



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

January 8, 2020

Message From Thack

A family was driving through Kansas on vacation. The family's five-year-old was looking out the car window. "Boy," he said, "it's so flat out there, you can look farther than you can see."

That's a great phrase--"you can look farther than you can see." This suggests to me those folks who have a "vision." Visionaries tend to look farther than they can see. Great scientists and inventors like Leonardo DaVinci, Nicholas Copernicus, Marie Curie, Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, and Sir James Dyson (vacuum guy) could look farther than they could see to conceive things others could not. They allowed their imaginations to run wild, free from the constraints of convention, tradition, and science as it was known at the time. This imagining led to new scientific discoveries and inventions that have improved the quality of our lives. They had a "vision" that freed them to consider possibilities others could not.

Two thousand years ago, some "wise men" saw an astronomical anomaly in the sky and had a vision. Looking farther than they could see, the wise men followed this star from probably Iran all the way to Bethlehem where they encountered the Christ child. You know the story. What fascinates me is that presumably thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of other people living in that part of the world saw the same bright light in the sky, but they did not leave their homes to go find the newborn king. What was different about these magi? The difference was they had a vision. These magi were searching for something that was real--something that would transform their lives.

The season of Epiphany is a good time for us to look farther than we can see. The word "epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing" and the gospel stories during this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. This is a good time for us to look at Jesus with new eyes, to get reacquainted with him so that his divinity becomes more apparent to us and like the magi, we are transformed by the experience.

Peace, Thack

Prayer Requests

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Martha Campbell, Donna Dowd, Jay Hellegers, John McClendon, Rochelle Robinson, Lillian Trimble, Frank Warren, Brandon Webb, Dick Wellington

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marie Baggett, Dave Baldock, Chris Blackwell, Christopher Bridges, Pat Brislin, Arnold Bush, Marsha Butler, Pat Cannon, Ben Clark, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Margaret Cummins, Suzanne Damour, Julie Ford, Suzanne Galloney, Dee Grantham, Carol Hafner, Roy Hall, Wanda Hall, Trevor Hawkes, Susan Hill, Jossie Hurst, Theresa Johnson, Geoff Jones, Stan Keek, David and Betty Lee, Patrick Lynch, Dick McBride, Bob McKnight, Doug Montgomery, Ross Moore, Lou Morgan, Elsie Mosher, Sara Patton, Al Rawls, Loren Rudolf, Mary Rudolf, Zera Roussel, Stephanie Sanchez, Bennie Savage, Pat Schlimmer, Cathy Slagle, Matt Snow, Phyllis Springen, Albert Thompson, Julia Warren, Laurel Wilson

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 834

For the Departed: Airrior Norwood

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 498

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, Daniel James, Matt Jones, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, David McMillan, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Neil Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Neil Sevelius, Derek Siegel, Andy Tuttle, James Wallin, Brad Yonkers

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Book of Common Prayer, page 823

For those with Birthdays:

January 1-31

(01) Mary Miley, Jack Kessler, (02) John Graham Parker, (04) Linda Monley, Jimbo Cassity, Sarah Santa Cruz, (05) Joyce Pierce, Merrill Rigby, (07) Glen Currie, Colton McKenna, (08) Jane Shoultz, Anita Rankin, (09) Brenda Holbein, Wendi Jackson, (10) Mary Michael, Kris Mullins, (11) Laura Anne Gibson, (12) Mac Parker, (14) Vincent Long, Matthew Brown, Walker Hendricks, (16) Ben Leininger, (17) Richard Whitehurst, (20) George Cotten, (22) Mary Richardson, Evelyn Walker, Lilah Nagel, (23) Shad James, Ford Taylor, (24) Deanna Cook, (27) Donna Brown, William Johnson, Jr., Grace Kessler, (30) Samuel Collier, Nick Shoultz, (31) Glenn Robinson

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 830

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:**Saturday**

Community Praise & Worship
with Holy Eucharist
(Life Center)
5:00 p.m.

Resumes February 29th

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

Wednesday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
7:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Healing Service
Wednesday
12:00 pm (Noon)

BIBLE STUDIES**Sunday**

Christian Education
Adults (Malone Hall)
9:15 am

Children's Suday School
Pre-K - 4th Grade
in McCann Hall
9:15 to 10:00 a.m.

Children's Chapel

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
in Children's Chapel

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Library)
10:30 am

Great Wednesday

(Malone Hall)
6:00 pm
Supper and Study
Resumes January 15th

**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
Henry Esham
Jim Green
Tim Michael
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Martha Lathan,
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Daughters of the King

An informational meeting to learn about the Daughters of the King will be held on Saturday, January 25th at 10:00 a.m. in Malone Hall. Daughters of the King is a women's ministry with emphasis on prayer, service, and evangelism. The Central Gulf Coast Diocesan DOK president Beth Moore will be in attendance. Beth is from St. James' and will show a short video and answer questions. Please contact Kathy Lovell if you would like more information at 304-549-2103.

