



## At the Heart of Easter



Easter Sunday is *the* day of the year for Christians. What happened on Easter provides the key that unlocks the meaning of everything else. So what is the key that gets us to the very heart of Easter?

Easter is the celebration of God's victory in a knock-down, drag-out, life-or-death, bloody battle between good and evil, life and death. It is the event that turned the tide in a war that had embroiled the world since the beginning of time.

As we have just observed the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, it is appropriate that we remember what happened on July 4, 1863. The Confederacy seemed on the verge of winning the war, having made its greatest advance into Union territory. But on that day, in Gettysburg, PA, the Union Army under General George Meade turned back the Confederate Army led by General Robert E. Lee. From then on, the South was in retreat.

Unknown to anyone in Gettysburg, at the time, on the very same day, a thousand miles away, the city of Vicksburg, Mississippi, was surrendering to Union General Ulysses S. Grant after a long and gruesome siege. The defeat at Gettysburg halted the Confederate advance; the fall of Vicksburg cut the Confederate supply line. That was it. The war was over. No one knew it, of course,

and more months of fighting were still to come. But the South was defeated on July 4, 1863.

Satan was defeated on a Sunday morning 2,000 years ago. God had fought tooth-and-nail, to the death, for us, and God won. Few people knew it at the time, and many still don't know it.

Skirmishes are still being fought. Satan still has some life in him; he still conducts rear-guard campaigns that inflict pain and make it sometimes seem he has the upper hand. But he doesn't, and *he never will*.

Christ defeated Satan on that Sunday morning long ago. The question is not who the victor is. That is known. The question is: Whose side are you on?

A blessed Easter Season,

– Polk+

*\*Adapted from the Rev. Dick Schmidt's column in Tentmaker, St. Paul's Church, Daphne, AL.*

**Reminder. Summer Worship Schedule**  
Beginning June 5 and running through September 11. Summer services will be at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with breakfast served at 9:30 a.m.

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## Outreach at St. Paul's

### Quarterly Food Drive May 15

The Outreach Committee will be collecting food on Sunday, May 15 for the Rutherford County Food Bank in our second quarterly drive this year. Our goal for this drive is to collect a minimum of 1,500 items of food. We collected 2,437 food items in our first drive this year, when competing with the other downtown churches!

The food bank has expressed deep gratitude for our generosity in helping them to feed our Rutherford County brothers and sisters. Brown bags with suggested food lists will be available after all services on May 1 and May 8. Questions can be directed to Tina Whitfield at 896-7186.

If you prefer to make a tax deductible donation, please make your check out to the Rutherford County Food Bank and give it to Tina Whitfield or one of the ushers on May 15. THANK YOU!!

**Reminder to Donate Blood.** St. Paul's does not have the Bloodmobile scheduled in conjunction with the upcoming food drive. Remember to stop by the Red Cross soon if you are willing to donate a pint of blood.

### 2011 April Storm Relief

Record severe storms and tornadoes have overwhelmed five states and left a wave of destruction. More than 300 people have died throughout the Southeast and widespread damage to homes and civic infrastructure has been reported. Your contribution to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) will help us reach those hardest hit, providing temporary housing assistance, vouchers for food, clothing and school supplies, pastoral care and compassion to those who would otherwise be left behind. Please join us in helping vulnerable communities devastated by these recent storms by making a donation to the fund.

The Diocese of Alabama has also set up a disaster relief fund. You may make a donation by writing a check to St. Paul's and putting "Diocese of Alabama Relief" in the memo line. This money will be distributed at the discretion of the Bishop of Alabama to those in need.

For more about ERD relief efforts in the Southeast, go to <http://www.erd.org/DiocesesRespondSoutheastApr2011>

### UTO Update and Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in our United Thank Offering (UTO) In-gathering on April 3. We collected \$1,904.56. If you still want to contribute, make your check payable to St. Paul's with UTO in the memo line.



## TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

**Sunday, May 8th from 6 PM to 8 PM**  
in the St. Paul's Student Ministries Center (doors open at 5:40)  
Live Trivia... Live Music... Hot Wings... and Cold Drinks!!!

\*\*\*This event is for adults only.\*\*\*  
(Childcare will be provided!)

Prizes for the winners!

Please let us know if you plan to attend by signing up at  
[www.stpaulsyouthonline.com](http://www.stpaulsyouthonline.com) or by emailing Josh at  
[youth@stpaulsmboro.org](mailto:youth@stpaulsmboro.org) (if you forget to RSVP... no problem... still come!)

