



The mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to worship God
and to bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ

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CURSILLO

Kindling the FIRE

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning “short course” in Christianity. It begins on a Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday late in the afternoon. During that time together, we learn, in a distraction-free environment of joy and fellowship, a method of Christian living which can help us to realize our full potential as Christian leaders.

Over our three-day retreat, we worship together, take meals together and work together as we hear a series of fourteen talks given by lay and clergy leaders. It is a wonderful time to concentrate closely on the person and teaching of Jesus Christ, and to discover how the Cursillo experience, which is a once-in-a-lifetime event, can empower and transform your life.

Those who would benefit from the weekend experience are:

- lay people who are actively engaged in ministry.
- lay people who already are Christians, but who would benefit from greater empowerment for their ministries.
- lay people who are looking for a small group whose members nurture each others' growth.

It's probably not a good time for you to attend a Cursillo weekend right now if you:

- are just getting to know who Jesus is.
- are facing personal crises in your life.

“It IS a good time for me to go. How do I register?”

- Talk to Matt Greathouse or David Rowe. They will tell you about the weekend and can help you find a sponsor, which is someone who has already attended a Cursillo weekend.

Perhaps you already know of someone that you would like to serve as your sponsor. Talk to Matt or David, and then talk to your friend. It's your sponsor's job to answer any questions you might have about the weekend and to help you fill out the registration form.

*For more information about Tennessee Episcopal Cursillo,
go to the TEC website at <http://www.tnepiscursillo.org>*

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The next Cursillo weekend (# 64) is April 3-6, 2008

PRIEST IN CHARGE



When I was growing up, my parents entertained very often. Not only did we regularly have dinner guests on Friday or Saturday nights, but friends and family frequently joined us for Sunday lunches after church. In my childish mind, our home seemed to be perpetually preparing for the

arrival of company or entertaining them once they arrived. I remember the excitement all of this produced.

I anticipated the whole event—the preparations, the delicacies shared, and the conversation and laughter around the table. When we had company, Mom and Dad brought out all of the finer things. Out came our good china, the silver, and the cloth napkins. My mother is a tremendous cook, and she always loves to share the best recipes with company. Before the arrival of guests, she would be in the kitchen managing multiple pots on the stove, keeping an eye on the homemade yeast rolls in the oven, and directing my brother and me as we helped in whatever way we could. I'm not sure actually how much help we may have been, but my parents always made sure we had a part in getting ready for company.

Most of the time, preparations for company started very early in the week—with cleaning and straightening up the house. With two little boys in the house, I'm sure there was a lot to do, a lot to clean. We were usually so excited about company coming that motivating us to help was easier than it would have been otherwise.

One of the things we became pretty good at doing was setting the table. Being older and taller, I could reach the china in

the cabinet, and so I would get it down. My younger brother would retrieve the box of silver flatware from the drawer and pull out what we would need. My mother had a special set of glasses for company, and we would get those out and get them ready. We would fold the napkins and arrange everything on the table. The truth is, we had fun doing this, probably and mostly because we knew the fun that was coming.

What's the point of all of this? I've thought and prayed a lot about what we're supposed to be doing at St. Paul's right now, and the best metaphor I have is the idea of getting ready for company—setting the table. God is inviting a guest to our home, a guest that will stay and become a part of our family. Between now and that person's arrival, we need to be getting ready. We need to get our house ready and set the table.

Your vestry and staff met in February for their annual retreat. It was a weekend of tremendous excitement and enthusiasm about the year ahead. We've committed ourselves to getting the parish house in order for the arrival of the person God has called to be St. Paul's next rector. That means a whole lot of work—straightening, organizing, and cleaning. It's a job, though, that we share with every member of our family. There are plenty of opportunities for you to participate with us, and more are coming. This is a chance for all of us to pitch in and help build the future of St. Paul's as we get ready for the guest God is inviting.

Let's get excited! Company's coming.

matt greathouse+
Priest in Charge

2008 Vestry Assignments

Recently, your Vestry met for its annual retreat and made its assignments for the coming year.

