



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

September 16, 2020

Message from Thack

From time to time I visit the Garden of the Resurrection and meditate. Before I leave I'll usually read the names of the folks who share that holy space. I knew most of them and memories of our time together wash over me.

In these moments I remember sharing the Eucharist with them, praying with and for them, and presiding at their celebration of life services. I recall the happier times of our relationship when we fellowshiped together, shared a meal or a cup of coffee. I even remember with fondness when we got into spirited debates about theology, politics, and the social order.

In my musings I am always reminded of how fleeting life is and how much I miss them. Life is so fragile.

It calls to mind our Ash Wednesday service. When I impose the ashes I say, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (BCP, p. 265). These familiar words from our Ash Wednesday liturgy remind us of our mortal nature. Like our friends interned in the Garden of the Resurrection, one day we will all be reduced to dust.

To some, the subject of death is morbid and they do not relish thinking about it. While I can understand this, the fact remains that physical death awaits all of us. For this reason, you would be giving your loved ones a gift by putting your affairs in order now. This includes the practical affairs such as updating your wills, preparing advance directives and durable powers of attorney, estate planning, end of life arrangements with the funeral home, and meeting with me to plan your celebration of life service.

Then there are the "spiritual" affairs that also need to be considered in anticipation of death. These affairs need to be put in order before we leave this mortal coil. To this end, have you engaged in self-examination and repentance for past sins? Are you reconciled with those you are at odds with? Are you reading and reflecting on God's holy word, receiving the sacraments, and sharing your time, talents, and treasures with God's church? All of these things are necessary "affairs" that need to be resolved before we die.

If you find end of life planning difficult to consider, then think what it would be like if you were presented to God tomorrow. Would you be prepared? Author Robert Fulghum describes his ritual of going out to his cemetery plot on his birthday to sit for a while in a lawn chair and think about the day he will come face to face with our Creator. From this perspective he quickly sees what is vital and worthwhile in life and what is not.

I'm not suggesting that you pack a lunch and trek to the cemetery as part of your end of life preparations. However, reflecting on our last days can be both cathartic and a good discipline. Rather than being a morbid exercise, it can help us anticipate our union with God and cause us to focus on what needs to be resolved in this life before that heavenly encounter. It can be a time of dispensing with unresolved sins, as well as the unnecessary habits and things of this life. To practice such a discipline could also be a source of renewal in the present.

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Are you ready to die? If not, begin your preparations now. If you have any questions, please call me and I will be happy to discuss these matters with you and help you to make the necessary “practical and spiritual” arrangements.

Peace, Thack

Look for changes in October!

For those who have not returned to our live services, please know some changes will be happening beginning in October. For starters, we will be permitted to accommodate up to 100 people at each of our Sunday services. This will allow social distancing and ensure the safety of our congregants. Please know everything we can do to protect our congregants has been done. In fact, Donna Nolte, who is the Director of Nursing at Thomas Hospital, a member of our vestry and our Parish Nurse, said attending worship at St. Paul's is safer than shopping in Publix.

On Sunday, October 4 we will open our nursery and Children's Chapel. Adult Sunday School will resume in Malone Hall that Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Coffee hour will meet in the parish courtyard (with proper social distancing). Our Great Wednesday @ 6:00 program will resume on Wednesday, October 7. We will continue our study of *Just Mercy* beginning where we left off at the start of the Covid-19 shutdown. Food will be served cafeteria style so as to minimize possible contamination.

If you are not immunocompromised, I hope you will consider joining us for worship and fellowship on Sunday, October 4. Please know you have been missed! Thack

Flu Vaccine Clinic

It's time for our annual flu vaccine clinic! CVS Fairhope will be providing our vaccines again this year. The clinic will be from 9am - 10:30am on Sunday, October 4th in the Life Center.

This year, CVS is offering an online registration to try and speed up the process a little. This will help CVS know how many of the vaccines to bring. Please take just a few minutes to do the online registration - it's quick and will really help us out.