\$15 donation per person is suggested

All proceeds to support St. Paul's Student Ministries!



Don't miss this FUN opportunity to support  
the youth of St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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## Habitat for Humanity Volunteers

Construction volunteers are needed to work at two sites on the following dates: May 4, 11, 18, 20, 25, 27. If you can volunteer, please contact Megan Hutchings, Volunteer Coordinator for the Rutherford Co. Habitat for Humanity at 890-5877 ext. 6 or at [megan@rchfh.org](mailto:megan@rchfh.org)

## Fellowship Events

### Men's Club & Ladies Night Out

**Men's Club.** Join the men of St. Paul's Thursday, May 5 for fellowship and dinner. Fellowship begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to let us know you plan to attend.

This month cooks for our annual Cinco De Mayo Taco Night will be Don Clayton and Don Dunlap. We need cooks for Thursday June 2 and July 7. Please let us know if you would be interested in cooking in 2011. If you have questions please contact Jim Calder, Fred Koechlein or Tom Collins

**Ladies Night Out.** Ladies Night Out, Thursday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. Ladies join us for fun, food and fellowship at the home of Libby Willis. For directions or more information please contact Libby at 545-0220. We look forward to seeing you there.

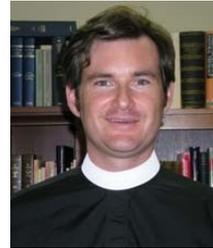
### Conversation with the Clergy

This series of wine and cheese evenings at the home of Polk and Mary Jo Van Zandt will be three dates in May. They are May 9, May 22 and May 23. It's the hope of Polk and Mary Jo to have everyone in the parish join them for one of these informal evenings some time this year.

If you have not been able to attend, or have not yet been invited to one of these events, please see the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall and indicate which of the three evenings suits your schedule best. You will receive confirmation later about the date, time and place. Questions? Call Marcie Richmond (890-7812) or Alicia Hollis (890-9111).



## Two Great Fellowship Opportunities!



When we hear, and come to believe in, the gospel of God's reconciling love in His Son, we drawn into a community of those who share this belief and hope. We are drawn into the fellowship of the church; a fellowship that

seeks to live out Christ's reconciling love amongst one another.

To be a Christian is to be in fellowship; fellowship with God and fellowship with fellow believers. To this end we have two wonderful fellowship opportunities for you over the next few months; two fellowship opportunities that will help you grow in relationship with your brothers and sisters at St. Paul's.

**Christian Education.** The first opportunity is our adult education offering for the month of May. During May all adult education classes will be meeting together in the Parish Hall. Through a number of small group exercise and discussions we will meet and get to know one another on a deeper level. With three service times and multiple ministry opportunities there are many individuals at St. Paul's we have never met. This should be a very fun and informal time in which these relationships can be formed.

**Summer church schedule.** The second opportunity is our summer breakfasts. On Sunday, June 5 we will change to two services on Sunday morning. This schedule will run through the summer with the return of three services occurring on Sunday, September 18.

The summer service times will be 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with breakfast served at 9:30 a.m. Now, you will probably notice that these times

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are different from last summer. Last year, with a longer time between services, individuals worshipping at the earlier service missed having breakfast with those attending the later service. As the first group was finishing their breakfast, the later group was arriving. It's our hope that by shortening the time interval between the services we can make breakfast a time in which the entire church can come together.

Summer breakfast will run from Sunday, June 19 until Sunday, September 4. If you are interested in helping with or hosting one of the breakfasts please contact Joani Beckwith.

As St. Paul's continues to grow we need to be more deliberate about getting to know our brothers and sisters at St. Paul's. In a small church, everyone knows everyone (and everything about everyone!) but such is not the case with us.

I encourage you to come to our May adult education offering. I encourage you to come to breakfast during the summer and to sit next to someone you haven't met. Take advantage of these great fellowship activities. For it is only by entering into deeper fellowship with one another that we, as a church, will be able to model Christ's love to the world.

– Colin+

## Taize Service for Tuscaloosa

On May 15, St. Paul's Young Adults will host a Taize worship service in St. Andrew's Chapel at 6:00 p.m. Taize worship focuses on silence, repetitive chanting and singing, and prayers for peace and wholeness.

We plan to take up an offering to be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development to help with relief work in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Also, there is another way you can help. As anyone who has been to a Taize service will remember, candle and icons play an important role. We appreciate those who loaned us icons, candles, and candlesticks in the past and hope you would be willing to loan them again. Just remember to have your name on the items and place them either in a designated box in the parish hall or in the church office.