Chuck Phillips was selected to return as Senior Warden as we continue through this period of transition.

The Junior Warden role has been wisely expanded in the recent past as St. Paul's grew to a size that it needed a team to address the physical plant needs and not just one person.

This year, Jeff James and Bill Williams will return for their second years tending to the needs of our campus. They will now be joined by Rodney George, who has vast experience in such matters, on the *Junior Warden Team*.

The area of *Program Support* will be ably led by Ron Messier and Barry Huber. It is their task to address our ever-expanding needs for spiritual growth programs in the coming year.

Our *Social Graces* team will consist of the veteran pros Kathleen Herzog and Marcie Richmond. They will see that we continue our grand history of wonderful social events of all kinds.

Communications has become a real focal point as we have grown in size and number. Fant Smith and Robin Newell will focus on seeing that we use every avenue possible to

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St. Paul's Catechesis Program

The Catechesis program has been serving the children of St. Paul's for more than ten years now. Actually, a few catechists have been working with the children every Sunday (during the school year) for ten years. We need to be able to give these devoted catechists a break - they need a chance to rest and recharge. God created everything that is, including rest. And we have some catechists who need to rest. We can only do this if other members of the parish step in.

We need people to train as catechists, and we need people to train as teaching assistants. The training to become a catechist is conducted by trainers authorized by the national association. It is very rewarding personally - it is also time consuming. Each level requires 90 hours of training, and there are three levels. While it is not mandatory to complete all three levels, our program at St. Paul's especially needs more trained catechists for the 2nd and 3rd levels working with children 6-12 years old. We are praying that members of our parish will be able to devote the time necessary for this training. You won't regret it.

We are initiating a training program to prepare teaching assistants to assist in the atria. The introductory training will be 6 hours. Teaching assistants will not teach lessons, but will assist the catechists in the atrium. This program is very hands on - there are manipulatives, maps, puzzles, and timelines designed for use by children to help them learn specific concepts about God's love for us and our role in God's Kingdom. The materials are presented by a catechist to the children, usually in a group setting. The children may then work with the materials individually. A teaching assistant helps the children stay on task in their individual work as well as in the group activities. The younger children especially need help with reading. The teaching assistant would read the scripture aloud as the child moves figures depicting the events. The early readers also need reading assistance, especially

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The ever-important task of leading our **Welcoming** effort is in the able hands of Kristi Hay and Jane Smith. They are committed to building on the already strong foundation St. Paul's has put in place in the critical area of welcoming one and all to our church.

Please do keep in mind our Vestry model is built around the concept of these people being liaisons to their fellow parishioners. As we all know, **you, you, you** are vital to each area's success! Please, prayerfully look for ways to continue to roll up your sleeves and help at **your** St. Paul's.

Senior Warden's Corner



Cursillo ... It's a word that almost everyone in the St. Paul's family has at least heard or seen around the campus. Some of us have "made a Cursillo weekend" and find our life forever changed and our walk with Jesus deeper and more personal.

If you ask any number of people about their Cursillo experience you are almost assured to get a wide range of perspectives and descriptions of how their lives have been changed. In this month's Evangel we are focusing on Cursillo and its impact on our Parish.

I made my Cursillo about 4 years ago, and I can tell you that in all of my Christian experience it was, without exception, the most wonderful spirit filled weekend of my life. My weekend was filled with incredible emotional highs that left me literally on fire. All that was wonderful and left me with memories that are fresh even today, but Cursillo is much more than the weekend. For me it was only the beginning of what is now a life long journey and blueprint for walking closer to Jesus than I could have imagined or hoped to achieve.

The Cursillo experience and community has equipped me with tools that help me to be accountable for commitments that I have made as a Christian. It has provided me with another level of community that helps with the whole process of accountability. This process and community work together to keep me walking daily with Jesus closer and more consistently than ever before in my life. Cursillo has also equipped me for broader roles in Christian leadership not only within our church community but in all aspects of my life.