But don't worry - if you don't register online, you can still fill out the paper form the morning of the clinic and get your vaccine.

Whether you register online or just show up, please make sure to have your ID and your insurance cards.

You can email me at donna133msn@att.net and I will forward you the link to register (since the hyperlink won't work on paper :))

Thanks and everyone stay safe and well!

Donna

St. Paul's Thrift Shop

St. Paul's Thrift Shop is excited to announce the opening of our long awaited Furniture Addition! We will open our doors to the new addition Wednesday morning, September 23 at 10 am. We encourage you to stop by. You will not believe how beautiful the area is and what gorgeous furniture we have to offer. It is so much nicer than we even imagined. We think you will be blown away! In order to keep this addition stocked, if you or someone you know is moving or redecorating, please consider donating to the Thrift Shop. If you call the Shop, 251-626-6102, we will be more than happy to pick the items up. The guys are more than willing to drive to the beach if you are redecorating your condo! Again, just stop by and stick your head in - I promise you will be impressed.



Church Offerings

Thank you to everyone taking advantage of the new on-line and texting methods of making donations to the church. It seems to be working very well. If you are unfamiliar with how to use the **Text** or **Online** methods here are some instructions:

1. Simply **TEXT** the word **GIVE** to **844-973-2352**. They will respond to your text with a link. Click on the link and they will walk you through how to make your donation.
2. There is a **DONATE** button on the church website and on our **CHURCH APP**. Click on it and it will walk you through how to make your donations.
3. We have a secure white metal drop-off box right outside the office door. You can drop your offering off anytime.
4. You can **Mail** it to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 28788 North Main Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526.
5. You can use **Bill Pay** through your bank. You can do this through your bank's website or by calling them. They will mail a check directly from the bank to the church. You will have to give them the church's address, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 28788 North Main Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526.

Please call or email the office if you have any questions.

Prayer Requests

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Rosemary Bing, Evelyn Brantley, Carol Cambre, Rip Cox, Cindy Edwards, Maravic Habbeger, Ray Hamilton, Terri Hare, Toni Henry, Sarah Catherine Jeffus, Jamie Jernigan, Theresa Johnson, Ed Kirby, Tracie Knight, Beverly Koepp, Carolyn Lambeth, Guy Lott, Carolyn Magruder, Joshua Magruder, John McClendon, Roxanne McCrory, Kelly Meshejian, Mary Michael, Lance Monley, Brenda Moore, Ursel Norman, Derek Norman, Martin Page, Jim Raines, Elizabeth Reed, Judy Reeves, JoAnn Riley, Tom Rinaldi, Elton Ruffin, Bob Rutherford, Jenny Ryder, Bob Savage, Sheila Schreiner, Justin Smith, Phyllis Smith, Rucker Taylor, Stacie VanWetering, Frieda Ward, George Warren, Richard Wellington, Brian Zorman, Rick Zwickey

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marty Adams, Dave Baldock, Christopher Blackwell, Pat Brislin, Marsha Butler, Pat Cannon, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Margaret Cummins, Suzanne Damour, Puddy Dyson, Dee Grantham, David Grey, Carol Hafner, Wanda Hall, Susan Hill, Jossie Hurst, Leslie Johnson, Geoff Jones, Alexander Kielek, Drew Lathan, David Lee, Patrick Lynch, Ken McNamara, Doug Montgomery, Ross Moore, Lou Morgan, Buddy Morrow, Elsie Mosher, Sara Patton, Rochelle Robinson, Mary Rudolf, Zera Roussel, Stephanie Sanchez, Bennie Savage, Pat Schlimmer, Nick Shoultz, Cathy Slagle, D'ana Snow, Albert Thompson, Julia Warren

For the Departed: Sally Stokely, Rick Deason

For Those Serving in the Military: Crew of the USS Roosevelt

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

For those with Birthdays:

September 1-30

(01) Charlie Earle, Roseanne Walker, Elizabeth Wolfrom, Barry Taylor, John Teague, Rivers Schlarb, Connor Dimoff, (02) Wendy Bedwell, Ford Turnipseed, (03) Ashley Simpson, Bonnie Hebert, Shelley Haga, (04) Michael Quinn, (05) David McMillan, Jack Davis, (06) Marcie Morrow, (08) Tim Martin, Christian McDowell, Elise Harris, (09) Melissa Kielek, Bill Erickson, Allison Wyckoff, Blakeley Walker, Chloe Cotton, (10) Mike Sager, Rebecca Dyson, Laura McFarland, (11) Vivien Bridges, Mary Dunn, (12) Creighton Hoercher, (13) Katy Likos, Sharon Kay Wallace, (14) McKenzie Kizer, (15) Pam Earle, Linda Stealey, Beverly Koepp, Luciano Briones, (16) Loren Hoercher, Hiatt Lemon, Anna Thomason, Lane Faust, (18) Lee Cummins, (19) Lark Fleury, (20) Ginna Miller, Michelle Abbott, (21) Brooke Morgan, Emily Smith, Olivia Smith, (22) Janet Norman, (23) Jennifer Bailey, Ryan Hinote, Bell Jackson, Walker Jackson, (24) Thack Dyson, Jim Jackson, Elizabeth Thomason, (25) Susannah Jackson, (26) Christine Martin, Dick Schmidt, George Warren, Toby Norman, (27) Dylan Loes, (28) Barbara Morley, Anna Kate Jackson, (29) Jennifer Nagel, Max Martin, Liam Albert, Jaleah Beckley

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



What's Happening in Chris Ed?

Exciting NEWS! October 4, we will re-open our chapel doors at both, 8:00 and 10:30 services! A lot has happened around here since we haven't been able to meet! The children's chapel has had a mini facelift and will be able to accommodate more of our Godly Play lessons for the children to use so that they can become the story tellers. We also have a new arts and crafts center so that they can recreate their favorite lessons with less boundaries. We have a new table to better accommodate social distancing, and will also use our outside spaces more often to provide safe social distancing but also allow us to have fun and socialize with our friends!

Soon, we will revisit Wednesday Night Live and beginning our monthly meetings again!

Nursery Workers Needed!

We are looking for parents, adults, and teenagers to work in our nursery! This is a rewarding and wonderful way to serve and give back to our St. Paul's family. The hours are 7:30-12:00pm on designated Sundays and positions are flexible to work 1 or all Sundays each month. Some Wednesday nights will also be available to work. For more information please call or email Elizabeth @ ea.fst@hotmail.com or 626-2774.

What's Happening at St. Paul's Preschool?

St. Paul's Preschool will be selling ads for our Preschool Art Calendar beginning in October. More information to come! These calendars will be available for sale during the Christmas Holidays and will include art from our precious preschoolers!

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

**Live and Live Streamed
(Must wear Face mask)**

Monday-Saturday

Morning Prayer
8:05 a.m.

**Live Streamed Only on
St. Paul's Facebook page**

Sunday-Thursday

Compline
8:00 p.m.

**Live Streamed Only on
Judith Comer's Facebook page**

Wednesday

Healing Prayers
Wednesday
NOON

**Live Streamed Only on
St. Paul's 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

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday

Christian Education
Adults (Malone Hall)
9:15 am

ZOOM Meeting Only

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
6:00 am

ZOOM Meeting Only

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Malone)
10:30 am

VESTRY AND OFFICERS

Term Ending

December 31, 2020

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

December 31, 2021

Donna Brown
Kathy Mallory
Ken McNamara
Michael Quinn

December 31, 2022

Joe Cook, Jr. Warden
Henry Esham
Jim Green
Tim Michael

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Martha Lathan,
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Janet Norman
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Tina Erickson, Youth Leader

Elizabeth Faust, Christian Education & Preschool Administrator

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.*