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and to bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ

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Pilgrimage 2011

Our faith exploration program for adults, called Pilgrimage, will begin Monday evening, January 24, 2011. It will continue for a total of eight consecutive Monday evenings. Each session will start at 6:30 and end at 8:00; child care is provided as needed.

Pilgrimage offers an environment of trust and shared ideas in small group settings. We will provide to each Pilgrim and Sponsor the book "Velvet Elvis" by Rob Bell as the basis for some of our discussions.

Among our topics will be the Christian/Anglican culture, Christian Symbolism, the Old and New Testaments, Grace and Sacramentalism, approaching God with our personality and with our prayers, and how we might respond to God through stewardship and ministry.

Preparation for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church was the original intent of Pilgrimage. But many have participated, through the years, just for the experience and the opportunity to explore their faith.

Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and on the table in the Narthex. If interested, please fill one out and place it in the Pilgrimage mail box in the Parish Hall, or you may give it to a Greeter at the Welcome Table.

If you participated in the first session this past Fall, we encourage you to continue with this upcoming series. If you did not attend the first session, it's just fine to begin in January. The two sessions are independent of each other, and can be done in either order. Returning pilgrims should also fill out a form.

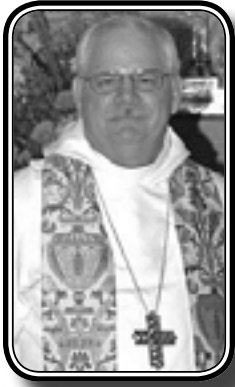
Remember, too, we need a sponsor for each Pilgrim. If you have been through Pilgrimage, please consider this ministry. Sponsors should also fill out a registration form (green paper).

With questions, please contact Joyce Adkins, 631-2869, or joyce1010@bellsouth.net

This year, the service of Confirmation will be celebrated by our Bishop at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 27, 2011.

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From Polk+

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

It felt really strange typing in 2011. The older I get, the faster the years seem to fly by! 2011. What are we counting from? Well, there was an event that was so earth shattering and life changing that all of history is now counted forward or backward from that date. We now begin the year 2011 AD (Anno Domini in Latin). AD is translated the "year of the Lord" (Jesus Christ). All history dates from the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. So how can we celebrate this New Year without Jesus?

Stop and think about that. God gives us EVERYTHING! God gives us love, provides for our needs, brings our friends into our lives, and gives us unique talents. God even gives us those things we don't even notice. Take a deep breath. That breath is a gift from God. You didn't even notice, yet God gives us each and every breath as a gift of life.

As we begin this New Year I would like for you to consider this: In thanksgiving for ALL that God gives us every moment of every day, can you give God the time once a week to come to Church to worship and thank our Lord Jesus Christ? Can you bring yourself as a "living sacrifice" to actively sing and say his praises, pray, listen for him to speak to you? This is not a passive

thing. It is not coming to be entertained. It is coming to work. In the Episcopal Church we worship within the "liturgy." Liturgy literally means "the work of the people." Not the work of the priest, lay readers, acolytes, musicians, choir, ushers, Flower Guild and Altar Guild. All of the people! That's why we have so much standing up then sitting down then kneeling! Liturgy is the work of the people. You are to participate by actively praying, actively singing, and actively listening. Yes, we receive when we come to Church. Often the measure we receive is in proportion to what we give and more because God is a God of grace. When all we can manage is to get ourselves here, God knows that and graciously gives us what we need. But we often give to God much less of ourselves than we are able, and expect God to be grateful for the little we give in proportion to the abundance we are given.

In this New Year let us resolve to come to Church on the Lord's Day – Sunday – every week to offer to the Lord ourselves as "living sacrifices." Let us resolve to give God our time, our praise, our participation, and our love. Take a deep breath, and give thanks to our loving God!

Polk+

SENIOR WARDEN

I am honored to serve as St. Paul's Senior Warden for 2011. For those who don't know me, I'm a mathematician by training and a computer scientist by choice, having taught full-time from 1972 until I retired last summer from MTSU. More important, I'm a Christian by God's grace!

My wife Carol and I have been Episcopalians since 1973, members of both small and large congregations as we lived in different places. St. Paul's is a great place to worship.

After being a member for twelve years, I remain grateful for the loving people who so willingly engage in so many ministries. I look forward to working with Polk, the Vestry and all of you this year. We have exciting times ahead of us as we continue and expand our ministries and as we plan for the future of our campus to facilitate these ministries.