Since making my Cursillo I have been fortunate enough to be a part of two Cursillo weekends for others. The blessings that I received from "being on a team" have further enriched my life and deepened my appreciation for Cursillo. Being on team is part of the potential that Cursillo offers as a means of living out our faith and keeping it "all alive."

If you have made a Cursillo, you already know what I'm talking about, even though your experience is totally unique. If you have not been to a Cursillo weekend and feel that you may have an interest, I would recommend that you seek out Ralph Smith or others listed in this month's Evangel to explore the possibility. It took me several attempts before I finally committed and made my weekend. I can assure that you will not regret the weekend nor the opportunities that this experience will hold for you.

Chuck

Chuck Phillips, Senior Warden

WORD FROM THE WISE

National Episcopal Cursillo Committee

As many of you know, in October I was elected to serve on the NECC. I serve as the clergy representative from the Southeast District. David Rowe was on this Committee a few years ago and served as president his final year.

We meet four times a year to work on systems that assist and build up the Cursillo Community for the mission of the Church. Cursillo is a three day weekend designed to help Christian leaders accept leadership roles in their local parishes. At St. Paul's we have been very effective in using the Cursillo method to help our parish live out our Baptismal Covenant.

Part of the NECC'S major role is to communicate with Bishops, Spiritual Directors, and lay leaders in all Dioceses of the Episcopal Church. We go to assist when ever we are called to do so. We promote Episcopal Cursillo Leaders workshops and district meetings designed to assist those who are active in promoting Cursillo as a tool and vehicle to build up the Church by building up our parishes.

The Dioceses assigned to me are The Central Gulf Coast, East Tennessee, West Tennessee, Kentucky, Lexington, Western North Carolina, and North Carolina. While the Southeastern District is the most active in the Episcopal Church, my Dioceses are not generally listed in the "active" part of the Southeast. But I can tell you that the Dioceses that are most active happen to be the Dioceses that are growing. The reasons are twofold. The Southeast is growing more than a lot of the country, and the Dioceses that focus on Jesus as Lord and Savior are the growing ones, and Cursillo's focus is Jesus.

Many of the expenses of the NECC are paid by those on the committee – it is a dedicated group that focuses on prayer, study, worship, and action.

It is my hope that, if you have not attended a Cursillo weekend, you take time to do so now (the next weekend is April 3-6, 2008), and if you have been to a weekend that you attend a Cursillo Leaders Workshop. Your lives will be blessed, and the life of the church will be enriched.

I'll keep you posted on NECC happenings from time to time.

God Bless You,
Gene Wise, Rector Emeritus



Search Committee

The rector search committee has completed the self-study phase and is finalizing the parish profile document that will be sent to potential rector candidates to introduce them to our parish. The committee soon will begin advertising the position and moving into the evaluation and interview phases. Once those are completed, the search committee will give the vestry a list of candidates. The vestry will complete the final phase of selecting and calling a rector to St. Paul's.

You already may have seen that one of the bulletin boards near the fireplace in the parish hall contains biographies of the search committee members. As we move into our next search phases this month, please check the bulletin board next to the one with the committee biographies. That is where you will find a visual aid the search committee has created to help represent its progress through the four main phases of the search:

- (1) the parish study,
- (2) seeking candidates,
- (3) interviewing candidates, and
- (4) calling our new rector.

The search committee has chosen to "complete" the circle of a Celtic cross as a symbol of St. Paul's prayerful and Christ-centered process of calling our new rector. The Celtic cross has a long history and tradition, and the circle of the cross has many different interpretations. One well-known interpretation is that the circle is a symbol of eternity, that the Celtic cross reminds us of God's eternal love for us shown through Christ's sacrifice, a mystery without beginning and without end.

In contemplating this symbol, we may be reminded of our call to God's work in Christ at this place and time as the St. Paul's, community. The fourth and final quarter of the circle around the cross will be added when a new rector is called to St. Paul's and our new rector will join our circle and move with us into the work we have been given to do.

Please continue to pray for the search committee, the vestry, our church, and our new rector during the Lenten season. We pray that this penitential season and reflection on Jesus' own preparation for ministry will help us to further live into God's will for us all.

