



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

May 16, 2018

Message from Thack

The pilgrimage to the Holy Land was a wonderful and life changing experience. I had many close moments with Christ during the trip. One in particular happened a week ago Saturday. Our group got off the bus on top of the Mount of Olives. From there we could look out over the Kidron Valley and see the imposing skyline of the City of Jerusalem. From there we walked down the "Palm Sunday Road" via the Chapel of Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37), to the Garden of Gethsemane where he prayed on the night before his crucifixion.

The Garden of Gethsemane was alive in color with its many beautiful flowers in full bloom. The garden was also full of old, knarled olive trees. One of the gardeners said some of the olive trees were over 1000 years old and still producing olives! Adjacent to the Garden was "The Church of All Nations." Near that church is a rock where tradition says Jesus knelt to pray that night in the Garden.

Looking at the rock, I couldn't help but think of Jesus' agonizing prayer that night before he suffered. He was obviously concerned about the fate that awaited him in the coming hours. He must have also been concerned for his disciples, knowing what they would have to face in the weeks and months ahead. On that night in Gethsemane, his countenance must have expressed every care, every heartache, every sorrow, every concern, and every apprehension known to humankind. His soul also experienced agony as he anticipated what lay before Him. In the hours ahead, He would be humiliated and abused and suffer shame and pain upon the cross. The breath of death was upon Him. No one wants to die at 33, especially in the agony of the cross.

So, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus had this supreme struggle. The salvation of the world hung in the balance, for even then Jesus could have fled back to the Galilee region and God's purpose would have been frustrated. However, Jesus resisted his human concerns and feelings and surrendered to the will of God. You can see this change in his prayer to his Father. He prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; *yet not what I want but what you want*" (Matthew 26:39).

We know the rest of the story as it is reported in the Passion Narratives of the Gospels. God's will was done on Good Friday and Easter Sunday and we have been forever blessed because of it.

Many of us will have our own "Gethsemane moments" in our lifetimes. Some of you may have already experienced them. Though they will not be of the same magnitude of what Jesus experienced, they will probably evoke many of the same emotions Jesus felt that night in the Garden---that momentary sense of dereliction, fear and an unsettled spirit. Like Jesus, we might pray to God to relieve us of our pain and uncertainty, only to hear nothing but the sound of our own tortured breathing. In the darkest depths of our "Gethsemane moments" we might be tempted to cut and run, just as Jesus was. That would be a natural, human response.

However, when Jesus overcame his fears and surrendered to God's will, his response was redemptive and God's purposes through Jesus were fulfilled. So may it be for us. Rather than recoiling in fear of our "Gethsemane moments," we should see them as part of God's plan for our lives and pray for peace and the discernment to know God's will for us. We should specifically pray that the suffering will be redeemed and that we can feel God's presence in our suffering, even when all we can hear is the sound of silence.

Peace, Thack

Pentecost Sunday, May 20

This Sunday, May 20, is the feast day of Pentecost. The term “Pentecost” means “fiftieth day,” in this sense, fifty days after Easter. The term is used in the New Testament to refer to the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, shortly after Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension (Acts 2:1-21). Pentecost emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Hence, we regard Pentecost as the birthday of the church.

The coming of the Holy Spirit on that first day of Pentecost was not a once and for all event, but the beginning of the Spirit’s permanent presence in the church. Wherever there are hearts open to receive the Spirit, the Spirit of God is poured out, inspiring people to undertake their mission as Christ’s representatives. By allowing our hearts to be led by the Spirit, we can become changed people because the Spirit will disturb our complacency, uproot our mediocrity, and make way for fresh growth. Empowered by the Spirit, we will be equipped and enabled to live intentional lives of service.

The best way to observe Pentecost is to get in the mood of the moment. Please wear **RED** this Sunday and stay for some birthday cake afterward to help celebrate the birthday of the church.

