you have to go all the way to the Dominican Republic to help people, aren't there plenty of people right around here who need help?" My answer to this is we at St. Paul's are helping people right around here who need our help! And secondly, the work our construction team is doing in the Dominican Republic would simply not get done if we were not there to do it ourselves. I am also asked, "the Dominican Republic is not a third world country, why are you going there?" My answer to this is third world conditions exist in pockets in every country, even our own. The Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic is our official companion diocese. Also, this mission work allows us to meet, work along side and build relationships with fellow Episcopalians from across our Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

Please come to the fish fry following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, February 26th. Thank you!

Peace, Howard Wilson



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Paul Anderson, *Church Musician*
Elizabeth Faust, *Christian Education*
Terri McMillan, *Administrative Assistant*
Joan McKnight, *Staff Assistant*
Mark Costlow, *Life Center Sexton*
Mary Haulard, *Preschool* — 251-626-2774

Office Hours 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)
8:00 a.m. — Noon (Friday)

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*We worship together as we seek God, serve God,
and share God with love and acceptance for all.*