ECUMENICAL WEEK OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

By: Kathleen Herzog

St. Paul's will be participating in community services for Holy Week, March 17th -21st. Each day of that week one of our OperationInAsMuch partner churches will host lunch and a brief service. On Good Friday, we will serve as host church. Our service at noon will be the Good Friday liturgy with Eucharist, longer than the other four services. The others will be kept to about 30 minutes. Some churches will conduct the meditation/music/scripture/homily during lunch, and others will serve lunch first, and then conduct a short service in their sanctuary. Lunch will begin each day at noon. Please carefully consider attending one or all of these noontime services in our neighbor churches downtown. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our neighbors, share a simple lunch, and benefit from the ecumenism which has come as a direct result of our participation in OperationInAsMuch. There will be ads in the newspaper, and we will distribute fliers throughout the downtown business community.

St. Paul's lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by our Good Friday Liturgy service at noon. We will serve soup and bread just like we do on Wednesday nights during Lent. If you would be willing to serve on the lunch team (Friday, March 21), please contact Kathleen Herzog at 907-8542 or kbherzog@aol.com. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

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with some of the place names on the biblical maps! Teaching assistants can also help with the music in the atrium. Many of the songs have been written to accompany this material and are especially age appropriate.

Training sessions for teaching assistants will be offered this spring, following Easter, and again this summer. We expect to offer one program on Saturdays and another during the week; dates and times to be set based on your needs. Please prayerfully consider your gifts and talents and availability and consider stepping into this important ministry serving the children of St. Paul's. Information is posted on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd bulletin board in Parish Hall. Please contact Becky Potts (895-1350, rebeccapotts@bellsouth.net) or Libby Willis (898-0317, willis2010@bellsouth.net).

Holy Week Services March 17-21, 2008 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, March 17

Host Church: St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
1601 N. Tennessee Blvd.

Tuesday, March 18

Host Church: First Presbyterian Church
210 N. Spring St.
with Antioch Primitive Baptist

Wednesday, March 19

Host Church: First Baptist Church
200 East Main St.

Thursday, March 20 *Maundy Thursday*

Host Church: Central Christian Church
404 East Main St.

Friday, March 21 *Good Friday—extended service beginning with lunch at 11:30 a.m.*

Host Church: St. Paul's Episcopal Church
315 East Main St.

All services start at 12 Noon followed by lunch.

A \$3 donation to assist with luncheon expenses is appreciated. *For more information contact*

Kristina Brown at 615.893.2514 or
kbrown@fbcmboro.org.



Operation Inasmuch Reflection

by Ryan Deken



Individual contributions are an important part to any person's life. Taking advantage of opportunities to lend a helping here and there, as needed, is more than just one of those qualities of a good Christian; this is a testament of our commitments to Christ.

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DINNER AUCTION

Sunday, April 20th

Support the St. Paul's Episcopal Student Ministry by attending the 2008 Dinner Auction. Join us in the Parish Hall where St. Paul's students will serve you a wonderful spaghetti dinner. During and following dinner there will be a live auction which will include items like: Titans tickets and tailgating package, a lake-house stay package, theme dinners for you and your family and friends hosted by parishioners of St. Paul's, restaurant gift certificates, etc. Also during the 2008 Dinner Auction, there will be several items available in a "Silent Auction".

All proceeds will help send students on the 2008 St. Paul's Youth Summer Missions Trips!



Need any help with spring cleaning or yard work? Need your car washed? Need a babysitter? At the 2008 Dinner Auction you'll have the opportunity to bid to "Rent-a-Kid". You'll bid on a service or job that you need done and a teenager will be chosen to serve you according to their skills and availability. You get your yard mowed or car washed or shed painted and a teenager gets the financial assistance they need to attend the 2008 Summer Missions Trip. It's a "Win-Win" situation!

HELP WANTED:

If you are willing to host a dinner party to be auctioned off or if you are able to assist in some other way please contact Joshua Courtney as soon as possible!
Your help is very much needed and appreciated!!