Aside from this Sunday being one of the principal feasts in the Church calendar, it is also Graduate/Youth and Acolyte Sunday. I hope you will come out to celebrate the graduation of our high school and college seniors and to hear our young people share their dreams with us about their futures at the two services. We will also honor our acolytes for their faithful service. Thack

Royal Wedding, May 19

The first big news I heard after returning from Israel was that our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, will preach at next Saturday’s Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. This is quite an honor and Presiding Bishop Michael will no doubt give a wonderful homily. This will also be an opportunity for Episcopalians everywhere to evangelize. I say that because the Episcopal Church will be in the global spotlight next Saturday.

Be prepared for friends and co-workers who watch the nuptials to ask you questions about the Episcopal Church. This will be a golden opportunity for you to share our church to a broader and inquisitive community. Presiding Bishop Michael is always proclaiming Christ’s love as the core of the Gospel. I’m certain that will be part of his theme on Saturday. You can follow his lead by telling them about how welcoming and inclusive the Episcopal Church is generally, and how that’s particularly the case at St. Paul’s.

Should the opportunity for you to evangelize present itself, share your story and then invite these folks to visit St. Paul’s. That’s the best and simplest kind of evangelism. Presiding Bishop Michael will plant the seeds on Saturday. All we have to do is water them and let the Holy Spirit do the rest. Thack

Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation

As I mentioned Sunday, the trip to the Holy Land was a wonderful blessing and each of us who went amassed a lifetime of memories. Though the daily schedules were always full and involved a good deal of walking, no one complained about the schedules and everyone was able to keep up for the most part.

I will present a power point presentation of our trip on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. in Malone Hall. Members of our congregation who participated in the pilgrimage will be present to share their experiences and answer any questions. The congregation is invited to attend the presentation. Supper will be provided. If you are going to have supper that evening, please call Terri or Joan in the office and RSVP so we can plan accordingly. Thack

St. Paul's E-Blasts

St. Paul's E-Blasts are email announcements that are sent out through *Constant Contact* regularly to help keep you updated on all St. Paul's activities. If you have never received e-blasts and would like to receive them, please email the church office your name and email address and I will add your information to the Constant Contact subscriber list.

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Also, if you were receiving them and they have stopped getting them please email me and I will see what I can find out about it. I have checked my listings for many of you who have said you're not receiving them and I am showing they are being delivered to your email address, however, they may be going into your *spam, junk or trash files*. I have no way to check that for you. You will have to look through those files on your computer to see if you can find them and then let your computer know that they are not spam, junk or trash. Sometimes this happens because of your security and/or antivirus settings. I cannot help you with this - it is your computer blocking them, not *Constant Contact* or St. Paul's causing the problem.

Again, I have no way to know if you are receiving the eblasts or not unless you notify the office. Once I have your information I will manually add you to the subscription, so please email me at officestpaulsdaphne@gmail.com your name and email address.

Thank you,

Terri

**St. Paul's Group
at the
Jordan River
where Jesus
was baptized**

May 1-12, 2018



A Note from Elizabeth Faust, Christian Education

Wednesday Night Live

Because we have so much going on this summer, I want to go ahead and get out WNL summer schedule out for everyone! We are going to a once monthly schedule until we go back to school. We welcome any up and coming 3rd graders too!!!

May 30

June 27th

July 25th

August 8th

For those who are or will be new to Wednesday Night Live: we are a group of 3rd-6th graders who meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 for compline, bible study, dinner, and tons of fun and crazy activities! If you would like more information please ask!

VBS REGISTRATION

It's never too early to register your kids for Vacation Bible School! There are also so many volunteer opportunities in need of your help and not all of them require you to actually be there at VBS! From costumes and set design to Bible Story and Group leaders, there is something for everyone! You can pick up a registration or volunteer form in the Narthex or register online at

vbspro.events/p/stpaulsdaphne

We're going to have a great time!

