



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

September 20, 2023

Message from Thack

Many Episcopalians know that sacraments are an important part of our spiritual lives. As it says in our Catechism, "Sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace" (p. 857, *BCP*). In the church, we have two dominical (ordained by Christ) sacraments: Baptism and Holy Eucharist, and five ecclesial sacramental rites: Marriage, Unction, Reconciliation of a Penitent, Confirmation and Ordination.

We encounter God through the sacraments and sacramental rites of the church. God also meets us through God's creation, through other persons, and most tangibly through the word made flesh in Jesus. So there is no end to how we encounter God. I call those encounters that are not sacraments of the church "sacramental moments."

I had many sacramental moments during the Cursillo retreat at Camp Beckwith last weekend. One in particular was Phyllis Cheney. Phyllis and her husband Mike are retired and live in Fort Walton Beach. Until recently, Phyllis worked part time as a math tutor for students in the local school system. She had to give that up when she was diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. As you might imagine, her prognosis is grim. This was evident by the pallor of her skin and her increasing weakness. She is barely ambulatory and requires a wheel chair.

Staff members who attend her church at Saint Simons' on the Sound in Fort Walton Beach told us about her condition before the weekend. When asked if she was physically up for the experience she said it was important for her to attend the retreat. So we on staff we made every effort to accommodate her needs. That said, Phyllis and Mike handled the experience quite well and required little special attention.

When I first met Phyllis last Thursday night, she greeted me with a huge smile and said she was excited to be there and looking forward to the experience. Phyllis fully engaged every activity, whether it was worship, fellowship, listening to witness talks, table discussions and just having fun. Like all of us present, Phyllis experienced the whole range of emotions. The most notable was her joy. Rarely did I see her not laughing. Whenever I asked her how she was doing, her response was always, "I'm so blessed!" She has incredible faith even in adversity.

At the closing service on Sunday Phyllis told me that she had a wonderful time and had many close moments with Christ. What she didn't know is that the rest of us did too through her. She may have been blessed but she was also a blessing to the Cursillo staff and pilgrims. Phyllis was a living outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual grace. She was my biggest sacramental moment. I'm convinced she was sent to us last weekend and together we experienced the Kingdom of God.

Peace, Thack

Rally Day

Rally Day will held on October 1st in the Life Center. If you are a MINISTRY LEADER please prepare for Rally Day and let me know if you will have a display. Set up will be Friday afternoon and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until NOON. Contact Elizabeth Faust, ea.fst@hotmail.com or call 251-404-0537

To our Parishioners,

Be prayerful about signing up for new ministries. Brochures are available in the narthex and on the website, www.stpaulseasternshore.com, Home Page. Scroll down and you will see the links.

Mark Your Calendars:

Rally Day - October 1st - One service in Life Center at 10 a.m., Brunch to follow.

Blessing of the Animals - October 1st - 4:00 p.m. - in the Courtyard

Trunk or Treat - October 29th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - in the Youth Parking Lot

Harp Society Concert - October 29th - 3:00 p.m. in the Church

15th Annual PorkFest - November 18th - details coming soon!!!!

September 1-18, 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Parish Finances at a glance:

September Income: \$47,486.88

September Paid Expenses: \$36,388.45

September Unpaid Expenses: \$48,175

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast – October events

The Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast is celebrating 12 years of serving Baldwin County's adults with special needs! What began as a vision and 8 participants in 2011 has grown into a vibrant community of over 300 participants and their families. Now, each week Monday through Thursday all year long, nearly 50 to 60 participants gather daily in St. Paul's Life center to enjoy planned activities ranging from cooking, art, exercise, bingo, dance, music, karaoke, field trips, music and so much more.

EFGC is a dynamic program that provides social and recreational opportunities to so many and yet relies primarily on fundraisers and grants to cover expenses. October will offer everyone the chance to participate in two fun and fantastic fundraising events: GOLF with noon start on the course at Lakewood Club on Thursday, October 5 and the exceptional ARTS live auction and "happy shop" featuring unique participant made creations the evening of Thursday, October 12 at the Venue in Fairhope!!

More information and tickets can be found by calling EFGC at 251-625-8955 or on the website exceptionalfoundationgc.org. Thanks for supporting this *exceptional* program!

TWO EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS, ONE EXCEPTIONAL DAY



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
SHOTGUN START AT NOON
LAKEWOOD GOLF CLUB | FAIRHOPE, AL

Get your team together and sign up for a noon shotgun start on this beautiful course ... and expect exceptional fun on holes throughout your play!!

SAVE THE DATE - AN EXCEPTIONAL NIGHT TO REMEMBER



The Venue
105 S Section St. Fairhope, AL 36532

Get your tickets now for an exciting evening of tasty bites and drink as you try to buy one of only 12 unique masterpieces by local artists creating with EF artists! Also shop for original pieces made by EF participants in their store!