St. Paul's Youth

2008 Summer Mission Trips

Jr. High/Sr. High Summer Mission Trip

"Recreation Experiences"

Where: North Carolina

When: June 8th—June 14th

Cost: \$520*

*(the cost, which is all inclusive, is an estimate)

Ministry Description:

Being the hands of Jesus through home repair for a very needy family.

See Joshua Courtney for a Registration/Information Packet!!!

Sr. High Summer Mission Trip

Where: Puerto Rico

When: June 22nd—June 28th

Cost: \$1200*

*(the cost, which is all inclusive, is an estimate)

Ministry Description:

Spreading the message and love of Jesus by leading "Kids Club" - a program offering high-energy games, crafts, skits, songs and lessons all designed to help the children of Puerto Rico learn about Jesus. We will also work along side numerous social service organizations to support the elderly and the homeless.

Xperience

Xperience is a worship service designed just for students. At Xperience, we attempt to shatter the stereotype that many teenagers have that church is boring. It's a night of fun, food, games, worship and teaching. Xperience is perfect for students to bring friends that normally wouldn't step foot in church! Come hang out and worship with us at Xperience on Sunday nights in the St. Paul's youth center.

ATTENTION!!!

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGE:

Beginning Sunday, March 2nd, Jr. High and Sr. High students will meet separately for the "hang-out" time. From 5 to 6 pm, the Jr. High students will gather in the Youth Center to play games and enjoy the great snacks from the café. The Xperience worship service will continue to be from 6 to 7 pm and will involve Jr. High and High School students. Then immediately following the Xperience service, the High School students will "hang-out" until 8 pm.

PARENTS:

Please arrive promptly at 7:00 pm to pick up your Jr. High student (6th-8th graders)!!!

D-groups

Looking for a place to develop **real** friendships instead of surface level friendships? Looking for a safe place to feel cared for? A place to discuss things you deal with everyday? A place to unwind? A place to grow deeper in your faith? Look no further! D-groups are what you're looking for! D-groups exist to help you mature in your faith through Bible study, discussion and accountability. In a D-group, you'll get connected with other Christian students to develop real friendships.

D-groups

Wednesday nights—6:30 to 8:00 pm

Group Locations

Jr. High Guys—Oravetz's Home

Jr. High Girls—Phillips' Home (beginning March 19th, meeting at St. Paul's until then)

Sr. High Guys—the Student Center at St. Paul's

Sr. High Girls—the Student Center at St. Paul's

Attention High School Students:

The Sr. High Guys and Girls groups will be studying the controversial and captivating book of Revelation beginning March 19th!!!

Come check out D-groups THIS WEEK!!!

If you have any questions concerning D-groups please contact Joshua Courtney at (615) 893-3780.

OTHER UPCOMING ST. PAUL'S YOUTH EVENTS

March 1st—Senior High Cook-Out

Where: Josh and Jennifer's house

When: Saturday, March 1st, 12 to 4 pm

What: Cook-out & basketball, football, disc-golf, etc.

Cost: FREE

April 19th—Casting Crowns concert

When: Saturday, April 19th

Where: Sommet Center

Cost: \$20

Sign-Up: between Feb. 24th and March 9th

NEWSLETTER

NEWS

In an effort to improve our parish newsletter, we'll be implanting some changes. Joyce Adkins has agreed to serve as *The Evangel's* general editor. Beginning with the April issue, Joyce will be soliciting, collecting, and collating all the materials and articles for each month's issue. She and Father Matt will plan out the newsletter calendar and thematic issues each month in order to maximize its effectiveness and potential for the communication of vital parish information.

Joyce will be working closely with Mark Jackson. Mark will assume responsibility for the layout and aesthetic design of the newsletter. Joyce will also be creating a stable of talented writers to help flesh out the content of each issue. Thank you to Joyce, Mark, and the crew of writers for their willingness to take up this important ministry. If you would like to contribute your skills, please contact Joyce or Father Matt.

