



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

July 23, 2025

Message From Thack

A Life of Quiet Devotion: Celebrating the Life and Ministry of Sally Boom

Our beloved Sally Boom just celebrated her 95th birthday, marking not only a long life but a truly remarkable legacy of devotion and service to the Episcopal Church. For over eight decades, Sally has lived out her baptismal promises with grace and humility, dedicating her life to the quiet, faithful work that upholds and beautifies the Church's worship. Her legacy is one of reverence, craftsmanship, and deep spiritual commitment—an offering of love that has touched countless lives.

Born in Oakland, California on July 15, 1930, Sally Boom was baptized as an infant into the Episcopal Church and never strayed far from the sacred spaces that shaped her life. From the very beginning, Sally was drawn not to the spotlight, but to the quiet, faithful work of preparation and care—the hidden ministry that makes worship possible for all.

At just eleven years old, Sally began serving on the Altar Guild, a ministry she would dedicate the rest of her life to. Week after week, year after year, she lovingly polished sacred vessels, tended to candlesticks, cleaned and ironed fair linens, corporals and purificators, and ensured that every corner of the altar reflected the reverence due to God. Her hands, consecrated by years of service, became instruments of both grace and beauty.

But Sally's gifts went beyond the practical. She was also an artist of devotion, hand-stitching kneelers that bore both her skill and her prayers—small masterpieces of love and tradition that now cushion the knees of generations. Each thread was an act of quiet worship, a testimony to a heart rooted in service.

Sally's ministry was never loud or self-promoting. She did not seek recognition. In fact, many of those who came to worship never knew of her service. Yet literally thousands of worshippers were blessed by her behind-the-scenes offerings. The altar was ready, the candles trimmed, the linens pristine—because Sally and the guild were always there, quietly serving our Lord. Her example taught that calling does not always come with a pulpit, a collar, or a title. Sometimes, it comes with a silver and brass polishing cloth, a needle and thread, and a heart wholly given to God.

Over the years, Sally was not only a faithful servant, but also a mentor and inspiration to many across the Episcopal Church. Once while I was serving as the Chaplain to the Province IV Altar Guild Conference at Kanuga in Hendersonville, North Carolina, we visited a nearby historic Episcopal Church and admired the exquisitely hand stitched altar rail kneelers. Our host explained, "Sally Boom traveled from Alabama and graciously shared her expertise with about a dozen of us and this is the fruit of her instruction." I proudly told her, "Sally is one of my parishioners," and shared how she inspired the creation of our kneelers at St. Paul's.

As we celebrate Sally's life and ministry, we give thanks for her unwavering faithfulness—and for the quiet legacy of beauty, order, and reverence she leaves behind at the altar of the Lord. Happy Birthday Sally and well done, good and faithful servant.

Peace, Thack

Diocesan Acolyte Festival
Saturday, August 23
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Christ Church Cathedral
115 S Conception St, Mobile AL



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ACOLYTE FESTIVAL DETAILS

All acolytes, crucifers, andthurifers throughout the Central Gulf Coast are invited to attend. Bishop Russell and other experts in the “liturgical arts” will share their knowledge, skill and wisdom, along with games and a very special closing Eucharist.

The festival begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes with the Eucharist at approximately 3:30 p.m.
There is no charge for the festival.

LEARNING SESSIONS OFFERED

Each participant will be able to attend two sessions

Holy Smokes: Working with Fire - Hands-on session of all things thurifer

Instructed Eucharist - Step by step altar preparation

Processions - Discuss and practice protocols for lining up a liturgical procession

Spirit of an Acolyte - Spiritual component of being an acolyte

FOR THOSE TRAVELING FROM A DISTANCE

If your group will need overnight accommodations for Friday night, please reach out to the festival contact at the information below.

FESTIVAL CONTACT

For more information on the festival, please get in touch with Carolyn Jeffers at cjeffers@christchurchcathedralsmobile.org or call the Cathedral office at (251) 438-1822.

