



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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Pentecost In The Park

For many years we have celebrated Pentecost in a public park combining worship, eucharist, and fun. This year our Pentecost will be truly a special event. For the first time, all three Rutherford County Episcopal congregations—All Saints, Holy Cross, and St. Paul's—will gather together, combining our voices, our prayers, and our praises on May 11, 10:00 am, at Barfield-Crescent Park.

Pentecost is a Jewish holy day (called Shavu'ot) seven full weeks (fifty days) after Passover when the first harvests are gathered in and the community celebrates the giving

of the Torah to the chosen people. It was to celebrate all that that the disciples and apostles were gathered together in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them for ministry. So for Christians, Pentecost marks the birthday of the Church. It is the third of the annual trinitarian feasts. The first, Christmas, celebrates the work of the Father in the incarnation, while the second, Easter, focuses on the work of salvation through the obedience and sacrifice of the Son.

In the Anglican tradition, the feast was long called Whitsunday because it was a favorite day for baptisms and those being baptized wore white robes. Those who have attended a Cursillo weekend will find the opening collect very familiar; it is the prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The three congregations are planning the service together as brothers and sisters, so it will be a new service for all of us. On Pentecost we ask people to come wearing red, the liturgical color for that day, and bring lawn chairs, a dish to pass, and a voice ready to pray and sing.

Junior Warden's Report

Our parish is thriving and space is becoming a concern for us, so the Junior Warden team along with Father Matt is working on space analysis and feasibility for additional space. In the meantime we will soon be publishing a "Work Day Calendar," which will be posted in the Parish Hall with a sign-up sheet for volunteers. This will allow all of us a chance to take ownership of the grounds and other projects around our campus. We have some wonderful projects coming up this year, and we look forward to getting everyone involved. God is blessing all of us here at St. Paul's and our local community!

Jeff James, Bill Williams, Rodney George

Pentecost Service: Sunday, May 11, 10:00 am, at Barfield-Crescent Park.

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PRIEST IN CHARGE



Ignace Jan Paderewski, the famous Polish composer-pianist, was about to perform at a great American concert hall for a high-society extravaganza. In the audience was a mother with her fidgety nine-year-old son, who had become tired of waiting for the concert to begin. The little boy slipped

away from his mother's side and was drawn to the Steinway on the stage. The audience didn't notice as he sat down at the keyboard and began playing "chopsticks." The roar of the crowd turned to shouts as hundreds yelled for someone to remove the boy. When Paderewski heard the uproar backstage, he grabbed his coat and rushed over behind the boy. Reaching around him from behind, the master began to improvise a countermelody to "Chopsticks." As the two of them played together, the crowd died down and began listening to the amazing masterpiece develop. The whole time Paderewski kept whispering in the boy's ear, "Keep going. Don't quit, son...don't stop...don't stop."

That's something like what I've witnessed at St. Paul's over the last few months—simple melodies being pecked out among us with the gentle composer leaning over our shoulder turning them into beautiful masterpieces. There's so much happening in our parish—so many GOOD things. What's really amazing to watch is how they're coming

together, complementing and improving each other. It's working because we're beginning to really coordinate and communicate well. And because we're listening to God's direction.

For me, the last several months have been marked by one word, "COOPERATE." That's all God has asked of me, and it's the same thing I believe we're being asked to do as a parish. God has a plan for St. Paul's. He's getting us ready for something bigger than we can imagine right now. All we have to do is cooperate. He's been leaning over our shoulder as we peck out those melodies, saying, "Keep going. Don't quit, folks. Don't stop. Don't stop."

April is going to be a month of some intense cooperation and coordination. There are so many things coming this month—Cursillo, Women's Retreat, and Youth Sunday—but the coming months will reveal even greater opportunities for us to cooperate with what God has planned. Big things are coming. All we're being asked to do is cooperate.

Isn't life cool when we figure out that God's the one making all of this work?

Peace,

matt+

Hamby Baby Update

*“Let me tell you
a wonderful story
about God letting us know
everything would be alright.”*

When we were in Akron, Ohio, at Akron Children's Hospital, James had to have a PDA Ligation, which is heart valve surgery. At first, Melissa and I were hesitant about giving consent. Melissa felt that he had suffered enough, and I felt that he was fighting because his eyes were open even though he was on the ventilator.