UTO - United Thank Offering

St. Paul's will be giving out UTO Mite boxes and envelopes on Sunday, February 23rd before Ash Wednesday and Sunday February 29th after Ash Wednesday. This will be an opportunity for St. Paul's parishioners, all young at heart, to use Lent for a giving and sharing time. As a child, I remember putting coins in Mite boxes knowing I was helping others. It was a wonderful life-lesson in Charity. The UTO offering will be gathered in at all services on Palm Sunday and Easter in March.

Blessings, Megrez Rudolf

Platinum Treasures Movie Time

Mondays seem to be best for most folks, so please check upcoming movies on Wednesdays, when the schedules usually come out, and let me know if there's anything you'd like to see the following Monday. We can have lunch and go to a matinee. Some current (as of 1/6/20 - they could be gone by next week) and upcoming titles that look fun and/or interesting:

Little Women
Dolittle
Knives Out
Richard Jewell
Just Mercy - Upcoming

Vivian Silliman

315 -727-2963 (text or call)

Sillimanv@gmail.com (email)

Happening #56 Registration

The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast is happy to announce that registration is now open for Happening #56 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne, Alabama, on February 14-16, 2020.

Happening is a spiritual retreat weekend for teenagers in grades 10, 11, 12, led by teenagers under the direction of adult clergy and lay leaders. It is a highly memorable, special experience with the purpose of bringing young people into a fuller relationship with Jesus Christ and to a deeper level of commitment and apostleship.

The Lay Rector is Ladd Lennicx of St. James, Fairhope; and the Head Gofer is Meghan Johnson of St. Christopher's, Pensacola.

Please contact Tina Erickson at tnefish@gmail.com with any questions

BINGO is BACK ...

Come ring in the NEW YEAR with family and friends
enjoying a night of spaghetti and BINGO
... the fun begins **Friday, January 24 at 6pm**

spaghetti dinner at 6:00pm ... followed by 11 games of BINGO – featuring CA\$H prizes!

COME .. join friends as we kick off another wonderful year of spaghetti dinner BINGO!!

Friday, January 24, 2020 ... beginning at **6pm** with spaghetti dinner and all the fixins'!

Only cost \$5 for a filling dinner and \$20 for a packet of 11 BINGO games!!

Christmas Photos



Thank you to everyone who decorated the church and made it so beautiful for Christmas!!!





Christmas Pageant 2019

Our Amazing Pageant Stars!



Thank you to everyone who made it
such a wonderful
Christmas Eve!



January 2020 Service Schedule:

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist—8:00 am and 10:30 a.m.
Christian Education—9:15 a.m.

Wednesday Worship

Holy Eucharist—7:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist with Healing Service—Noon

Bible Studies

Tuesdays—Men's Bible Study (Malone Hall)—6:00 a.m.
Wednesdays—Morning Bible Study (Library)—10:30 a.m.
Great Wednesday—Supper and Study (Malone Hall)—6:00 p.m. - Resumes January 15th

January Activities:

Coffee Hour Every Sunday immediately following the 10:30 Service

Yoga - Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Life Center Nursery

Happening Staff Training - January 17-19, Life Center

Cursillo #166 -- January 23-26 at Beckwith

Daughters of the King Meeting -- January 25th at 10:00 a.m. in Malone Hall

BINGO/Spaghetti Dinner -- Friday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Life Center

Dick Schmidt has written an account of the building of St. Paul's Church 25 years ago. This was at the request of Albert Kennington, historiographer of the Diocese, who wanted such an account for the diocesan archives. In researching this project, Dick drew upon his own recollections as rector of St. Paul's at the time, read through old vestry minutes and other documents from the 1990s, and interviewed a dozen leaders from that time who are still active at St. Paul's. The result is a 17,000-word history containing facts, anecdotes, reminiscences, and a few unvarnished opinions. Anyone wanting a copy of this history of the building of St. Paul's may email Dick at rhsphs@gmail.com and he will send it in a Word document.

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The Rev. Thack H. Dyson, *Rector*
Elizabeth Faust, *Christian Education & Preschool Administrator*
David Kielek, *Life Center Sexton*
John Matson, *Choirmaster*
Terri McMillan, *Administrative Assistant*
Joan McKnight, *Staff Assistant*

Office Hours 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)
8:00 a.m. — Noon (Friday)

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