HELP SUPPORT THE DIOCESAN ACOLYTE FESTIVAL

While there is no fee to participate, we encourage you to consider making a financial gift to the Christ Church Cathedral Foundation.

St. Paul's Thrift Shop Celebrates 48 Years!

St. Paul's Thrift Shop was founded in 1977 by a group of dedicated St. Paul's ladies with the intent of raising funds for our church. Our founders included Jo Alves, Rennie Pittman, Jean Yancey, Margaret Waller, Rochelle Robinson, Airrior Norwood and Avos Stickney.

They rented the "Old Methodist Church" in Daphne (now the Daphne Museum) then cleaned out their own homes and attics to find items with which to stock the shop. On July 7, 1977, St. Paul's Thrift Shop opened their doors to the public and began accepting donations. Rochelle Robinson once said donors even brought old overalls and boots, still dirty from the field, so the volunteers took donations home to wash and repair them and Margaret Waller said many times that it was a great day if they made over a dollar that first year!

In the 1980's, the shop was relocated to Main St. near Mancini's then, in 2002, the Thrift Shop came home to the church campus with the construction of our current building. As we grew, the shop was expanded in 2009 and again in 2020 when the furniture room was added.

During our first 20 years, the shop's profits were donated exclusively to the church but that changed in 1997 when the by-laws were amended to read that 75% of the profit each year will be donated but split equally between the church and Baldwin County community service agencies which are chosen by the Board of Directors. The remaining 25% stays in the bank as an operating fund. Since 1997, about 2 million dollars have been donated which is over and above the shop's regular monthly contributions to the church.

In May of 2025, the Thrift Shop sent out checks to The Alabama Free Clinic, Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch, Anchor Cross Cancer Foundation, Baldwin County Angels, Baldwin Family Village Foundation, Care House, Camp Beckwith, Daphne Volunteer Fire Dept., Neighborhood Bridges, North Baldwin Animal Shelter, Prodissee Pantry, Seaglass Initiative, Spanish Fort Volunteer Fire Dept., St. Paul's Episcopal Church Preschool, St. Paul's Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, The Dream Center, The Exceptional Foundation, The Lighthouse, The Shoulder for Men, The Shoulder for Women, Under His Wings, William Green Veterans Home, Willow Farms Equine Rescue, Wilmer Hall Children's Home, Women's Care Medical Center and The Women's Health Center.

All of us at St. Paul's Thrift Shop wish to thank our many donors, customers, volunteers, staff and clergy who make these annual gifts possible. And, we invite YOU to help in this ministry. Volunteers are always needed and welcome so please prayerfully consider joining us as we seek to serve our community.

Jonathan Myrick Daniels
60th Anniversary
And the Martyrs of Alabama Pilgrimage

Saturday, August 9, 2025

11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Hayneville, Alabama

Caravan from St. Paul's at 8:00 a.m.

Call to reserve a seat in the church van, or if driving,
please include others who may need a ride.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry will speak this year.



Creation Care Team Meeting

August 21, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Malone Hall

Become Aware and Learn about
Environmental Stewardship/Green Team
and meet others to network about
opportunities for St. Paul's
to grow Creation Care.

For Travelers, BCP p.831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

With the start of school on the horizon, many families are taking the opportunity to vacation. These are memories that will absolutely last a lifetime. Enjoy the journey, taking in all the precious moments along the way. Granted, some of those moments may be chaotic now, but as we recall them, with any luck, they'll provide a good laugh and bring us together in our remembering. Be aware of the Holy Spirit around and within us always. As we embark, let us pray for safety. As we reach our destination, let us be aware of God's presence everywhere. As we return home, let us thank God for a safe journey, and be thankful for home — there's no place like it!

Vivian Silliman

Choir Notes...

Our St. Paul's Choir and the choir from St. Luke's in Mobile will be combining forces for a Celtic Advent Program. It will be Sunday, December 7, 3:00 p.m. at St. Luke's and Sunday, December 14, 3:00p.m. at St. Paul's. I will announce when practices begin and you are welcome to join us in this special musical offering. Let me know if you're interested.