From now on, contributors can forward all information and articles for the upcoming issues of *The Evangel* to stpaulsnewsletter@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions for the upcoming issue remains the fifteenth of each month. If you have questions, please give the office a call.

This is an important ministry at St. Paul's and an equally important vehicle for the distribution of information about what's going on in our community. Please utilize it and help us improve it.

Thanks.

Matt Greathouse+

St. Paul's Whole Foods Buying Club

2008 is shaping up to be a healthy year for 22 of St. Paul's families. Concerned with being good stewards of the earth and ourselves, we meet monthly to share "foodie" stories, recipes, and buy whole and organic foods from Morningside Farm. We save money by buying in bulk and splitting cases. And then we buy outrageously wonderful treats that aren't available in local markets!

If you want information or have questions, contact Pidge Cash at bpcash@comcast.net or Richard Detmer at rdetmer@mtsu.edu. We'd love to have you join us!

TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE EPISCOPALIAN STYLE

Or

PUTIN IS PUTIN ON A GOOD TRIP FOR US

RUSSIA IS OPEN FOR A LITTLE LONGER

We would love to have a few more journey with us to Russia July 18th. The more I read about the trip, the more excited I become. One of our pilgrims has some friends who moved here from Russia, and they have told us that this is a perfect trip as far as they are concerned.

I have also been keeping close tabs on other foreign travel. The costs for 2009 (next year) are clearly higher than this year. If I have read the trend correctly, you can expect about a 20% increase in 2009.

I will continue to search for quality travel for Christian friends and hope many can join us. Right now is a great time for Russia. There are still brochures on the bulletin board over by the coffee in the parish hall, but feel free to call me or e-mail me.

Gene & Janelee Wise

849-9869. wisegene@bellsouth.net

THANK YOU

*"Dear Members
of St. Paul's:*

As we celebrate her life while mourning her passing, the family of **Marguerite Thackston** wish to thank each of you for all of the wonderful ways you ministered to her over the last few years – cards, phone calls, rides. Each kindness showed Christ's love. She loved St. Paul's and its members dearly. We also want to thank everyone for the reception during the visitation."

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Flower Guild March Evangel 2008

During Lent, the Flower Guild has a welcome break after the very busy weeks of Advent and Christmas when they have been so busy arranging greenery, attempting to keep it fresh for several weeks and then receiving and caring for the lovely poinsettias.

This year, Palm Sunday and Easter are so early that it seems we are hardly finished removing the poinsettias from the Sanctuary before it is time to order palms and lilies. We look forward to Palm Sunday with arrangements of graceful palms in our Sanctuary to remind us of Christ's entry into Jerusalem. On Easter Sunday, we are reminded of the glory of his resurrection and the promise of eternal life as we once again see the beauty and purity of the lilies in our presence.

We hope that you will consider the dedication of an Easter lily in celebration, thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one and to the Glory of God. Envelopes are available in the Narthex on the Visitor's Table and in the Parish Hall on the Flower Guild bulletin board for your dedications of Easter lilies. Your dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, and the lilies may be taken home after the 11:00 service. The deadline for dedications is Monday, March 17th at 9 a.m., in order to get them printed in the bulletin. Suggested price for the lilies is \$12.00 each.

Thank you,

St. Paul's Flower Guild

St. Patrick's Day Party

Your family is very welcome to

The McGuires'

2nd Annual

St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday March 15th, 2008

(always the 3rd Saturday in March)

2:00 in the afternoon - 'till...

2135 Lovelace Lane

Murfreesboro, TN 37130

You need bring nothing but your lovely selves.

If you're not here, you will be missed.

jennifer@mcguires.org - 615.895.5970

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Last September, I was given such an opportunity to renew such a commitment by participating in

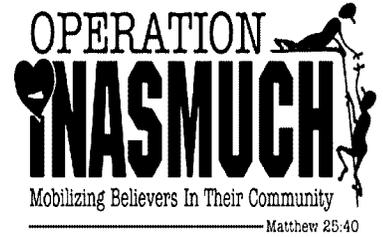
Operation Inasmuch. This

multi-denominational effort joins Christians from many walks of life in projects to come together and help out charitable organizations.

