



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

June 8, 2022

Message from Thack

In May 1995, I went on a five-week pilgrimage to the Holy Land based out of St. George's College in Jerusalem. I had dreamed of making this pilgrimage one day. I wanted to see the places where Jesus walked, and get to know the holy city of Jerusalem, the site of so much faith, prayer, and conflict.

And that is what we did. For thirty-three days our group explored the Holy Land and the Sinai in Egypt praying, singing, learning, and discussing. We walked where Jesus and Moses walked. We discovered that the Galilee region, where Jesus grew up and where he spent most of his ministry, is breathtakingly beautiful. It's a rich land covered in fields of date palms and vineyards of olives and grapes. We stood in the Judean wilderness at dawn, imagining Jesus fasting and praying there. At the Jordan River we renewed our baptismal vows. In pre-dawn darkness we walked the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) in the Old City of Jerusalem tracing Jesus' painful journey to the cross.

We met the Christians of the Holy Land. They relayed their struggles to us, sharing the hardships of life as Palestinians. They also blessed us with extraordinary hospitality—everything from delicious falafel and homemade pita bread near Jesus' birthplace to demitasses of bitter Arab-style coffee in the garden of a Greek Orthodox church on a mountain. Our guides from St. George's College were excellent. They led our journey with humor, thoughtfulness, and patience. They helped to open our eyes to see Jesus in this place.

My soul was transformed by that experience in 1995 and I promised myself I would return to the Holy Land. I did return in 2010, 2018 and 2019. Now I am going back again. Yet each trip so far has been unique and I always experienced something new on each journey. I look forward with anticipation for what the Holy Spirit will reveal to us this time around! Our journey is blessed to be organized by Immanuel Tours in Tel Aviv. Owner Susan Eshed and our faithful guide and friend Lior Rothenberg make sure all our needs are met and have even opened their homes to us.

I discovered in these experiences that people make pilgrimages to experience the presence of God in a new and different place. This is true of a Holy Land pilgrimage. The Holy Land is sacred to all three of the Abrahamic faiths, and it is where Jesus Christ lived, ministered, was crucified, and was resurrected.

However, one should not confuse the adjective "holy" with perfect. The Holy Land is a complex place, torn by conflict. Yet, every time I've traveled there, Jesus walked alongside us. That, for me, was what made it holy. God was right there, in the middle of this harsh reality. In that experience I was reminded of all the struggles and conflicts here at home, of mass shootings, and of the healing reconciliation needed not just in Israel but also in our own neighborhoods and in our own lives. Through this the Holy Land reminded me that God is with us here too, offering hope in our own part of the world.

We begin this next journey this Saturday. We will fly from Pensacola to Atlanta, then Atlanta to JFK in New York, and then the final eleven-hour leg from JFK to Tel Aviv. We will return on June 25. We invite your prayers for us as we travel to, from and in the Holy Land. We will be praying for you as well and will post Morning Prayer from the Holy Land each day. There is a six-hour time difference so it will be posted on Facebook by the time you wake up. Our hope is to return renewed and transformed and look forward to sharing our experiences with you. God bless you.

Peace, Thack

Prayer Requests

Please let us know if someone needs to be added or removed from the prayer requests.

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Margot Boll, Sally Boom, Kit Caffey, Jennifer Conner, Deanna Cook, Faith Cornett, Louise Derbyshire, Leslie Derbyshire, Richard Dowd, Amy Everson, Laurie Fuller, Jimmy Garlock, Laura Ann Gibson, The Graham Family, Phyllis Hammond, Terri Hare, Ethel Hess, Sharon Hoiles, Linn Hyde, Dave Johnson, Theresa Johnson, Liston Jones, Ed & Brenda Kirby, Beverly Koepp, Vivi Marthansen, Janice Miles, Jo Moran, Bailey Plash, Judy Rayner, Nick Shoultz, Leon Snipes, Lynn Spann, Avos Stickney, Andrew Tonsmeire, Louis Tonsmeire, Ellen Trimble, Tony & Remy Vacaicoa, Jim Van Camp, Glen Vande Wetering, Frieda Ward, George Warren

Pray for those traveling to Israel, June 11th-24th

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marty Adams, Dave Baldock, Christopher Blackwell, Pat Cannon, Alex Cassera, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Suzanne Damour, Puddy Dyson, Dee Grantham, Carol Hafner, Susan Hill, Barbara Holmes, Jossie Hurst, Ann Kenney, Alexander Kielek, Lou Morgan, Buddy Morrow, Sara Patton, Billie Jo Robertson, Mary Rudolf, Kem Rutledge, Stephanie Sanchez, Pat Schlimmer, Cathy Slagle, D'ana Snow, Albert Thompson, Julia Warren