John Matson, Choirmaster

THANK YOU TO OUR ST. PAUL'S SAINTS!

Dear Saint Paul's Family,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible support we've received from our vestry and the St. Paul's Men's Group, which has been instrumental in making much-needed improvements to our preschool building and playground.

Back in 2017, we faced the difficult decision to demolish our old wooden playground structures due to termite damage and aging. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our preschool community, we were able to raise significant funds, and the Men's Group took on the mighty task of overseeing the entire building project and the completion of our loan payoff for the new playground equipment. This was truly a huge blessing to us!

Unfortunately, with the new playground came new challenges. Our building has faced repeated issues with rainwater flooding our main room due to water running down the hill. The St. Paul's Men's Group came to our rescue once again by digging a drainage ditch around the back to channel the floodwaters away—a daunting yet necessary task! We've also faced plumbing issues, including overflowing toilets (thankfully with clean water) impacting our main room and Super Stars classroom. Their continued support has made a world of difference.

In the fall, one of our own saints graciously funded new toilets, which significantly alleviated our flooding woes. Others contributed by providing improved lighting throughout our building, with one saint dedicating his time to replace every single light ballast in our building! Over the summer, the Men's Group arranged for professional floor waxing, enhancing the overall cleanliness and appearance of our floors. They also tackled drainage issues once more by re-digging ditches and leveling and sodding the playground area—the main culprit behind our flooding concerns.

We feel blessed beyond words by the generosity and dedication of our St. Paul's Saints. With these improvements, the possibilities for utilizing our space endless as we enter our 30th year of operation. Our new grassy space will be utilized for soccer classes and picnics for our preschoolers, outdoor movie nights, and so much more! We can hardly wait to see what the future holds.

While our old building will always be a work in progress, we are committed to offering the best possible experience for our upcoming 30th school year. We look forward to welcoming parents to see the improvements made and to providing a nurturing environment where our little ones can continue to learn and grow within our enhanced walls.

A heartfelt thank you to ALL our St. Paul's Saints, known and unknown, for your unwavering support. Your kindness and dedication truly make a difference!

With gratitude,
Elizabeth and the St. Paul's Preschool Board









LIMITED SEATS IN OUR K-4 CLASSROOM

ENROLL NOW!

Don't miss out! Only 2 spots remain for the upcoming school year in our K-4 classroom!

[Enroll Now >>](#)



E-mail Us: stpaulspreschooldaphne@gmail.com

Call Us: 251-626-2774

St. Paul's Preschool

ST. PAULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

YOUTH

BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS

9:15AM IN THE
UNDERGROUND

6TH - TWELFTH GRADE

July 22, 2025

Parish Finances at a glance:

July to-date INCOME: \$64,744.25

July to-date EXPENSES: \$65,501.44

NET TOTAL: (\$-757.19)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ST. PAUL'S PARISH!!!!

Your contributions allow us to continue to share the gospel, serve our community, support ministries and missions, help those in need, and spread the love of Christ.



Blessing of the Backpacks
will be **August 17th**
at BOTH services!
Please bring your
backpacks in to church
(do not bring them to
chapel)
and we will have
them blessed at the Peace.

What's Happening in Children's Chapel?

We had an absolute blast with VBS in June, and while I was out of town, we had 2 wonderful subs. Thank you to Kristina McKenna and Charlotte Patterson for helping out with Chapel while I was away! The last 2 weeks we have begun Godly Play during Chapel, starting at the beginning with the Creation Story, and last week, the Flood and the Ark. Beginning when school starts, we will get back to a better routine with our usual service (songs, acolyting, readings, lesson, offering, confession, etc.) and will begin our time together a little differently than we have this Summer.

