



# The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

September 22, 2021

## Message From Thack

“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. 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. The pandemic has been a sobering reminder of that reality. 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? 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 comes 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.

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



# St. Paul's Preschool Annual Mums Sale

Available September 24!   
\$7 per gal pot -or- \$20 includes  
gal size mums and terra cotta pot  
painted by a preschool student!

**Please call the Preschool**

**at**

**251-626-2774**

**or**

**Email: [ea.fst@hotmail.com](mailto:ea.fst@hotmail.com)**

**to place an order.**



**Wednesday Night  
Live (WNL) is  
becoming SUNDAY  
Night Live (SNL)!**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders,  
please join us  
starting out in the  
Underground  
beginning this  
Sunday,  
September 26 from  
4-6:30pm!**

**See you there!**

**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**

**Sunday-Thursday**

Compline  
8:00 p.m.

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

**Wednesday**

Healing Service with  
The Holy Eucharist  
Wednesday  
NOON

**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  
Adults  
9:00 am

**ZOOM Meeting**

**Tuesday**

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

**ZOOM Meeting**

**Wednesday**

Morning Bible Study  
(Malone Hall)  
10:30 am

**VESTRY AND  
OFFICERS  
Term Ending**

**December 31, 2021**

Donna Brown  
Kathy Mallory  
Ken McNamara  
Michael Quinn, *Sr. Warden*

**December 31, 2022**

Joe Cook, *Jr. Warden*  
Jim Green  
Tim Michael

**December 31, 2023**

Necie Borroni  
Alyson Jackson  
Michael Koepp  
Vivian Silliman  
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Martha Lathan,  
Clerk of the Vestry

Janet Norman  
Treasurer

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**251-626-2421**

**Church App**

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

## Prayer Requests

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

### Immediate Prayer Requests:

Pam Carlson, Ann Chase, Sally Clark, Rochelle Coburn, Fletcher and Judith Comer, Sarah Cuison, Carole Evans, Robin Fowler, Laura Gibson, Todd Gresham, Alastair Henry, Linn Hyde, Dave Johnson, Leslie Johnson, Theresa Johnson, Arthur "Sonny" Keller, Kate Kendrick, Ed and Brenda Kirby, Beverly Koepp, Mary Lucas, Ashley Martin, Donelle McBride, John McClendon, Linda McNamara, Berit Meyers, Charmein Moser, Reed Myers, Johnny Neal, Bill Organic, Judy Reeves, Larry Rutherford, Bennie Savage, Nick Shoultz, Becky Simpson, Leon Snipes, Frederick and Amy Stickney, Frieda Ward, George Warren, Brian Zorman

### Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marty Adams, Dave Baldock, Christopher Blackwell, Pat Cannon, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Suzanne Damour, Puddy Dyson, Dee Grantham, David Grey, Carol Hafner, Susan Hill, Jossie Hurst, Geoff Jones, Alexander Kielek, Lance Monley, Doug Montgomery, Ross Moore, Lou Morgan, Buddy Morrow, Elsie Mosher, Sara Patton, Mary Rudolf, Zera Roussel, Kem Rutledge, Stephanie Sanchez, Pat Schlimmer, Sheila and Alan Schreiner, Cathy Slagle, D'ana Snow, Albert Thompson, Julia Warren

For the Departed: Stephen Nobis, Juliet de Villiers Miller, Jim Overstreet, Lila Gillham, Clara Nugent, Jimmy Pettis, Jane Graves, John Hayes Cox

### For Those Serving in the Military:

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, 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, Andy Tuttle, Brad Yonkers

### For those with birthdays:

#### September 22-30

(22) Janet Norman, (23) Jennifer Bailey, Ryan Hinote, Bell Jackson, Walker Jackson, (24) Thack Dyson, Jim Jackson, Elizabeth Thomason, (25) Susannah Jackson, (26) Dick Schmidt, George Warren, Toby Norman, (27) Dylan Loes, Annalouise Hicks, (28) Barbara Morley, Anna Kate Jackson, (29) Jennifer Nagel, (30) Jaleah Beckley

#### October 1-31

(01) George Schroeter, Haley Meshejian, (02) Daniel Wolfrom, (04) Susan Currie, Carter Simpson, Autumn Abbott, (05) Linda Koenig, Shawn Alves, Sterling McFarland, (06) Wayne Gatlin, Sr., Ron Reece, Sharon Mitchell, (07) Joan McKnight, Michael Taylor, (09) Bob Wolfrom, Gil Walton, Christopher Conger, Michael Robert Quinn, (11) Ann Kavanagh, Nancy Beck, Alyssa Mullins, Jackson Mullins, Seth Mullins, (12) Emily McGirl, Jack Thompson, Alexander Wyckoff, (13) Tina Lemon, James Thomason, (14) David Green, Kelly Meshejian, (15) Bob Wakeman, Debbie Quinn, Patrick Davenport, Sarah Beth Walker, (17) David Binder, Rachel Ingraham, (18) Arthur Oken, Joseph Reosti, Cooper Dalto, (19) Elaine Glover, Cathy Slagle, (20) Sylvia Forbes, (21) Court Hurst, Robin Dilsaver, Julie Taylor, (24) Ray Bing, Tim Michael, Mary Balhatchet, (26) Arvis Leininger, Caron Richards, Jeffrey Chamberlain, Donna Nolte, Michael Reeves, (27) Jo Moran, Margot Boll, Andrew Erdman, John Marron (28) Ann Davis, Townsend Vance, (29) Becky Costlow, Charlotte Patterson, Jennifer Erdman, Micah Beckley