MAD Camp Dates: **July 9, 11, 12**

(Music Arts and Drama Camp for middle- high schoolers)

You can register online for MAD Camp, just select "Group Leader" or "Group Leader Asst." and I will add them to the registration list

VBS Dates: **July 16-19th**

EXCEPTIONAL ARTS 2018 ... an *exceptional* thank you!!!

So it's the talk of the Eastern Shore ... that amazing evening in late April celebrating art, creativity and exceptionality which was the successful annual fundraiser for the Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast! Thank you to so many for making this event happen ... to all the guests, artists, sponsors, friends, volunteers, families, and participants who came ... for the many tasty food offerings and drinks, the music, the silent auction mosaic mirror made by EFGC participants ... the unique art work for sale in the Happy Store Gallery ... and of course those awesome "one-of-a-kind" masterpieces created by talented local artists working with EFGC participants and offered at live auction under Cecil Christenberry's loud gavel!! It was truly an evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising – which collected nearly \$40,000 for the on-going support of the programs of Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast.

Thank you for honoring the mission of this growing non-profit with your attendance, donations and continued support! In this, the seventh year of EFGC, the needs of almost 80 adult participants and their caregivers are being met. This summer EFGC will additionally include 20 middle and high school special needs students in our expanded summer program. EFGC is meeting a need in our community and we thank everyone for supporting us - especially during EXCEPTIONAL ARTS 2018 ... thank you!

St Paul's VBS 2018- Babylon

July 16, 2018 — July 19, 2018

9:00 am — 12:00 pm (CDT)



Join Daniel—torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

For more information please call or email

Elizabeth Faust

251-404-0537

St. Paul's monthly spaghetti dinner and **BINGO**

Friday, May 25th ... 6pm – 7:30pm

C'mon ... gather your friends and family and come to St. Paul's LIFE center the night of Friday the 25th for a yummy spaghetti dinner followed by 11 rousing games of **BINGO**

– each worth a cash pot-pay-out!!
(just think ... with the right numbers daubed out
you could treat yourself to a "free" night of food, fun and fellowship!)

Friday, May 25th

St. Paul's LIFE center

DINNER (\$5) served at 6pm – spaghetti/salad/bread/dessert/drink

BINGO (\$20 for 11 games) begins at 6:30pm

with the final game usually called by 7:23pm

see ya' there!

ARTS & ENRICHMENT Camp
Ages 12 months - 6 years
(grouped by age)

Camp is \$100 per week
from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Water play day included
in each week.
Extended hours are available
from 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
for an additional \$100.
\$25 non-refundable
registration fee.
Sibling discounts available

UNDER THE SEA JUBILEE!
Coastal Art and Science/
Sensory Experiences
June 11 - 15
**ALL CREATURES
GREAT AND SMALL**
Animal Encounters
and Art
June 25 - 29

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French inspired Art and Cooking,
with foreign Language
July 30 - August 3

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ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 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)

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday

Christian Education
Children (McCann)
Adults (Malone Hall)
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
Supper and Study