****8:00 Children's Chapel will resume on August 17th!****

St. Paul's Preschool Summer Camp

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Summer Camps this year! I'd say, it was a hit! Your support has been invaluable in providing work hours for our dedicated teachers and creating a fun and enriching experience for our children.

This summer has been filled with exciting activities, exploring Under the Sea, Space, Teddy Bear Picnics, Alaska during VBS, Rainbows and Weather, and even Christmas in July. Each moment has been a joy, and it's been wonderful to see our preschoolers laughing, learning, and making lasting memories.

As we wrap up this fantastic summer and say goodbye to our Perky Pelican's on their way to Kindergarten, we are now preparing for the upcoming school year with great anticipation. We can't wait to welcome new friends and old, and continue this journey of growth and learning together.



PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Dear fellow women of St. Paul's,

You may have heard of a type of Bible study that's most commonly known by one of two names: the African Bible study method or the Lambeth Bible study method.

With this method, members of a group consider a particular passage of Scripture and are guided by the study leader to meditate on how God might be speaking to them and how they might more faithfully live according to His will. If you will take a few minutes to google "African Bible study method," "Lambeth Bible study method" and/or "Lectio Divina," you can see how such a study is conducted.

Our rector, Thack Dyson, has participated in this type of Scripture study and would be highly supportive of us forming a similar group for women here at St. Paul's. We would meet for about an hour one evening per week.

If you are interested in developing a deeper relationship with the Lord through meditation, reflection and sharing, please email Terri McMillan at officestpaulsdaphne@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, please pray that God will steer us all toward a deeper understanding of His unwavering love for us and for every man, woman and child in His creation.



SPAGHETTI DINNER and BINGO ...

Come one and all ...

join the fun in the

Howard Wilson Life Center

of St. Paul's

Friday, July 25th beginning at **5:45 pm**

with delicious spaghetti dinner

followed by 11 games of exciting BINGO

family ... friends ... food ... fellowship ... and cash prizes!

supporting the ministries of St. Paul's.



Prayer Requests

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Townsend Bessonon, Christopher Blackwell, Fletcher and Judith Comer, Deanna Cook, Diana Costlow, Mark Costlow, Linda Crissy, Wayne Davis, Lillian Deason, Sara DeWitt, Phyllis Dillow, Reid Dyson, Kay Fisher, Curran Foose, Jr., Richard and Patrick Foster, Laura Ann Gibson, Toni Gray, Mary Green, Catherine Greenslade, Stewart Hampton, Jessica Head, Kelsey Henderson, Sharon Hoiles, Dave Johnson, Doug Kinney, Tracie Knight, Beverly and Mike Koepp, Pat Lieb, Debbie Love, Donelle McBride, Freda McDonald, Herb McDonald, Bob McKnight, Eileen McSpadden, Marcie Morrow, Lisa Nash, Judy Ollinger, Josh Plotniak, Bob Powell, David Powers, Judy Reeves, Kem Rutledge, Marie Schreiner, Nick Shoultz, Fran Siemssen, Cathy Slagle, Byron Spann, Lee Stassen, Mark Taylor, Karen Thomason, Tim Turpen, Anna and Bill Waid, Ken Wallis, Julia Warren, Bob and Beth Wickwire, Kern and Mary Wilson

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marty Adams, Allison Badurak, Jim Blackwell, Betty Borroni, Dakota Burchett, Kit Caffey, Pat Cannon, Pam Carlson, Janice Clifford, Jim Clifford, Joe Cook, Sr., Faith Cornett, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Suzanne Damour, Beth Dearmon Einig, Dana Fletcher, Tommy Fletcher, Sylvia Forbes, Jim Gordon, Dee Grantham, Terri Hare, Eddie Hill, Susan Hill, Jossie Hurst, Shari & Linn Hyde, Shannon Kern, Alexander Kielek, Matt and Penny Kratochvil, Jim Lonnergan, Lou Morgan, Dorothy Moore, Buddy Morrow, Bo Nichols, Sonny Nichols, Sam Pace, Mary Pace, Sara Patton, Janet Penry, Mary Rudolf, Marilyn Russell, Jesse Rutherford, Larry Rutherford, Stephanie Sanchez, Terry Sandlin, Pat Schlimmer, Kay Taylor, Albert Thompson, Vicki Thompson, Diane Young, Mike Young

For the Departed: Elke Westmoreland, Genie Sanford, Smitty Harris, Zachary Wayne Gatlin, Sr.