## The Church at All Times and All Places

*By Richard Detmer*

Carol and I have been fortunate to travel some and we love to visit other Episcopal churches when we're away from St. Paul's. We almost always feel at home, worshipping with the familiar liturgy and typically warm welcome by the local congregation, but enjoying local differences, too. This won't quite cover "the Church at all times and all places," but I'm going to briefly describe three of our experiences in Episcopal churches in the United States. Perhaps in another article I'll tell about our visits to Anglican churches in England, Northern Ireland and Malta.

**'Nude baby baptism church.'** A few years ago, our extended family went to Florida to celebrate my uncle's 80th birthday. We ended up going to Calvary Episcopal Church in Indian Rocks Beach on Sunday. As always we felt very comfortable in the service, and were delighted to find there was a baptism scheduled that Sunday. However, our jaws dropped when time came for the baptism and the infant was suddenly slipped out of his baptismal gown and plopped down into the font filled with consecrated water! The differences didn't end there -- after the baptism, the consecrated water was recovered and used to sprinkle the congregation during a long procession around the nave! Calvary Episcopal Church in Indian Rocks Beach will forever for us be the "nude baby baptism church."

**New beginnings.** When our daughters were growing up we often vacationed in Florida on Sanibel Island. Normally our week on the island included a Sunday and we enjoyed attending St. Michael and all Angels, the Episcopal parish on Sanibel Island. We lowered the average age of the congregation somewhat, but we always felt welcome. One of our interesting experiences there

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was attending on the last Sunday before they started an extensive enlargement of their nave. Everyone present, including us, helped carry hymnals and prayer books to the parish hall where they planned to worship while the remodeling was being done; the closing hymn was sung in the parish hall. When we came back the next year, we got to see the beautiful job they had done remodeling.



### Unplanned adventures in

**Hawaii.** One of our recent experiences took place last October. We were on a two-week cruise to Hawaii with Carol's parents and weren't scheduled to be in port at a time we could attend church. However, on Saturday while docked in Honolulu, Carol's mother Jean fell in their stateroom and badly broke her upper femur. We all disembarked the cruise and Jean had surgery the next morning at Queens Medical Center to in-

stall some significant metal in her leg.

It turned out that the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew was only a couple of blocks from Queens and I went to the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist when we knew Jean was out of surgery and in the recovery room. It was a great place to pray for Jean's recovery and lots of other things. We were still in Honolulu the following Sunday – we all flew to the mainland that evening and the next morning – and Carol and I went together to St. Andrew's.

We both were comforted by the familiar liturgy, and enjoyed the local differences. One of their unique local customs was a call to worship by blowing on a conch shell. The congregation also concluded the prayers of the people by singing (in Hawaiian) a prayer by Queen Liliuokalani, a song of haunting beauty.

Carol and I love worshiping at St. Paul's. However, we also enjoy worshiping with God's people in places where we are fortunate enough to visit.

*Richard Detmer is the 2011 Senior Warden. He and his wife Carol sing in the choir and love to travel.*

## Student Art Sale



A student art sale will be held in St. Andrew's Chapel at St. Paul's May 14 and 15. Proceeds from the art sale will go to the Blackman High

School National Art Honor Society for community projects.

## Education Offerings

### Adult Christian Education

Join us for May Christian Education Class: Exploring our Christian Education Adult Classes Community. Facilitated by Dr. David Rowe, Fr. Polk and Fr. Colin, this class is an opportunity to learn about one another and each other's faith. Meets in the Parish Hall after the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service (around 9:55 a.m.).

### Frist Museum Vishnu Exhibit

We're planning a group outing to the Frist Museum in Nashville on Saturday, May 7, meeting there at 11 a.m. The exhibition Vishnu: Hinduism's Blue Skinned Savior is the first major museum exhibition to focus on Vishnu, one of Hinduism's three major deities. It introduces Vishnu through more than 170 sculptures, paintings, prints, textiles, and ritual objects created in India, Bangladesh and Pakistan, dating back to the 4th century.

We expect to have a docent lead our group, talk about the art, and answer questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about another of the world's major religions and have fun together, too. The Frist has a café for lunch following our tour. Cost is \$8/person. If you attend individually the cost is \$10/person. Members of the Frist attend free of charge. There is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. We can arrange to car pool from the church parking lot. Questions? Contact Pidge Cash or Ron Messier.

