



# The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

September 2, 2020

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## Message from Thack

There's a palpable disconnect between the Word of God and our culture. I was reminded of that reality this morning during the Men's Bible study. We were reading our epistle for next Sunday from Romans 13:8-14. Paul says to the Christian community in Rome, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." (Rom. 13:8).

I don't know about you, but I'm not feeling the love in our country today. Politically, culturally, and socially, we seem to be at odds with each other. I cannot watch the news without getting depressed over our ever-widening cultural divide. Seemingly, most of us have a dog in this cultural fight and are convinced we are right and those who don't agree with us are fools. If you think I'm wrong, then extol the virtues of Joe Biden to a bunch of Donald Trump supporters and vice versa. It won't be long before blood pressures are spiking and invectives flying.

Paul understood that about the human condition. As "Saul" the former Pharisee, he was absolutely committed to the belief that the early Christians were damned heretics and needed to be rooted out and eliminated from his society. Yes, his society was just as polarized as ours is today. Like many of us, Saul the Pharisee had a dog in that fight.

Then Saul had a strange encounter on the road to Damascus which turned his strident and legalistic world on its head. He had a close encounter with the coercive power of absolute love. When Jesus spoke to him on the road that day Saul started to change. Physically blinded by his first encounter with the risen Lord, he was reminded he was also blind to the Kingdom of God all around him. It wasn't long before the scales literally fell from his eyes and he discovered the way of love.

When Saul became Paul and regained his vision, he set aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. His personal transformation inspired him to open the eyes of those who had not yet come to know the Lord. It caused him to proclaim for all the world hear, "Love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."

The following is the Collect for the Seventh Sunday in Epiphany:

"O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen." (BCP, p. 216).

May we all lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Peace, Thack

## Hurricane Laura Relief

Rebecca and Jeffrey Grizzle are collecting cleaning supplies, drinking water and dog food for the folks who were each affected by Hurricane Laura. They will transport the supplies to western Louisiana this Saturday. They specifically requested paper towels, mops, Clorox/bleach, drinking water, dry dog food, shovels brooms. If you would like to contribute some supplies, please bring them by the church office before 11:30 AM on Friday, September 4.

You may also make a monetary donation to Episcopal Relief and Development. All contributions will be sent to the Diocese of Western Louisiana to assist in their recovery efforts. Please make your checks payable to ERD and in the legend put, "Hurricane Laura Relief."

### **EXCEPTIONAL FOUNDATION GULF COAST** goes LIVE ... "virtually" 9/17@7

In this "covid-crazy world" the Exceptional Foundation has found a creative way to bring our postponed **2020 EXCEPTIONAL ARTS** fundraiser alive! On **September 17 at 7:00pm** EF will hold a virtual LIVE AUCTION of masterpieces donated by several famously fabulous local artists ... and also will offer an on-line sale of over 350 pieces created and crafted by EF's *exceptional* participants! This will be quite a creative challenge ... so please tune in to our Facebook page ... **Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast** - click **like** us then stay tuned as the site comes alive with **EXCEPTIONAL ART!!**

Thank you St. Paul's Church family for always supporting and encouraging the excellent mission and work of the Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast – as they continue to meet weekly in our wonderful Life Center!! Now put EFGC **ARTS** on your calendar – **9/17 @ 7.**

### **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](mailto: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

**Those Who Serve September 2020**

Those Who Serve	September 6, 2020	September 13, 2020	September 20, 2020	September 27, 2020
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Thomason, Shirley Hirs, Elizabeth Kaye, Freda McDonald, Becky Spann, Clara-Catherine McDonald			
<b>TIME</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Lector-Scripture</b>	Martha Lathan	John Strange	Sarah Beth Walker	Megrez Rudolph
<b>Lector-Prayers</b>	Vivian Silliman	Elizabeth Thomason	Casey Williams	Bill Carr
<b>Server/Crucifer</b>	Adams Jackson	William Erickson	Aiden Walker	Adams Jackson
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Jackson	Tim Michael	David Kielek	Matt Thomason
	Davis Daniel	Gary Lathan	Brad Hare	Jim Jackson
<b>Vestry</b>	Joe Cook	Bill Harrison	Tim Michael	Kathy Mallory
<b>Verger</b>	Megrez Rudolf	Tina Erickson	Susan Hurst	Tina Erickson
<b>TIME</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Verger</b>	Janet Norman	Barry Taylor	Donna Nolte	Avos Stickney
<b>Lector-Scripture</b>	Vonnie Foreman	Boyd Miller	Janet Norman	Meredith Portman
<b>Lector- Prayers</b>	Tara Smith	Ross Moore	Susan Whatley	Kay Taylor
<b>Ushers</b>	Coleman Wood	Coleman Wood	Michael Taylor	Howard Wilson
	Mike Koepp			
<b>Server</b>	Harper Beckham	Susannah Jackson	Andrew Erdman	Ford Turnipseed
<b>Vestry</b>	Henry Esham	Donna Brown	Donna Nolte	Boyd Miller
<b>Flowers</b>	Available- Call Office	Strange/Gonser	T & R Dyson	Available- Call Office



# Christian Education

## Update

### **What's Happening in Chris Ed?**

Soon we'll be reopening and we are so excited to share what has been happening 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!

### **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](mailto:ea.fst@hotmail.com) or 626-2774.

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

We have spaces available in our program for our 3 and 4 year old classes. For more information please call Elizabeth at 626-2774 or email us at:

[stpaulspreschooldaphne@gmail.com!](mailto:stpaulspreschooldaphne@gmail.com)

August 31, 2020



St. Paul's Family,

By the time you read this I should be settled in well at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA. I have successfully completed my first term online this summer and am now headed for full time campus life. My wife, Travis, will join me next year, as she is staying in Fairhope this year for our son James's senior year at Fairhope High School. I've known many of you a long time, as I first visited St. Paul's when I moved to the Eastern Shore in 2009. I've enjoyed playing music with our church band New Song, attending EFM, and being active in Cursillo. With guidance from Thack and our Diocesan Commission on Ministry, Travis and I have made the decision for me to answer my calling to be an Episcopal priest. It is a calling I have felt for nearly 35 years. Many of you did not know we had entered the process or that we had reached a decision, as we have had to rely on word of mouth and Facebook posts instead of coffee hour and proper public announcements during this time of pandemic. Our St. Paul's

family has been a large part of our formation on this journey, through prayer, the big and small conversations we've had over the years at coffee hour, and countless other ways. Upon graduation, I will be ordained in our diocese, where we hope to continue to serve unless called elsewhere. I will be home late November for the holidays, and I hope to see you then. Thank you for your continued prayerful support, St. Paul's family.

Yours in His service,

Stephen and Travis Pecot +



## Prayer Requests

### Immediate Prayer Requests:

Rosemary Bing, Evelyn Brantley, Carol Cambre, Rip Cox, Maravic Habbeger, Ray Hamilton, Terri Hare, Toni Henry, Sarah Catherine Jeffus, Jamie Jernigan, Ed Kirby, Tracie Knight, Beverly Koepp, Carolyn Lambeth, Laura Little, Guy Lott, Carolyn Magruder, Joshua Magruder, John McClendon, Roxanne McCrory, Tim McTaggart, Kelly Meshejian, Lance Monley, Ursel Norman, Derek Norman, 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, Theresa 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: Jeanette Middleton, Wayne Jones, Denise Unger, Al Rawls

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, Neil 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 anyone needs to be added to or removed from the prayer list..*

**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**

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**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,  
Clerk of the Vestry

Janet Norman  
Treasurer

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