Tracts Talk! Ten Ways to Pray

Often when we pray, our language becomes stilted, and it may seem a bit false. Sometimes we may think we have to be in a certain place or position to pray effectively. God hears us no matter what! That said, maybe some structured prayer techniques can get us into the habit, and then, over time and with practice, we can pray more naturally and more often.

Ten ideas are presented in this pamphlet, including praying with scripture, journaling, the Daily Office, and singing, among others. Let's examine some of these.

Regarding journaling, a couple of nice books come to mind: ***The Everyday Psalmist***, a rich journal based on the Psalms. It is a guided journal that doesn't require daily entries, but if you happen to be in the mood for that type of prayer on a given day, it is beautiful, and it helps you become mindful of your prayer. This book incorporates praying with scripture as well as journaling. One of its beauties is that it gives you leave to be thankful, pleading, angry, and assured that God is always there. Another helpful book — even if you're not artistic — is ***Praying in Color*** by Sybil MacBeth. This helps you to lose the stilted language and draw or doodle what and while you're praying.

We at St. Paul's are blessed to have the Daily Office live-streamed on Facebook by Thack, in the form of Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday at 8:05. That will certainly get your prayer juices flowing. And since it's live-streamed, you can watch at your convenience. Maybe you can view it and de-stress at lunchtime.

In Thessalonians, Paul advises us to “pray without ceasing.” A good friend once gave me a beautiful hand-made wooden bowl along with a deck of cards that have the inscription “Pray Without Ceasing” on one side, and space to write a prayer or request on the other. That has been a blessing, as it reminds me daily to pray without ceasing. You can create your own reminder: Get a container that you like — it can be a dish, a bowl, an attractive box, anything, really — and some index cards (colored ones if you're like me). Put them in a spot where you will see them every day, and use them as reminder to keep on prayin'.

St. Augustine said, “He who sings prays twice.” How fortunate we are at St. Paul's to have such a robust music program. With John leading our melodious choir and Christopher blessing us with the organ, piano and violin, it's hard not to leave church humming a tune. Alabama Cursillo and the Diocese of Alabama publish ***Alleluia III*** songbook used at Beckwith. It is a wonderful amalgam of traditional and contemporary music that makes you want to dance. What a blessing for us here in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast to have that available to us.

Pick up a copy of ***Ten Ways to Pray***, and learn other ways to talk to God.

Vivian Silliman

By the grace of God
and the people consenting

The Right Reverend James Russell Kendrick
Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

will ordain

Stephen Douglas Pecot

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic church

on Saturday, the seventh of October
in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-three
at two o'clock in the afternoon (Eastern Time)

at

Trinity Episcopal Church
79 6th Street
Apalachicola, Florida
850-653-9550

Your prayers and presence are requested.
The ordination service will be livestreamed:
<https://www.youtube.com/@trinityapalachicola>

Reception to follow the service.

Clergy attending are asked to vest: alb or cassock/surplice and red stole.

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

Evening Prayer
5:00 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

Tuesday - Saturday
10:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m.

Donations Accepted
Thursday - Saturday
10:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m.
251-626-6102

St. Paul's Preschool
251-626-2774

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
7:00 am

ZOOM Meeting only

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult

9:10 am
in the Life Center Gym

Youth

9:15 am
in the Underground

Children

9:15 am
in the Preschool

St. Paul's Vestry **2023-2025**

Terms Ending

December 31, 2023

Necie Borroni
Alyson Jackson, Sr. Warden
Michael Koepp
Vivian Silliman

December 31, 2024

Edith Henry
Matthew Thomason
Sue Ann Turnipseed
Tom Walker

December 31, 2025

Michael Quinn
Cathy Slagle
Gaye Wilson
Howard Wilson, Jr. Warden

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Martha Lathan
Clerk of the Vestry

Mike Sirmon
Treasurer

Clergy

The Rev. Thack H. Dyson
Rector
The Rev. John K. Talbert
Curate
The Rev. Judith Comer
Priest Associate

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St. Paul's Eastern Shore

Phone

251-626-2421

Church App

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



SHARE YOUR TALENTS

We will be having Rally Sunday on October 1. This time is dedicated to remind us of all the Lord has done for us and how we can give thanks and respond by using our God-given gifts to share His love with others. Please take this opportunity to consider using your gift of music by becoming a part of St. Paul's Choir. We are looking for folks who love to sing, not those who love to perform. All are welcome!! John

St. Paul's Thrift Shop Needs Volunteers!

The Thrift Shop is a 47 year old ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne that seeks to provide clothing, furniture and household goods at an affordable price while donating the profit back to over 20 community outreach agencies.

Unpack, Sort & Price Donations
Hang Clothing, Test Appliances
Bag at Register Counter
No Experience Required
Membership at St. Paul's Not Required



**WE NEED
YOU!**

**28788 N. Main St., Daphne
Ask for the Manager. 251-626-6102**

Giving our hands to serve and our hearts to love.



Join us for

RALLY DAY

Sunday, October 1st

WE WILL HAVE ONE SERVICE ONLY

AT 10:00 A.M.