**COME CELEBRATE .... with EXCEPTIONAL FOUNDATION GULF COAST**

ONE DAY - October 7, 2021 .. 11am 'til 7pm at Lakewood Golf Club in Fairhope

TWO EVENTS - **GOLF** tournament + **ARTS** live auction - *entertainment and food!*

TEN EXCEPTIONAL YEARS - **E F G C**

On this day **EFGC** combines two favorite fundraisers into **ONE** grand event to raise funds for the ongoing work of the Exceptional Foundation in providing social and recreational opportunities for the local special needs community ... meeting weekly in their "happy place" ... our very own St. Paul's LIFE center!

The **GOLF tournament** will be held at the Lakewood Golf Course beginning at 11am 'til the final putt! Call Jennifer Flad for ticket or sponsorship information: 251-625-8955 or [jenniferbflad@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferbflad@gmail.com)

The **ARTS event** will follow the GOLF tournament, under the stars at the Clubhouse, with entertainment by the Voice's Kirk Jay as delicious food and beverages are served. Come ready to purchase individual pieces of art created by EF participants throughout the year. As always, the highlight of this event is the **LIVE ART AUCTION** when lucky bidders can purchase one-of-a-kind masterpieces created by local artists collaborating with some talented EF participants ... including a truly fantastic piece by St. Paul's own **Alyson Jackson** painting with EF artists!

The following artists have graciously given time and talent to create **AUCTION** pieces with EF participants: **Bruce Larsen, Nancy Ria, Allison Ashurst, Annie Neill, Ricky Trione, Alyson Jackson** ... we **THANK** them!!

Please come **CELEBRATE** these past **TEN** amazing years of **Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast!**

**Ticket, donor and sponsorship information:**

<https://exceptionalevent.swell.gives> or call: 251-625-8955



*The Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization providing social and recreational opportunities to the special needs community of Baldwin and Mobile Counties. EFGC offers a variety of programs to improve the quality of life for these exceptional participants.*



**St. Paul's Thrift Shop:** Just a heads up to all Parishioners, your friends, and your families. The Best of Baldwin is once again sponsoring its contest to determine "The Best" in Baldwin County. This includes YOUR CHURCH, YOUR Preschool, and YOUR Thrift Shop. Right now, votes are being taken to see who will be the actual nominees in this year's contest. Your vote is needed each day to make sure we make the finals in each category, then vote to make sure we all win! We hope you will take the time to log into your computer and go to

<https://www.gulfcoastnewstoday.com/bestof2022/#!/> and vote in

each category that we are mentioned. We know we have the best around...We just want to make sure everybody else knows that too!

Your mighty Thrift Shop is moving right along in spite of wicked Covid. Sales are healthy - as are all of our staff and volunteers! Stop in to see what treasure you can find. Remember, if you have furniture that you no longer have a use for, Your Thrift Shop would greatly appreciate your donating it to us. Call the Shop at 251-626-6102 to arrange a time for us to pick up.

Happy Fall Y'all!!

### ***Tracts Talk! Walking the Labyrinth***

Myth: You need to know how to walk a labyrinth before you attempt it. Wrong: It's not skateboarding! I have seen a few labyrinths in my travels, but I never attempted to walk one because I was afraid of doing it wrong. Not possible! The first time I actually walked a labyrinth, it was early morning in a secluded area, and I was totally alone. I decided to just do it. Oh my! I went in with no expectations at all, but my mind was cleared almost instantly when I started. I was focused on the labyrinth itself. The peace and serenity that I experienced were astounding. With no instruction! There is really nothing mysterious about the act, but you may experience a mysterious sense of calm when you do it.

A labyrinth is not a maze. For spiritual purposes, it is designed for meditation, not frustration. There is no set labyrinth design; however, there are standard design elements: there is one way in and out; typically the path folds around on itself; there is a center. You can "walk" a paper labyrinth, using a pencil or stylus. Labyrinth mats and handheld designs are available for purchase. (If you check labyrinths online, search for "labyrinth designs," otherwise you'll likely find the movie!). Or you can drive out to Beckwith and walk the labyrinth there. It's lovely and secluded in the woods.

If you think you would like to try it for yourself, pick up ***Walking the Labyrinth*** from the tract racks to get a brief background of labyrinths and some suggestions for mental focus and prayer.

### **Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

The Videographer Team is looking to train a few more people to live stream the services. We feel this is a very important ministry for our parishioners who can't attend services, but we need some help. There are currently only 3 of us and that makes it very difficult to cover all the services. We need volunteers for the 8AM and 10:30 services. There are specific, step by step instructions that are easy to follow and you don't need a lot of computer skill to do the livestreaming. Also, you won't be left alone until you are comfortable. Please call Dave Hale at 251 422-1244 or the church office if you are interested or just have questions.

Thanks,

St. Paul's Videographer Team

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