For the Departed: Carol Corrington

For Those Serving in the Military:

Bradley Billingsley, Ryan Bowman, James Cassebaum, Matthew Cheatham, Chase Clark, Jackson Deaton, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Chris Evans, Deron Frailie, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Walker Jackson, Daniel James, Matt Jones, Shane Kennedy, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, David McMillan, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Neil Sevelius, Kaleb Sharpless, Derek Siegel, Brad Yonkers

For those with birthdays:

June 1-30

(01) William Stickney, Jr., (02) Ginger Miller, (03) Valerie Stickney, Zoe Beckham, (04) Micah Brown, (05) Connie Gonser, David Helms, (06) Lily Talbert, (07) Mark Mitchell, Philip McNamara, Dru DeNeefe, (08) Amelia Stephens, (09) Pagan Mosher, Georgia McKenna, (10) Reagan McDowell, Eli Nagel, (11) Becky Spann, Will Brown, Laura Ann Wiggins, (12) Lauren Dedrickson, (13) Mark Costlow, (15) Vonnie Foreman, (18) Joann Ruffin, (21) Matt Cassity, JJ Walker, (23) Marianne Loes, Nicole Denham, Paul Thomason, (24) John Talbert, Kim Overstreet, Harry Dismukes, (25) John Matson, (27) Pam Schmidt, Elton Ruffin, (28) Logan Dunn, (29) Jim Parker, Barbara Pollock, (30) Theresa Johnson, Colton Bridges



St. Paul's BINGO is back ...

serving up spaghetti and winning numbers!!

come join family and friends – **6:00pm Friday, June 24, 2022**

begin with a **\$5 spaghetti dinner** ... salad, bread, dessert and drink

– wine extra

then purchase an **11 game BINGO packet for \$20** ... daubers available for use

we play 11 games (each sheet has 3 games to daub!)

regular **BINGO play ... plus** fun postage stamp, T, picture frame and blackout games!

during last two games you can purchase extra tries for \$1 each

each game ends with increasing **cash prizes** for single winner – or multiple winners

there's nothing quite like **4th Friday BINGO at St. Paul's on the Eastern Shore!!**

y'all come!!

Greetings from St. Paul's Youth!

Happy summer!

In May, we celebrated our graduates. We are so proud of each of them and pray gods peace and protection as they transition into their next endeavors.

This past Sunday, we kicked off summer with a pool party at the Pino's home. We are truly grateful for their generosity and hospitality.

Save the date for Tuesday June 21. We will be preparing the meal and hosting the Family Promise participants. We will do activities with the children in the program as well. Please let me know if you can volunteer for this.

Also, please let me know ASAP if you can volunteer for VBS this year. Call or text me at: 205-616-5194.

Much love!

Bonnie



Tracts Talk! The Book of Common Prayer

Everyone is familiar with the *Book of Common Prayer*, or *BCP*, or just “the prayer book.” Beyond the “grey stripe,” as Bishop Russell once referred to the most used pages containing the Eucharist, rites I and II, there’s much more to this book. The prayer book is so rich, in fact, that Presbyterian, Lutheran and Methodist services have borrowed from it. Looking at the book you see in the pews, you might be surprised to learn that it is 1001 pages. It’s printed on very thin paper. Even in a pocket version of the prayer book, everything is on the same page number as the ones in the pew. It’s printed on very thin paper in a very small font! The reason for this is so that worshippers can follow along with the printed bulletin or page announcements no matter the size of their prayer book. Let’s take a brief look at the history, contents and usage of the *BCP*.

The first prayer book was published in 1549 in an attempt to make public worship simpler. There have been several revisions since 1549, most notably in 1662 and 1979, the one currently in use by the Episcopal Church. (Not to confuse the issue, but...in 2007, changes were made to the 1979 lectionary, or readings, with optional incorporation of those changes to take place in 2007, and mandatory incorporation in 2010. No other changes were made at that time.)

In addition to the Eucharist rites I and II, included are liturgies (services of worship) for the sacraments of confirmation, marriage, ministration to the sick, ordination and others. There are worship services for morning and evening prayer, for seasonal worship, and for special days, such as major holy days. Some services, called Episcopal Services, such as confirmation and ordination, require the presence of a bishop.

The services mentioned so far are typically intended for corporate worship, that is, worship within the community, although many of them can be referenced for individual worship as well. Additionally, *Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families* provide a structured individual liturgy. A whole section of the *BCP*, *Prayers and Thanksgivings*, is devoted to beautiful, lyrical and insightful prayers, and may be used for individual devotions at any time. A section of collects offers prayers for special occasions.