Richard Detmer



Have You Read the Book of Obadiah?

Did you know that there are 929 chapters in the Old Testament and 260 chapters in the New Testament? This means that if you read three chapters of the Bible a day you will finish the Bible in thirteen months. If you read two chapters a day you will finish in a little over a year-and-a-half. Or, if you only read one chapter a day, you will finish the entire Bible in three years and three months.

The Bible, of course, is not a book to “get through” – to check off your list of things to do in your life. No, we meditate on the Scriptures - we chew on them - we wrestle with them. We do this because God uses the Scriptures to speak to us. We do not read the Scriptures solely for content - we read the Scriptures in order to draw closer to God.

However, I am surprised at how few of us have actually read the entire Bible. Have you ever read Obadiah or Nahum? Have you ever read the entirety of Isaiah (the book that the early church called the fifth gospel)? Or what about the New Testament - have you ever read the entire book of Revelation, or Hebrews, or 2 Thessalonians? These sacred texts are gifts from God

and we are meant to understand the world through them. They are worth reading – all of them.

I want to encourage everyone at St. Paul's to read the Bible in a regular and disciplined way in this coming year. The Scriptures are the testimony of God's self-disclosure to the world in history, a self-disclosure fully given in the person of Jesus Christ. In the Scriptures we learn how to see the world and ourselves correctly. But how can we hope to see the world, and ourselves, in the manner God calls us to unless we are rooting ourselves in this vision as given in the Scriptures?

So...let's say you've gotten this Evangel on January 15th. Well start on Genesis 1, read a chapter a day, and you will finish the Bible on April 17th, 2013. Claim the gift and let the Scriptures bless you!

Colin+

*An Idea: I find it helpful to read different translations of the Scriptures. A translation that I recently began reading is entitled *The Message* by Eugene Peterson. Peterson is a good writer and solid Christian thinker, and his translation has allowed me to understand new insights that I had missed before.*

House Blessings

The season of Epiphany is one of the two seasons of the Church year when we bless homes (the other being the Easter Season). If you are interested in having your home blessed this Epiphany season, please contact the parish office as soon as possible to schedule a date.

Epiphany Party

The Epiphany Party will be at the Van Zandt's home on Friday, January 7th at 6pm. Everyone is invited. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.

Trinity Institute 41st National Theological Conference

The Trinity Institute 41st National Theological Conference will be January 20 - 21, 2011 at the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tn (live webcast). The theme is “Reading Scripture through Other Eyes.” Space is limited! Registration deadline is January 11th. The registration fee is \$30.00. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

“Jesus For Sale”

I was driving around town the other day when I noticed a few items in someone's front yard along with a sign that read “For Sale”. Probably clearing space for the new items just received for Christmas, the family was selling a couch and loveseat, a basketball goal, and a bunch of clothing items. Then I noticed something interesting; next to those items was an outdoor nativity scene. I thought, at first, that it was left up from Christmas but then I noticed the placement of an additional “For Sale” sign. The sign was placed directly in front of the nativity scene. In fact, it was placed directly in front of the baby Jesus... as if to say, “Jesus For Sale”. The sight of that scene struck me funny at first, but then, as I thought of it some more, the profoundness and the truth of the scene began to sadden me.

You see, we live in a busy, fast-paced, competitive culture where success is measured by what we own and importance is measured by the business of our schedules. We are never without our iPhones and Blackberrys and laptops. We wear handsfree Bluetooth headsets so that we don't “waste” time talking but can, instead, be doing something while we talk. When we're asked to do something our first response is too often – “I'll have to check my calendar to see if I can squeeze you in”.

Our business and focus on material things forces us to give up something, and all too often, that something is Jesus. We are too busy to pray, too stretched to tithe, too tired to serve and, if we step back and examine our lives we may see that we have sold Jesus for a computer or a promotion or a closet full of clothes.

Christmas has just passed and I wonder how many of us were focused more on the presents under the tree than the presence of Jesus in the manger, in our lives, and in the world. And now that it is a new year many of us will be making New Year resolutions. Perhaps we should keep from making resolutions that add to our business but instead, make a resolution to live simpler lives focused on Jesus. Richard Foster says, “Christian simplicity frees us from this modern madness. It brings sanity to our compulsive extravagance and peace to our frantic spirit”. Christian simplicity is saying “no” to many good things in life to be able to say “yes” to the best. It is slowing our pace and releasing our grasp to the point of trusting Jesus for the fulfillment that “earthly things” cannot bring.