So, we called our priest (Father Matt Greathouse) and he

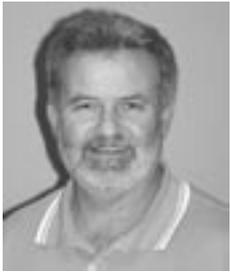
prayed with us, and told us to rely on God and each other.

He also said that “we would receive a confirmation of what to do...soon.” When we got off of the phone, it was 10 minutes until 12:00 noon (Eastern Time), and we were leaving the Ronald McDonald House to go over to the hospital. One of the managers brought us a “gift” from an anonymous person. It was a bracelet which read “EXPECT MIRACLES.” Melissa and I looked at each other, and showed it to her mom. This was God letting us know that James is in His hands, and everything was going to be alright... We just had to trust in Him. From that moment up until now, we have felt peace. Yes, we have felt anxious about these past two surgeries on Tuesday, but James is in God's hands because it is His ultimate plan...not ours. We are blessed to be his parents.

Take Care, and God Bless You!

Melissa, Morris,

Senior Warden's Corner



Alleluia!

We recited this together again this past week at our Easter services. How positive and exciting after forty days without that familiar response. For me

it all fits together as a part of the expectation of the Easter season when we look forward to the celebration of our Savior's resurrection.

It seems as if our whole world (at least Middle Tennessee) is eager to move ahead toward what God holds for us. The trees are beginning to bloom, early flowers are peeking out, and the grays and browns of winter are giving way to the vibrant colors of spring.

Each of us has the opportunity for beginning afresh our walk with the One who is risen. Will we seek out new opportunities for growth spiritually? Will we strive for a closer walk and relationship with Christ? For some the answer is a resounding YES already. We have several of our parish family who will be making their Cursillo weekend. This experience will enrich and reinvigorate not only their lives but the lives of all those around them. Please be in prayer for them. What a great way to welcome spring!

Our parish offers each of us a wide array of ministry opportunities to refresh our walk and participate more fully in its life. Each of the ministries available allows us to grow in community and offer our gifts and talents to others for God's glory. I hope that each of us will be attentive to God's call as we move ahead. He has a plan for each of us, and He has promised to equip us for that plan. In the coming months the Vestry will work to discern God's will for St. Paul's as we look forward to a new rector and all that they will bring.

Your Vestry has already started initiating new teams to support the work ahead. This month a new "Stewardship Team" has been formed and will begin meeting and working. There will also be additional teams formed in the near future. Please prayerfully consider what role you may be called into during these exciting times.

Happy Easter and Alleluia!

Chuck

Chuck Phillips, Senior Warden



12TH ANNUAL ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S RETREAT: *Composing a Life That Matters*[®]

In hectic and uncertain times, many of us are searching for a way of life that gives us more courage, strength, joy, and balance. More than ever, times like these call us to listen and respond to our lives, find our voice, and compose lives that matter. This is an invitation to you to join us to ponder and wonder —out loud and alone— about the things that matter most: living well and loving well. Belmont University professor Karen Lee Turner will guide us through this journey.

Along with spiritual renewal, the Women's Retreat offers an opportunity to connect with other women from the St. Paul's family. Come along and visit with old friends and make some new ones. The retreat offers a balance between spiritual study, fellowship, and reflection time. Many women at St. Paul's would say that Women's Retreat has been a key event in getting them more involved and developing meaningful relationships with other women at St. Paul's.

The Women's Retreat is April 11-13, 2008. Mark your calendars now. Registration forms are still available. Any questions? Please contact Liz Huber 890-5259.

Grace

Grace is like getting two more days to complete an assignment even though you've goofed off for six weeks and missed the deadline.

Grace is getting another chance even though you haven't earned it or deserved it.

Grace is God's unmerited favor, mercy and love, by which we are justified freely.

—Fritz Ridenour

Episcopal Stuff

or

“Why do Episcopalians do that?”

By David Rowe

Pentecost is one of three feasts in the standard liturgical calendar when the clergy wear red stoles and chasubles. The others are Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. Red is the color also for special occasions--for ordinations, confirmations, and the feast days of New Testament martyrs. So, why red?