Another section of the prayer book, *Historical Documents of the Church*, is included as reference to those documents deemed essential to Christian understanding. The lectionary provides references to the readings assigned for every day of the year, and a calendar lists holy days and some saints days. If you want to know when Easter falls in 2024, go to page 880.

There is so much more in the prayer book. Pick one up and take a look through it. Start with the Table of Contents to get a good overview, and pick up *The Book of Common Prayer* leaflet for even more information. You can download a free copy of the *BCP* to your electronic device at www.episcopalchurch.org, and this pdf is numbered properly with 1001 pages.

Vivian Silliman

Christian Education Updates.....

This past Sunday, four of our little ones made their first communion during our Pentecost Picnic service! Congratulations to Gabriel Dyson, Lane Faust, Emma McTaggart, and Timothy Pino on this big step!

High School and Adult Volunteers Needed!

Did you know Vacation Bible School is one of St. Paul's biggest community outreach projects?

Every summer we open our doors to an average of 100 children in the community, giving our all to make our time with them memorable, fun, and spiritually enriching. The majority of our campus is used in some way to accommodate these children and keep them moving and engaged! Every room used and every activity is carefully planned and detailed, making VBS an act of love and service on all who help make it possible.

With that said, our adult volunteer staff is very minimal, and we need a lot of help to make this 4 day event possible!

How can you help?

- ♦ Adult Volunteers to lead groups of 6-10 children with helpers to different stations and share a bible story every morning during tent time. (this is our biggest need!) July 11-14
- ♦ Adult Games leader to lead gym time. Some days will be free play that just need supervision. Other days will be a led team building activity or game. July 11-14
- ♦ Adult Registration helpers on days 1 and 2. July 11 and 12
- ♦ Decorators (July 6-8) to decorate Life Center, Children's Chapel and Malone Hall
- ♦ * Donating snacks and other items such as: Goldfish, Capri Suns, boxed cookies, lemonade, baby wipes, skittles. An amazon wish list will be created for donations that need to be purchased as well as a list to come for items that may need to be borrowed.
- ♦ Pray for this ministry and all involved!

Vacation Bible School Decorating Begins July 6! We will need help with painting and decorating the different stations the kids will attend daily. We will also need adult volunteers to make VBS possible! VBS is a major outreach event for St. Paul's and this year's theme is all about the Church Family! Please consider volunteering, even if it's just for one day, or by donating an item to make this week the best it can be!

If you have any questions, please contact me anytime!

Summer Blessings,

Elizabeth

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Hello St. Paul's Parishioners:

As usual, and with the beginning of the summer season we have lots of activity at the Life Center. From the parish picnic scheduled for this Sunday, June 5th, to pickup pickleball, Dribble Till You Drop, the regular agenda of meetings and conferences including reunion groups, Coast Guard Flotilla meetings, Thrift Shop Board meetings, etc. Keri, part of the Exceptional Foundation, has been holding cheer practices for the upcoming Special Olympics event. All our best and best of luck to you and your team, Keri!

This month also saw the reintroduction of our monthly Bingo. On Friday night, May 27th about 50 people gathered for a delicious spaghetti dinner followed by an evening of fun. In spite of our volunteer rust all went off without a hitch. Thanks go out to all our people who worked hard to put on this event. Bingo is scheduled for the fourth Friday of each month for the remainder of this year. Come and play if you can, it's fun!

There has been something new happening at the Life Center as well. On Tuesday, May 24th our career as an election venue has begun. Primary voting took place on that day. I would like to give a shout out to Joe Burch and his team of highly trained professionals who did all the heavy lifting that day. They were very sharp and made the whole process a breeze. We actually had around 800 people casting votes that day. Don't forget the general election is scheduled for November 8th. Thanks to you and all your crew for all you do, Joe!

Don't forget MAD Camp (July 6-8) and Vacation Bible School (July 11-14) are also right around the corner.

All the best to all, see you at the Life Center!



Coffee Hour - After the 10:30 Service in Malone Hall

Coffee Hour at St Paul's is a time of fellowship and socializing- a time to catch up with friends and welcome the new folks of our congregation all while enjoying a hot cup of coffee and some delicious treats. Everyone is invited.

Thrift Shop News

The Thrift Shop presented its annual scholarships on Graduation Sunday, May 22. Ford Turnipseed received the Thrift Shop Scholarship and Toby Norman received the Howard Westbrook Scholarship. Both Ford and Toby are members of St. Pauls and they graduated from Spanish Fort High School. Congratulations to these two young men and to all the graduates from St. Paul's parish.