IN THE LIFE CENTER.

**THE SERVICE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED
BY A DELICIOUS BRUNCH PREPARED BY
ST. PAUL'S MEN'S GROUP.**

2024

For the Ministry and Operations of St. Paul's Episcopal Church:

In thanksgiving to God for many blessings,
I/We pledge to St. Paul's OPERATING FUND for 2024:

an ANNUAL amount of \$ _____

I/We will pay the above amount on a

\$ ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually BASIS (please check one)

and in addition

I/We would also like to pledge to
St. Paul's BUILDING FUND for 2024

an ANNUAL amount of \$ _____

I will pay the above amount on a

\$ ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually BASIS (please check one)

Name _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____

Email: _____

Would you like Offering Envelopes? Yes No

Would you like information about becoming a member of St. Paul's?
Yes No

Please fill out this form and return it either by:

- Placing it in church offering plate or
- Mailing it to 28788 North Main Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526 or
- Emailing it to officestpaulsdaphne@gmail.com or
- Contacting the church office at 251-626-2421

PLEDGES DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY RENEW EACH YEAR.

PLEDGE CARDS MAY ALSO BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE:
WWW.STPAULSEASTERNSHORE.COM

WE NEED YOU!!!

Listed below are the many ministry opportunities offered at St. Paul's. Please prayerfully review the list and sign-up for the ministry or ministries in which you would like to participate. Even if you are already involved we ask that you fill out this form. It will help us to update your contact information. Thank you for offering your many gifts and talents to our church family! Someone will be in touch very soon to share with you the details regarding the ministry or ministries you've selected below.

Adult Christian Education

- ☐ Anglican Studies
- ☐ 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Zoom Mtg.
- ☐ Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- ☐ Great Wednesday @ 6 p.m.
- ☐ Adult Confirmation Classes
- ☐ Small Groups

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

- ☐ Adult
- ☐ Youth
- ☐ Children k-4th grades

Worship

- ☐ Acolytes
- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Chalice Bearers
- ☐ Daughters of the King
- ☐ Flower Guild
- ☐ Lay Eucharistic Visitors
- ☐ Lectors
- ☐ Prayer Team
- ☐ Ushers/Greeters
- ☐ Vergers
- ☐ Videographers

Music Ministry

- ☐ Parish Choir
- ☐ NEWSONG
- ☐ Music Library Coordinators

Children's Christian Education

- ☐ Vacation Bible School Volunteers
- ☐ Nursery Worker Volunteers
- ☐ Sunday Night Live
- ☐ Christmas Pageant Helpers
- ☐ Drive through Nativity Helpers
- ☐ Children's Chapel (8 & 10:30)
- ☐ First Communion Class K-4th grade

Youth Christian Formation

- ☐ EYC (Youth Group)
- ☐ EYC Meals
- ☐ Christmas Pageant Helpers
- ☐ Drive through Nativity Helpers
- ☐ Youth Confirmation Class
- ☐ MAD Camp Volunteers
- ☐ VBS Volunteers
- ☐ Sunday Night Live

Pastoral Care

- ☐ Email Prayer Chain
- ☐ Garden of the Resurrection
- ☐ Parish Nursing
- ☐ Heaven and Health
- ☐ Bereavement Committee
- ☐ Emergency Preparedness

Outreach

- ☐ St. Paul's Thrift Shop Volunteer
- ☐ Ecumenical Ministries
- ☐ Exceptional Foundation
- ☐ Family Promise
- ☐ Nativities Festival: Come and Behold Him
- ☐ Prayer Shawl Ministry
- ☐ Kairos
- ☐ St. Paul's Preschool
- ☐ Cooking Ministry
- ☐ Bingo/Spaghetti Supper
- ☐ Donut Deacons
- ☐ Coffee Hour after 10:30 a.m. service
- ☐ Grounds Sprucing
- ☐ Cursillo
- ☐ Sexton Saints
- ☐ Tentmaker Folders
- ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ Habitat for Humanity
- ☐ Wedding Committee

Social

- ☐ St. Paul's Men's Group
- ☐ Platinum Treasures
- ☐ Supper Club - Dining OUT
- ☐ Supper Club - Dining IN
- ☐ Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
- ☐ Parish Picnic
- ☐ Bowling
- ☐ Sharing Faith Dinners

Please Print Clearly:

Name:

Email:

Telephone: _____

Cell: _____

Mailing Address:

**Someone will be contacting
you soon!**

Thank you for signing up!!

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The Rev. Thack H. Dyson, *Rector*
The Rev. John K. Talbert, *Curate*
Elizabeth Faust, *Christian Education & Preschool Administrator*
Bonnie Hindman, *Youth Leader*
David Kielek, *Life Center Sexton*
John Matson, *Choirmaster*
Christopher Conger, *Organist*
Joan McKnight and Donna Brown, *Staff Assistants*
Terri McMillan, *Administrative Assistant*

Office Hours 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)
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*We worship together as we seek God, serve God,
and share God with love and acceptance for all.*