You know...maybe there really was great profoundness and truth in that yard sale... maybe Jesus is for sale. So I guess the question is... are you selling Him or buying Him?



Two admitted into DOK

The Julian of Norwich Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King at St. Paul's admitted two new members on Sunday, December 12, 2010 by The Rev. J.K. “Polk” Van Zandt and The Rev. Colin Ambrose. The new members are Hilary Stallings and Joan McRae Kleinlein.

1st Annual White Elephant Sale

St. Paul's will be hosting its first ever White Elephant Sale on Saturday, February 26th. As you prepare for Lent this year, let us help you “lighten your load”. Please consider donating an item or items that you treasure as a sacrifice during Lent. Please donate items such as furniture, appliances, lamps, paintings, works of art, or luxury clothing, baby clothes and toys. This is a fundraiser to benefit women's ministries; proceeds will help reduce the registration costs for the Women's Retreat, help to provide a yearly Women's Luncheon and contribute to the success of other women's ministries at St. Paul's. I encourage you to lift your burden and rid yourself of the “clutter” in your homes and give up something you treasure to help benefit this cause! For more information, contact Katy Prescher at 615-692-4479 or katy.prescher@comcast.net

Saint Paul's Men's Club

Come and join the Men of Saint Paul's Thursday January 6, 2011 for Fellowship and Dinner . Fellowship 6:00 PM and Dinner 6:30 PM. Sign up sheet in Parish Hall . Cooks for January are Ron Messier and Ben Messier . Please let us know if you would be interested in cooking in 2011 . With questions contact Jim Calder jcalder@mtsu.edu or Tom Collins cet@comcast.net .

Men's Retreat 2011

February 18-19

Once again the men of St. Paul's will gather at Dubose Conference Center to share fellowship and to explore important questions and issues in their spiritual lives. The theme for this year's retreat is particularly appropriate: Rising from the Ashes: Overcoming Hard Times. The vehicle for exploring it will be the 2006 movie *The Pursuit of Happyness* starring Will Smith and his son Jaden Smith. Based on the true story of Chris Gardner, it depicts a man who loses almost everything, but in the end triumphs over his troubles and turns his life around. The questions for us to consider will be: How did he do that? What does his story teach us as we face hard times in our own lives or in the lives of our friends?

Registration forms for this retreat are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please set aside this weekend on your calendar, and plan on joining us for a time of fun and discovery.

Inreach Ministry Summaries

Fellowship

Confirmation Reception

On the Sunday of the Bishop's annual visit, we celebrate with a reception following the 8:45 service. If you have interest in helping with this event in 2011, please contact Jo Wintker.

Dinner Clubs

The St. Paul's Dinner Clubs meet regularly either in homes or restaurants so that parishioners can enjoy good conversation, wonderful food, and lots of laughter together. Contact person: **Dot Jackson**

Dream Group

The St. Paul's Dream Group meets on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 to explore the ways in which God provides guidance to our lives through our dreams. The focus of the group is on the spiritual discipline of understanding dreams and seeking to live in harmony with the messages they bring. Contact person: **Pidge Cash**.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is held annually at St. Paul's and is open to the public as well as the children of St. Paul's. We are looking for chairpersons for 2011. If you are interested, contact **Jo Wintker or the church office**.

Easter Reception

This reception is held annually between the 8:45 and 11:00 services. If you have interest in helping with the 2011 reception, please contact **Jo Wintker**.

Epiphany Party

St. Paul's parishioners celebrate Epiphany each year with a party at the home of Polk and Mary Jo Van Zandt. All attending pitch in with food and beverages. Contact person: **Mary Jo VanZandt**.

Golf Scramble

Our annual Golf Scramble is held each fall. For more information contact Mike Becker.

Knitters

The ministry of this group is to knit prayer shawls for people in need, both parishioners and non parishioners. The shawls are blessed at the altar and given away at the discretion of our clergy. Currently, this group is meeting at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings. For more information, contact **Mary Jo VanZandt**.

Ladies' Night Out

Women of St. Paul's meet for a Ladies' Night Out on the first Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the home of Libby Willis at 730 E. Burton St. (in the block nestled between MTMC & Campus School). Women of all ages and stages in life are encouraged to join in the fun.