We are currently studying
A Journey through Acts

VESTRY AND OFFICERS

Term Ending

December 31, 2018

Davis Daniel
Jim Jackson
Janet Norman

December 31, 2019

Sue Cody
Alice Frederick
Michael Koepp, Jr. Warden
Tom Walker

December 31, 2020

Bill Harrison, Sr. Warden
Liston Jones
Boyd Miller
Donna Nolte

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Those Who Serve	June 3, 2018	June 10, 2018	June 17, 2018	June 24, 2018
Altar Guild	Judy Hale, Aleta Dasinger, Sally Boom, Nancy Walker, Baba Hendricks, Janice Miles, McKenzie Nolte			
TIME	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Lector-Scripture	Martha Lathan	John Strange	Sophie Walker	Court Hurst
Lector-Prayers	Bill Harrison	Vivian Silliman	Christopher Bridges	Casey Williams
Chalice	Walker Jackson	Guy Lott	Court Hurst	Arthur Oken
	Bell Jackson	Tina Erickson	Jill Lott	Elizabeth Kaye
Server/Crucifer	Esteban Morrow-Reese	Adams Jackson	Sophie Walker	Colton Bridges
Ushers	Pattie Lipps	Tim Michael	David Baldock	Jim Jackson
	Tina Erickson	David Kielik	Davis Daniel	Gary Latham
Greeters	Tim Michael	Judi Gullede	Jim Jackson	David Green
	J-A Crawford	George Cotten	Wendi Jackson	Cathy Slagle
Prayer Team	Susan Hurst	John Strange	John Strange	Susan Hurst
Vestry	Daniel Davis	J Jackson	Sue Cody	Liston Jones
Verger	Megrez Rudolf	Susan Hurst	Megrez Rudolf	Susan Hurst
TIME	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
Verger	Richard Foster	Janet Norman	Barry Taylor	Avos Stickney
Lector-Scripture	Beverly Koepf	Jessice Sawyer	Tara Smith	SueAnn Turnipseed
Lector-Prayers	Jeannie Alton	Ken Hendricks	Adrian LaPorte	Debi McClary
Chalice	Jackson Chamberlain	Alyson Jackson	Jim Blackwell	Clay Rankin
	Janet Norman	Becky Costlow	Donna Nolte	Judy Hale
	Richard Foster	Rosemary Bing	Terri McMillan	Mike Turnipseed
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Arthur Oken	J Strange/A Oken	J Strange/A Oken	Arthur Oken
	G Boom/G Wilson	G Moore/G Wilson	G Moore/G Wilson	C Rankin/G Wilson
Ushers	Shawn Alves	Doug Stephens	Howard Wilson	Dean Mosher
	Richard Foster	Mike Dasinger	Matt Cassity	Henry Esham
	John Marron	John Teague	Donna Brown	Coleman Wood
Server	Emory Erdman	Joseph Cox	Susannah Jackson	Jack Taylor
Crucifer	Andrew Erdman	Jim Stephens	Ford Turnipseed	David Taylor
Torch	Liam Brown	Ben Stephens	Christopher Conger	
Torch	William Johnson	Will Stephens	Lilah Nagel	Tyler Smith
Greeters	Richard Foster	V Stickney	Kit Caffey	N Dziubakowski
	Eileen Head	J Mullins, D McBrid	D & M Miley	J Hale/J Norman
Prayer Team	Linda McNamara	Jeanne Alton	D'ana Snow	Jeanne Alton
	Janet Norman	Linda Organic	Martha Adams	Rosemary Bing
Vestry	Janet Norman	Tom Walker	Donna Nolte	Boyd Miller
Coffee	Cody/Morrow	Shoultz/Teague	Gullede/Alton	Lipps/Norwood
Flowers	CoJo Strange/Gonser	Available - Call Office	Available - Call Office	Available - Call Office

Prayer Requests

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Bill Carr, Margie Cowart, Elaine Glover, Margie Kelley, Betty and David Lee, Freda McDonald, Lance Monley, Peggy Possien, Don Reece, Drew Rushton, Shannon Rutledge, Bennie Savage, Ruth Skaggs, Cathy Slagle, Kathy Rabito Street, Sharon Walker

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Ellie Anderson, Marie Baggett, Pat Brislin, Lil Brown, Clayton Brunson, Jim Council, Margaret Cummins, Jerry DeLoney, Wanda Hall, Ron Harrison, Trevor Hawkes, Susan Hill, Theresa Johnson, Andy Lipps, Dick McBride, Allen McKnight, Drew McPherson, Joey Pecarrere, Joe Plasteres, Al Rawls, Eleanor Reeves, Loren Rudolf, Phyllis Springen, Steven Stack, Gene Stealey, Jed Steber, Albert Thompson, Sallie Thornton, The Rev. Samford Turner, Bill Waid, Jane Watkins, Caroline Yearty

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 834

For the Departed:

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 498

For Those Serving in the Military:

Matthew Cheatham, Jackson Deaton, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Chris Evans, Diana Evans, Landis Fouts, Deron Frailie, George Garner, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Daniel James, Matt Jones, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, David McMillan, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Neil Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Taylor Santa Cruz, Neill Sevelius, Derek Siegel, Andy Tuttle, James Wallin, Brad Yonkers

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 823

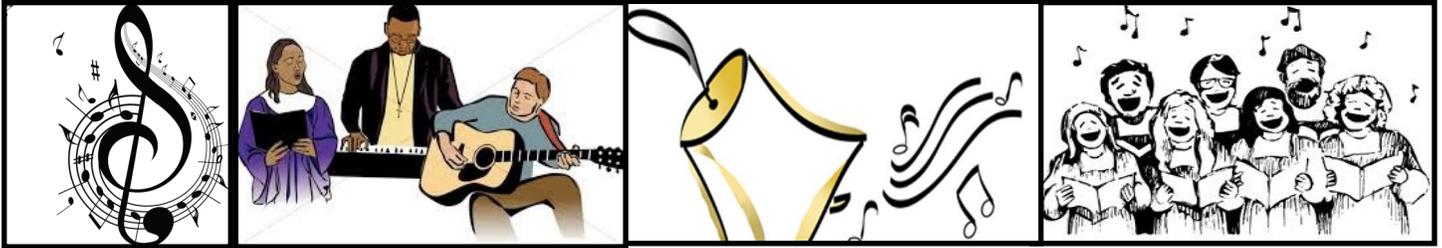
For those with Birthdays: May 1-31

(01) Henry Crawford, Bob McKnight, Ellen Bowman, John Baldock, (02) Anne Podgers, Brett Nenstande, (05) Marguerita Riggall, (06) Shirley Couey, Vivian Silliman, Ben Turnipseed, Smith Hendricks, (08) Giger Breaux, (09) Cecile Nicolson, (10) Stephanie Akins, Sahra El-Hamaki, (11) Jim Lonnergan, (12) David Nicolson, (13) Douglas Stephens, (14) Lee Cummins, Will Martin, (15) Karen Collier, Chloe Dasinger, (16) Houser Rigdon, (17) Sallie Thornton, Judy Ollinger, (19) William Mullins, Caroline Pittman, Daniel James, (20) Frances Brueggemann, Carl Norman, (21) Ruth Skaggs, Lura Kauffman, (22) Charleen Cabaniss, Sue Cody, (23) Phyllis Springen, Barbara Farmer, Margaret Evans, (25) Jeremy Bonds, Anne Daniel, (26) Dale Miley, Sally Wilson, Keelyn Klix, (28) Sara Vance, (29) Mia El-Hamaki, (30) Pug Chapman, (31) Janet Brown, Andrew Wilson

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 830

Music Notes



Come and sing with us: all [young and old] are invited to sing with the Parish Choir during July and August. We meet at 9:45 on Sunday mornings to pull together music for the day. The anthems chosen are very user-friendly. The Parish Choir will be on break after Pentecost for 5 weeks.

Choose the hymns: We're revisiting our tradition of inviting the congregation to choose favorite hymns for summertime Sundays. Choose them from the blue and green hymnals in the pews and from the purple hymnals in the big racks in the church and in the narthex. Many of you are from traditions other than Episcopalian--you are invited specially to choose gospel hymn favorites from the purple hymnal.

One word: please **CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITES IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS!** I want to schedule music for the summer now and so I need your requests. There is a request sheet on the credenza in the narthex.

Returning in the fall: TAIZE PRAYER will be returning once a month on Thursday evenings at 7:00. We meet in the narthex around an icon of Jesus in candlelight. This is a beautiful opportunity to make your own prayers and to share in prayers for the world. Watch for the announcements of dates when we pray together.

Hand bell choir: After a year's break, it is time to build a new **HAND BELL CHOIR.** This group is open to all who would like to be ding-a-lings!

Kids especially are welcome to join, from 5th grade on up through grandparents' or even great-grandparents' age.

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