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## **N.T. Wright: 'Reading The Gospels For All They're Worth'**

On May 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., St. Bartholomew's Church. will proudly welcome N.T. Wright "Reading The Gospels For All They're Worth." The event is \$35, which includes lunch. Registration opens March 21.

Please call or email St. Bart's with any general questions about this event at [churchoffice@stbs.net](mailto:churchoffice@stbs.net) or call (615) 377-4750.

## **Education for Ministry**

If anyone is interested in more information or participating in St. Paul's Education for Ministry (EfM) program beginning in the fall of 2011 please contact Nancy Carter (615-554-5371) or Ron Messier (615-542-5148).

## **Technology Instruction Classes**

Free technology instruction is offered in the Wall Building Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Sessions include demonstrations, Q&A, and discussions. If you have questions, please call Greg Adkins at 663-9519. It isn't necessary to have an iPad or other mobile device, but if you have one feel free to bring it along.

### **May 21: Power Point**

Using power point in a business environment (*e.g.*, creating presentations, importing tables and images, adding animation)

### **May 28: Twitter**

What is the big deal about Twitter? Using Twitter to communicate, as a news reader, or a marketing tool.

### **June 18: Business Budgets**

Using online tools to create and maintain a business budget.

### **June 25: Getting the most out of email**

Tips and tricks for using email to it's full potential. How to use email safely and avoid spam.

### **July 23: Web 2.0**

What in the world is Web 2.0? What is new on the Internet and where is it going?

### **July 30: iPad/Tablet Computing**

Getting the most out of your iPad or tablet computer.

### **August 20: Databases**

Using databases in a business environment (*e.g.*, data mining, queries)

### **August 27: Firefox**

How to use the world's most popular web browser.

## **Kathleen Clark, Mission To China**

The Episcopal Church website poses the questions: "Ready for an experience that will transform your life? Want to be a part of what God is doing in the world? Want to help, work, laugh, love, cry, and worship with God's people?"

If your answers are "yes," they say you are ready to work with Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) in a one-year assignment. Kathleen Clark of St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro was one who answered in the affirmative.

"I have been discerning a call to serve God and his Church for several years," Kathleen says. "I was able to answer that call by accepting a position with the YASC, a branch of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the U.S. Episcopal Church. God willing, I will depart in July for a year long position working with migrant women in Hong Kong."

She will be working in the Mission for Migrant Workers (MFMW), a migrant-serving institution established in Hong Kong in 1981. It is an ecumenical institution assisting migrant workers who are in distress and supporting efforts for the recognition and respect of the rights and well-being of migrant workers. To learn more about MFMW please visit [www.migrants.net](http://www.migrants.net).

"First and foremost," she continues, "I ask for prayers and encouragement as God guides me according to His will. The next year will undoubtedly be challenging and overwhelming in many ways, and your prayers and support will help me through. Secondly, I am asking for financial support. The church cannot engage in mis-

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sionary work without resources, and as part of my preparation for this work, I need to raise \$10,000 - approximately half of the total cost of supporting an overseas missionary."

Not everyone is called or is able to become a missionary, but through spiritual and financial support anyone can participate in the healing work to which God calls us. There are different levels of participation by donation: 1 Day = \$28; 2 Days = \$52; 1 Week = \$192. If you are interested in donating, contact Kathleen via email, KathleenTN@gmail.com.

She invites you to walk this journey with her through her blog, <http://servinghongkong.blogspot.com>. She says, "I will update often on my experiences and spiritual journey and I hope you will join me."

For more information on YASC, contact Michelle Jobson at 212-716-6124.

## Alice Gibson Honored

A member of St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro has received the Saint George Award of the Episcopal Church for her many years of dedication to the Boy Scouts.

Alice Gibson was awarded a medal in national recognition of "distinguished service in the spiritual, physical, mental, and moral development of youth through service to the Church and through national youth agency programs."

The award, available through the Youth Ministries Office of the Episcopal Church Center, was presented to Alice by the Rev. Polk Van Zandt on behalf of Bishop John Bauerschmidt.

## Recent Baptisms

Those baptized on Easter are Jakson Craig Courtney, Andrew Paul Davis, William Jones Davis, Andrew Peter Marozsan, Gregory Albert Thomas Morris, Elsie Ann Short, Evelyn Avent Short and Gabriella Elizabeth Woods.

## Graduates

Congratulations to all the high school and college graduates from St. Paul's. Join us for Youth Sunday on May 8.