For Those Serving in the Military:

Bradley Billingsley, Graham B'Wade, Ryan Bowman, James Cassebaum, Matthew Cheatham, Chase Clark, Jackson Deaton, Josh Dedrickson, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Dan Eshed, Chris Evans, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Walker Jackson, Daniel James, Jake Jerome, Matt Jones, Harrison Key, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, Jackson May, Bryan Quinn, Holden Quinn, Madie Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Neil Sevelius, Kaleb Sharpless, Michael Strohlein, Dan Strohlein, Aiden Walker, Brad Yonkers

For Those with Birthdays:

July 23-31: (23) Patti Gatlin, Bill Harrison, Coleman Wood, Melissa Hoercher, JD Ross, (24) Catherine Kiser, (25) Jim Blackwell, (28) Harper Beckham, Sue Ann Turnipseed, (29) Marty Adams, Marc Silliman, Gabriela Pino, Craig Morgan, (30) Dorothy Moore, Casey Williams, Anna Lynn Akins, (31) Susan Johnson

August 1-31: (01) Crystal Anderson, (02) Bill Cody, Bailey Mitchell, (05) Kathy Lovell, (06) Terri McMillan, Sarah Hinote, (07) Lee Keel, Alice Gordon, (08) Sophia Brooks, (09) Patricia Glover, (11) Jackie Brettel, Sandy Davenport, Lila Sharp, (12) Gabe Dyson, (14) Clay Rankin, Patrick Foster, Joshua Bond, (15) Marty Ollinger, (16) Deborah Baldock, Judi Gullede, (17) Lea Verneuille, (18) Hope Brooks, Drew Lathan, Aiden Walker, (19) Kristina McKenna, (20) Marie Schreiner, (21) Judy Hale, (22) Sid Jackson, David Chavers, Will Kiser, (23) Frances Coleman, (24) Eric Smith, Brittany Lapeyrouse, (25) Chuck Bryan, (26) Alan Talamo, Glen Burgess, (27) Marjorie Perry, (28) Baba Hendricks, Michelle Beckham, (29) Liz Ray, Sean Beckham, Diane Watson, Cage Connell

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 Only
on
St. Paul's Facebook page**

Wednesday

Healing Service with
The Holy Eucharist
NOON

*Church Services are 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

Great Wednesday
6:00 pm
Malone Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult

9:10 am
in Conference Room A

Youth

9:15 am
6th - 12th Grades
in the Underground

Children

9:15 am
K-5th Grades
in the Children's Chapel

St. Paul's Vestry

2025-2027

Terms Ending

December 31, 2025

Michael Quinn, Sr. Warden
Cathy Slagle
Gaye Wilson
Tim Michael

December 31, 2026

Joe Cook, Jr. Warden
Judi Gullede
Liston Jones
Boyd Miller

December 31, 2027

Richard Foster
Donna Nolte
Marty Ollinger
John Sharp
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Martha Lathan
Clerk of the Vestry

Mike Sirmon
Treasurer

Clergy

The Rev. Thack H. Dyson
Rector
The Rev. Judith Comer
Priest Associate
The Rev. S. Albert Kennington
Priest Associate

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The Rev. S. Albert Kennington, *Priest Associate*
Elizabeth Faust, *Christian Education & Preschool Administrator*
Hali Everette, *Youth Leader*
David Kielek, *Howard Wilson Life Center Sexton*
John Matson, *Choirmaster*
Christopher Conger, *Church Musician*
Joan McKnight and Donna Brown, *Staff Assistants*
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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.