The color reminds us of two central qualities of the Christian story. One is blood--the blood Jesus shed for us, the blood of martyrs, the blood of Christ in the wine we drink on Sundays. But for Pentecost the more appropriate connection is with fire. As the account in the second chapter of Acts tells us, Christians gathered together on Pentecost experienced the exciting power of the Holy Spirit as it swept among and through them. They tried to explain it with metaphors, wind and flame. It was as though people had tongues of fire above their heads. This may not have referred to what the witnesses saw but to what they felt. If anyone has had the sensation of tingling at times of inspiration or strong emotion, the hair standing up on the back of your neck, you can see how someone might liken it to a kind of flaming. Today charismatics refer to the sensation as “the anointing.”

Red is not the only symbolic reminder of Pentecost. When our Bishop comes to confirm and celebrate with us he wears a miter. Like other vestments, they come in the different liturgical colors, but the most frequent colors are white and red. In either case, the miter represents those same flames that danced on the heads of the Christians at Pentecost. It stands for the Bishop's special role in sacramental tradition as a vehicle for empowerment by the Holy Spirit.

*“God is like the wind, something no one sees;
Mighty as the gale, gentle as the breeze;
With a hidden power no one can deny as the days go by.”*
—hymn “God Is Like a Rock” by Natalie Sleeth



Search Committee

As you may have noticed from the recent display in St. Andrew's Chapel, the rector search committee has completed the parish profile. The profile is the compilation of months of work by the parish and a wealth of input from many parishioners. The search committee also has completed the job description for the new rector. It has been approved by the vestry and sent to Canon Pamela Snare at the diocesan office to be submitted to the Episcopal church's national computer database of open positions. The position also will be advertised in appropriate national publications.

One of the most critical parts of the search process at this point is maintaining confidentiality about potential rector candidates. One of the things that can get overlooked as we anticipate a new person joining us is that the people who will be candidates in this process are probably serving in parishes where they are treasured spiritual leaders, and only one of those candidates will become our rector. Maintaining confidentiality honors the candidates and respects the parishes they are serving now.

During this part of the search process, the search committee also expects to receive some referrals for potential rector candidates from parishioners. We want to honor each referral, ensure that the referral is serious and contains sufficient information to support further consideration by the committee, and maintain a record of the referral until it can be used in the search process. In addition, Father Randy Dunnivant of Church of the Good Shepherd, who is assisting the search committee, will receive a copy of each referral.

Again, the need for confidentiality in the referral process is vital to avoid embarrassing a potential candidate if word got back to his or her home parish about a referral of which he or she may be unaware. We must always think of the candidate's needs as well as ours.

A confidential recommendation form has been designed by the search committee to assist anyone who would like to refer a potential candidate. The forms can be found in an envelope on the search committee bulletin board in the Parish Hall on the far side of the fireplace. You also can download the form online from the rector search page on the church's website. The forms should be completely filled out and given to the search committee chairman Newton Molloy. You can mail completed forms to him at 2226 Northwoods Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

The search committee cherishes your continued prayers as we begin identifying and evaluating potential rector candidates.

OPERATION INASMUCH



Mobilizing Believers In Their Community

—Matthew 25:40

SIX CHURCHES,
ONE DAY, ONE MISSION...
SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2008
from 8am til 4pm

By Kathleen Herzog

Begun as a community outreach program at First Baptist in April 2004, **Operation Inasmuch** has grown to be a hands-on ministry project of six area churches.

Partnering again this year are: *Antioch Primitive Baptist, Central Christian, First Baptist-East Main, First Presbyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal, and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.*

OIM is designed to network with already established non-profit agencies partnering with them to accomplish a common goal.

Some of the agencies we have assisted in the past include:

Child Advocacy Center; Domestic Violence Shelter; Greenhouse Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Primary Care & Hope Clinic and others. There is always a team to visit one or more nursing home residents on that day.

Any and all skill levels are needed.

Here's how and why OIM works:

- *It is a focused, one-day event;*
 - *It is local;*
 - *It is hands-on;*
- *It offers something for everyone;*
 - *It facilitates brotherhood;*

and most of all, for me, it certainly fulfills the mission of St. Paul's:

"To bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ."