### High School Graduates

Wesley Arning - Blackman High School  
Mary Margaret Becker - Siegel High School  
Paige Canada - Siegel High School  
Allie Clayton - Siegel High School  
Claire Davis - Oakland High School  
Jackson Gibson - Blackman High School  
Joleen Glerum, Siegel High School

### College Graduates

Lisa Asberry - University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Julie DeLong - Tuskegee University, Alabama  
James Gibson - University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Alan Luboniecki - Tennessee Tech University  
Mitchell Petty - MTSU  
Dede Samford - MTSU  
Sarah Smith - Rhodes College

## Thank You

Our hearts are filled with the love and prayers and blessings from all of you. I'm overwhelmed at your kindness. Please be aware you were always with us. Our daughter Mindi, loved Jesus, and she went to Heaven April first. I am so grateful for all of you and your prayers.

Thank you again,

Linda Broach

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### Birthdays

05/01 John Walrath  
05/01 Henry Ambrose  
05/02 Victoria (Vicky) Cassidy  
05/02 Weston (Fant) Smith  
05/03 Charlotte (Charlotte) Molloy  
05/05 Doris Simpson  
05/05 David Rowe  
05/05 Krista Phillips  
05/05 Joshua Courtney  
05/05 Cole Curtze  
05/06 Michael Curtis  
05/07 Benjamin Wiechman  
05/07 Sarah (Katie) Rogers  
05/07 Elizabeth Gassler  
05/08 Richard (Dick) Gleaves Jr  
05/08 Joani Beckwith  
05/08/Anna Smith  
05/10 Chuck Brackin  
05/10 Benjamin Smith  
05/11 Sloan (Sloan) Perry  
05/11 Kathy (Kathy) Dillon  
05/11 Warren Tormey

05/12 Kimberly (Kim) Williams  
05/12 Reese Tidwell  
05/15 Lisa Walsh  
05/16 Guna Curtis  
05/17 Mary (Mary) Hollis  
05/19/ Mary (Allie) Clayton  
05/20 Maggie Newell  
05/20 Ben Bartsch  
05/21 Melissa Hamby  
05/22 Harry (Hank) Haines  
05/23 Christine Merchant  
05/24 Steven (Steve) Luboniecki  
05/24 Eric Martin  
05/24 Lucas Raffo  
05/25 Blake Tidwell  
05/25 Kirby Jeffreys  
05/25 Julie Hutchens  
05/26 John (Jack) Whitmore  
05/28 Ryan McLaurine  
05/28 Taylor Halliburton  
05/29 Ronald (JR) Nelson  
05/29 Tyler (Tyler) Loucky  
05/30 Delia (Delia) Goodman  
05/30 Peyton Owen

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***Our Mission is to worship God and to bring all  
into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ***

**St. Paul's Staff**

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Joyce Adkins, Assistant to the Rector  
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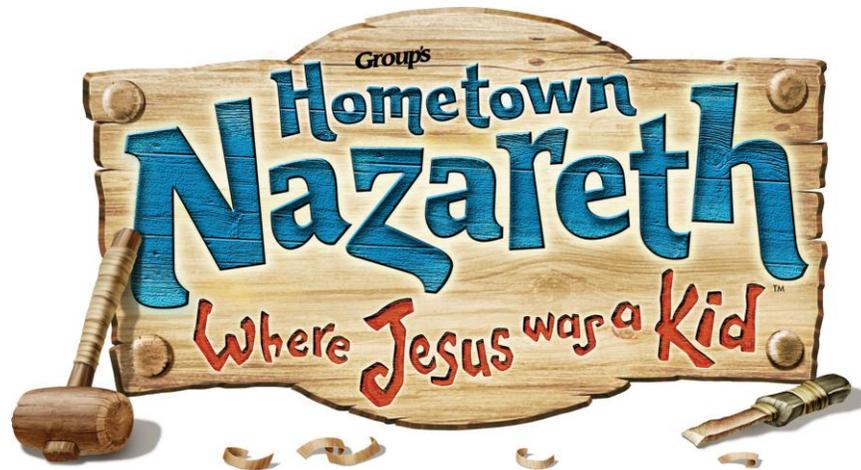
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You can listen to Father Colin Ambrose's sermons online at <http://colinambrose.wordpress.com/>. Click on older posts at the bottom left to access archived sermons.)

To obtain a copy of Father Polk Van Zandt's sermons please contact the Parish Office at 893-3780.

# ST. PAUL'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>



9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

For Children Ages 3-11 (must be potty trained)

\$10 per child, \$20 family maximum

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