Lenten Soup Suppers

For each of the five Wednesdays in Lent following Ash Wednesday, the congregation comes together in the Parish Hall for a Soup Supper and a Lenten message. Volunteers are always needed to help host the suppers. Contact person: **Kathleen Herzog**

Lessons and Carols Holiday Party

This holiday party is held immediately following the annual Lessons and Carols Service. If you are interested in assisting with this event in 2011, please contact **Jo Wintker**.

Men's Club

The men of St. Paul's gather in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month, to enjoy fellowship over beverages and a meal. Meals are prepared by a different complement of volunteer cooks each month. Contact persons: **Jim Calder and Tom Collins**

Over 70 Birthday Luncheon

The over 70 birthday luncheons are held once each quarter to celebrate the birthdays of our members who are 70+; there is no obligation on the part of the participants, except to RSVP and come enjoy food and fellowship! Contact person: **Jennifer McGuire**

Parish Picnic and Christian Ed Kickoff

This annual event is held each fall. Food and fun family activities make this fun for all ages. Anyone interested in hosting or co-hosting the 2011 picnic, contact the **church office or Jo Wintker**.

Progressive Dinner

The Progressive Dinner, held each fall, offers all a chance to meet and break bread with new and old friends in the warmth of their homes. Contact persons: **Deanna Bartsch and Mary Armour O'Reilly**

Softball

The men's softball team promotes fellowship within the Murfreesboro Christian community and provides enjoyment through competition. The season runs from April through June. Contact person: Tom Washer.

Thanksgiving

Each Thanksgiving day the congregation comes together for Eucharist followed by a potluck feast in the Parish Hall. Contact persons: **Gene and Janelee Wise**

Trim the Tree Party

Each December, the Young Adults host a tree-trimming party in the Parish Hall to kick off Christmas season. Contact person: **Kathleen Clark**

Service

Angel Food

Angel Food offers to St. Paul's families assistance, support, and a meal for the extended family before or after a funeral. Contact: **Kathleen Herzog**

Eucharistic Ministers/Worship Leaders

Eucharist ministers are the lay chalice and paten bearers who administer the consecrated elements of the Eucharist during our services. Worship leaders (lay readers) read the lessons and lead the Prayers of the People. Contact persons: Richard and Carol Detmer

Eucharistic Visitors

Eucharistic visitors carry the Eucharist to members of the St. Paul's community who are sick or infirm, as a sign of the church community's care. Contact: **Kathleen Herzog**

Food Ministry

St. Paul's Food Ministry reminds parishioners, with the offer of a meal, that they are not forgotten in difficult times, such as following a hospitalization, injury, or other loss. Contact person: **Kathleen Herzog**










Funeral Reception Ministry

The funeral reception ministry offers receptions (including food preparation, hosting, set up, and clean up) in conjunction with all funeral/memorial services held at St. Paul's. The specifics of each reception are in keeping with family wishes. Contact person: **Jerry Redditt**

Wedding Team

The wedding team provides support to wedding parties at St. Paul's. The team works with the bride and groom and their families to explain procedures and to assure that each wedding is a successful and celebratory event for the entire wedding party. Members of the team act as consultants who advise the couple on the non-liturgical matters pertaining to the wedding, especially as they relate to the wedding policies at St. Paul's. Team members are trained prior to assisting with both rehearsals and wedding day activities at St. Paul's. Contact person: **Beverly Calder**

JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p></p> <p>2 2nd Sunday after Christmas 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. HE No Christian Ed/Catechesis 5 pm Xperience 7 pm AA</p>	<p>3 6 pm Scouts/Wolves Den 2 6:30 pm EFM 7 pm AA</p> <p></p>	<p>4 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p>	<p>5 NO Wednesday Services 9 am Bible Study 10:30 am Knitting Group 4 pm Dream Group 5 pm WW 5 pm Chorister Reh 6 pm Outreach Committee 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA 7:15pm Adult Choir Reh.</p>	<p>6 4:30 pm Girl Scouts/2156 6 pm Scouts/Tiger Den 6:30 pm Scouts/Bears 6 pm Men's Club 6 pm Ladies Night Out 7 pm AA</p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p>7 6 pm Epiphany Party 7 pm AA</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day 7 pm AA</p>
<p>9 1st Sunday after Epiphany 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed. 5 pm Xperience 7 pm AA</p>	<p>10 6 pm Girl Scouts/2858 6:30 EFM 7 pm AA</p>	<p>11 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 6:30 pm Scouts/Weebelos 1 6:30 pm Scouts/Weebelos 2 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> <p></p>	<p>12 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 10:30 am Knitting Group Noon Healing Service/HE 4 pm Dream Group 5 pm WW 5 pm Chorister Reh 5 pm Second Wed. Meal 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA 7:15pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>13 7 pm AA</p>	<p>14 7 pm AA</p>	<p>15 7 pm AA</p>
<p>16 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed. 5 pm Xperience 7 pm AA</p>	<p>17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed 6 pm Scouts/Wolves Den 2 6:30 Efm 7 pm AA</p>	<p>18 9:30 a.m Staff Meeting 6 pm Vestry Meeting 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p> <p>W</p>	<p>19 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 10:30 am Knitting Group Noon Healing Service/HE 4 pm Dream Group 5 pm WW 5 pm Chorister Reh 5 pm Chorister Reh. 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA 7:15pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>20 4:30 pm Girl Scouts/2156 6 pm Scouts/Tiger Den 6 pm Scouts/Pack 108 Wolf 6:30 pm Scouts/Bears 7 pm AA</p> <p></p>	<p>21 7 pm AA</p>	<p>22 6 pm Interfaith Prog. Dinner 7 pm AA</p>
<p>23 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed. 5 pm Xperience 7 pm AA</p>	<p>24 6 pm Girl Scouts/2858 6:00 pm Pilgrimage 6:30 pm Efm 7 pm AA</p> <p></p>	<p>25 6 pm Centering Prayer Group 6:30pm Scouts/Weebelos 2 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA</p>	<p>26 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 10:30 am Knitting Group Noon Healing Service/HE 4 pm Dream Group 5 pm WW 5 pm Chorister Reh. 7 pm Canterbury Club 7 pm AA 7:15pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>27 7 pm AA</p>	<p>28 6 pm Long/Baird Rehearsal 7 pm AA</p> <p></p>	<p>29 3 pm Long/Baird Wedding 7 pm AA</p>
<p>30 4th Sunday after Epiphany 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Ed 5 pm Xperience 7 pm AA</p>	<p>31 6:00 pm Pilgrimage 6:30 pm Efm 7 pm AA</p>	<p>Reminders: Jan. 7th, Epiphany Party at 6 p.m. Jan. 17th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Office Closed Jan. 22nd, Interfaith Progressive Dinner at 6 p.m.</p> <p></p>				



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MEMBERSHIP RECORDS UPDATE

If you have moved, changed your home or cell phone numbers, or have had a change in your e-mail address, please contact the church office to update your records.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday, 12:00 noon, each week.

Articles for the monthly Evangel newsletter are due in the church office by the 15th of each month.

The deadline for the February Evangel is Saturday, January 15, 2010. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

PARISH STAFF

- The Rev. James K. Polk Van Zandt, Rector
- The Rev. Colin M. Ambrose, Associate Rector
- Richard Detmer, Sr. Warden
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- Susan Greenall, Office Administrator
- Dr. David L. Rowe, Assistant to the Rector
- Kathleen Herzog, Assistant to the Rector
- Joyce Adkins, Assistant to the Rector
- Angela Tipps, Minister of Music, RSCM
- Morris Hamby, 7:30 a.m. Musician
- Jacob Courtney, Assistant Minister to Youth
- Kathy Warlick, Administrative Assistant
- Kathy and Bill Jones, Co-Treasurers
- Annie Gracia, Nursery Director

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- Jimmie Beasley, Beverly Calder, Bill Emory,
- Dan Felciano, Stan Golden, Walter McVetty,
- Sally Palmer, Kent Sterling, Wendi Watts,
- Tina Whitfield, Joe Wintker



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- Phone Calls • Help with Errands

We are eager to know of any parishioner who may have these needs OR if you are willing to provide some of these services.

– Call –

Sue Koechlein at 895-4222 or Ralph Smith at 556-6414.

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January 2011



Dear Brothers/Sisters:

I have been writing this column for many years. Fr. Gene Wise asked me to do this and Fr. Polk Van Zandt encouraged me to maintain the monthly efforts. I complied for the time requirement was absolutely nothing. So much for that. However, last summer I had a stroke. Words no longer come easily. Writing has become a level of work for me. Most discouragingly, it is becoming difficult to frame even simple ideas.

You have been so kind to me over the years. I thank you for overlooking my many errors and being kind in your response. It has been a joy for me. Thanks.

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

– *Hank Haines*