The morning began at First Baptist Church, where the major projects were being organized. We had a nice period of prayer and fellowship before they divided us up. As part of Compass, St. Paul's Campus Ministry, we gathered with many others at the Salvation Army.

We spent most of the morning repainting their storage sheds, giving their facilities a renewed sense of vitality. Despite those that may have forgotten to wear clothes that they wouldn't mind getting dirty, I think everyone had fun. It was quite an event, and we each had opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. After three hours of hard work (and play), we joined together for a few pictures to celebrate our success. Finally we went our separate ways, rejuvenated and ready to do more of Christ's work for us.

Ryan plans to graduate from MTSU in May—but first, there is an upcoming Operation Inasmuch Ministry Blitz to take part in!



Diocesan Service Mission Trip to Litoral

Last year, parishioners from the Diocese of Tennessee traveled to our companion Diocese of Litoral to help remodel a small mission church and share God's many blessings. Plans for this summer's service mission are underway. If you would like to join others from the Diocese of Tennessee, please fill out an application (available online at www.episcopal-diocese-tn.org/missions). A limited number of travel scholarships are available.

The Service Mission dates for 2008 are July 21-25. The cost, including airfare and hotel and meals, is approximately \$1150-\$1250. Application deadline (no money) is April 30, 2008.

Contact Gene and Judy Hines (judy@surfmore.net or 931-424-5775) for more information.

MARCH 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Benj J. Kropog03/01	Mac McCord03/18
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Paul Fulton03/03	Ainsley Vendur03/18
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David Wilson03/03	Natarina Inscore03/19
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Ethan Long03/05	Kate Walrath03/22
Zane Mullins03/05	Patty Evanietz03/23
Deana Raffo03/05	Teresa Johnson03/23
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Irma Lowe03/07	John Davidson03/24
Jameson Martin03/08	Jim Demos03/24
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Jean Kinney03/11	Charlie Goodman03/25
Stephen Warren03/11	Dotty McClung03/25
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Joye Hatfield03/14	Ben Strobel03/28
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Allison Burritt03/18	

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

The deadline for announcements in 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 April Evangel is Monday, March 17, 2008. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

PARISH STAFF

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- Ralph Smith, Assistant to the Rector
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- Jacob Courtney, Assistant Minister to Youth
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- Jeff James Junior Warden
- Bill Williams, Facilities Manager

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- Rodney George, Kathleen Herzog, Kristi Hay,
- Barry Huber, Ron Messier, Robin Newell,
- Marcie Richmond, Fant Smith, Jane Smith,
- Bill Williams

St. Paul's Hunt

Easter Egg

You have never really really enjoyed an easter egg hunt until you have hunted for your eggs at St Paul's.

Sooooo, bring the young uns down to the church yard on **Saturday March 22nd at 10 am** and enjoy the most wonderful Easter egg hunt of your life.

Oh, by the way, we need you to bring good, candy-stuffed plastic eggs to the church parish hall on March 16. Please contact the church office for more information.

Happy hunting.

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March 2008



by Hank Haines

*God loves us all, the wealthy and even that homeless man sleeping on an exhaust grate.
Perhaps, most especially that homeless man.*

- There is this “school” of theological thought, however, that if one loves God, one is rewarded with material riches. Janis Joplin pleaded satirically, “Lord won’t you buy me a Mercedes Benz? My friends all drive Porches and I must make amends.”
- Scriptural reinforcement for this idea of wealth following faith is cited in the 37th Psalm: Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.”
- We might look at this passage a bit more closely. The desires of one’s heart are not the desires of one’s mundane brain, which has misled so many of us into bypaths of alcohol, tobacco, greed, and selfish gratification.
- The desires of the heart have to do, we suspect, not of desires for a Mercedes but of our desire (it’s there if often befogged) to walk in Christ’s footpath through service to and love of others. You know those “others.” Jesus called them neighbors.