Get ready for Father's Day now! The Thrift Shop has some wonderful items to show appreciation to Dad's. Come shop for the perfect gift – sporting goods, books, furniture, tools, leisure goods and such – all at the perfect price!



MAD CAMP

July

6-8

9-11 am

Save the Dates

Register Online at:

<https://vbsmate.com/StPaulsDaphneAl>

St. Paul's

VBS

July 11-14



ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

contact us at
626-2774 or stpaulspreschooldaphne@gmail.com
for more information!

REGISTRATION
**OPEN
NOW!**

Ages 18 months-6 years old/June 13-July 1/July 18-29

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

Monday-Saturday

Morning Prayer
8:05 a.m.

Live Streamed on
St. Paul's Facebook page only

Sunday-Thursday

Compline
8:00 p.m.

Live Streamed on
Judith Comer's Facebook page only

Wednesday

Healing Service with
The Holy Eucharist
Wednesday
NOON

*Church Services are also live-streamed
on our Facebook Page*

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday:
8:00 am -- 4:30 pm

Friday:
8:00 am -- 11:30 am

St. Paul's Thrift Shop
251-626-6102

St. Paul's Preschool
251-626-2774

**ADULT BIBLE
STUDIES**

Sunday

Christian Education
(Life Center)
Adults
9:15 am

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
7:00 am

ZOOM Meeting only

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
10:30 am

**St. Paul's Vestry
2022-2024**

Terms Ending

December 31, 2022

Joe Cook, Jr. Warden
Donna Nolte
Jim Green
Tim Michael, Sr. Warden

December 31, 2023

Necie Borroni
Alyson Jackson
Michael Koepp
Vivian Silliman

December 31, 2024

Edith Henry
Matthew Thomason
Sue Ann Turnipseed
Tom Walker

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Martha Lathan,
Clerk of the Vestry

Janet Norman, Treasurer

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The Rev. Thack H. Dyson,
Rector
The Rev. John K. Talbert,
Curate

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<https://tithely.app.link/st-pauls-eastern-shore>



The Daughters of the King (DOK), Julian of Norwich Chapter of St. Paul's meets every first Sunday of the month. Our next meeting will be July 3rd between the 8:00 and 10:30 services in the Life Center, 2nd floor, following the Parish Breakfast. Every first Sunday of the month the Chapter provides our blue prayer box for parishioners to submit prayer requests. Your prayers will be prayed over by the members of the Chapter in their daily prayers for a month. Your requests may be for yourself or for others. During our individual prayer time yours or your loved one's name and needs will be offered to God. The Chapter will contact you individually also for updates and continued needs or requests. Your requests are held in confidence by us. This prayer box is in addition to the monthly prayers listed for St. Paul's. The members of the DOK pray for the clergy, staff and parishioners at St. Paul's. It is our motto to pray and serve by the Grace of God. Please allow us to meet your needs and concerns, prayerfully, also.

BALDWIN COUNTY ATHLETICS GO FOR THE GOLD IN ORLANDO!!

The **USA SPECIAL OLYMPICS** is being held this week, June 5 - 11, in Orlando!

Watch for it to air on ABC TV during this week and weekend!

Please keep our Baldwin County athletics, coaches and volunteers

Jerry, Sarah, Nikki, Erika, Jakayla, Annie, Michell, Allison, Keri

in your thoughts and prayers as they strive to do their best

and bring home that **Special Olympic GOLD** to Baldwin County!!

A Note from the Treasurer

Financial Update – please keep your pledge and monthly contributions up to date.

Happy summer! As a kind reminder, please don't forget about St. Paul's and making your pledge payments and contributions throughout the summer. With the upcoming trip to Israel, and the push for funds for the new light fixtures, please don't forget your pledge payments and monthly contributions. We often see a decrease in our pledge and contribution amounts during summer. Terri has given us many options to pay our pledges and contributions to the church. Please make good use of them and bring your contributions up to date to the greatest extent possible.

We have about \$11,000 remaining to cover our new lights 100%! Remember this should help reduce our monthly electricity expenses and expenses for light bulb replacement. Your gift will continue to provide St. Paul's with cost savings and support the environment.

Thank you!

If you have any questions about our finances, please contact me at (224) 515-6938 or jmn9210@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.

Janet Norman

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The Rev. John K. Talbert, *Curate*
Elizabeth Faust, *Christian Education & Preschool Administrator*
Bonnie Hindman, *Youth Leader*
David Kielek, *Life Center Sexton*
John Matson, *Choirmaster*
Joan McKnight, *Staff Assistant*
Terri McMillan, *Administrative Assistant*

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