You will be able to make your project selection on sign-up sheets at church or by logging on to www.fbcmboro.org and follow the prompts for signing up for OIM on Saturday, April 12 from 8am to 4pm.

Please prayerfully consider stepping out to give a helping hand to our neighbors. And remember, when you answered the parish survey recently, most of you must have put outreach as one of the things that interested you most, because it came out near the top of the list!!!

Now is your chance to "do something." Please take the time to make a difference.



SUNDAY, APRIL 20th

You can 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 Lunch.

During and following lunch 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.

Also, we need items to package together into "Themed Baskets" to be sold in the Silent Auction.

Some of the themed baskets that we need items for include:

- M.T.S.U. Basket
- Vanderbilt Basket
- U.T. Basket
- Titans Basket
- Movie Basket
- Spa Basket
- Board and Card Games Basket
- Tea Basket
- Coffee Basket
- Wine Basket
- Prayer and Devotional Basket
- Gardening Basket
- Arts and Crafts Basket
- Children's Movies Basket
- Toys for Girls Basket
- Toys for Boys Basket

All donated items for the "Themed Baskets" can be dropped off at the church office during office hours or dropped off between Sunday morning services on April 6th and April 13th.

Tickets for the Spaghetti Lunch and Auction are \$5 per person and will be available for purchase between Sunday morning services on April 6th and April 13th.

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 Student Ministries

North Carolina Mission Trip

In North Carolina, the main goal for the students is simple but profound: to touch lives through hammers, paint and hard work... to be the hands of Jesus through home repair for a very needy family.

Who: current 6th through 12th grade students

When: Sunday, June 8th – Saturday, June 14th

Sign Up and \$100 Deposit Deadline: March 31st

Cost: \$550

Cost is ALL inclusive (includes all travel, food, lodging, one day of white water rafting, etc.)

Puerto Rico Mission Trip

In Puerto Rico, students will become the hands and feet of Jesus through community service in the city of Caguas and directly to the children through activities like soccer, skits and crafts.

Who: current High School students and fall '08 9th grade students

When: Saturday, June 28th – Saturday, July 5th
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE HAS CHANGED
(was June 22nd – 28th)

Sign Up and \$200 Deposit Deadline: March 31st

Cost: \$1200

Cost is ALL inclusive (includes all travel, food, lodging, sight-seeing, activities, etc.)

***Space is limited for both trips so sign up soon!!!

***By participating in the Dinner Auction, all students attending one of the mission trips will have the opportunity to raise a very significant portion of the trip cost.

***Students attending the Puerto Rico trip may also participate in JazzFest to raise a portion of the trip cost.

Please contact Joshua Courtney if you have any questions.

NO MORE PUTIN...IT OFF...

*Russia,
Episcopalian Style...
is open for a
little while 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

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!

Children's Church Record Update

Hello,

If you have children/grandchildren who attend children's church on Sunday at 8:45 a.m., please send in the following information about your child so that we may update our records for mail out information, birthday cards, etc. The information we need to know or update about your child/children:

- **Full Name:**
- **Complete Address:**
- **Birthday:**
- **Allergies/or anything that your child/children may be allergic to:**
- **Adult/Parent Contact Name and Address:**

Please provide the above information and turn into Ms. Jerry Redditt as soon as possible.

Blessings,

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Our group has lost over 350 pounds since we began last fall - please consider joining us! You can join anytime (membership fee will be prorated), or begin with our new series on April 23rd. It's \$120.00 for new members, \$110 for renewing members for 10 weeks. Stop by for an informational meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 5:15 p.m. in the Wall Building. We will need 14 paid memberships that night (or by April 23rd at the latest) in order to continue our St. Paul's group. Please don't let cost prohibit you - limited scholarship money is available (contact Libby for confidential arrangements). Step up and do this for yourself...or if that doesn't motivate you, do it for those of us who really need to continue!

For further information, please contact:

Libby Willis, email - willis2010@bellsouth.net
home - 898-0317 or cell - 545-0220



During a youth group car wash, a teenager drove up in his dented, old automobile. "Welcome!" said another boy. "But I have to tell you that while we can wash your car, we can't iron out the wrinkles."



Compass@BlueMonarch for Spring Break!

The Blue Monarch is a big, yellow house that sits on top of a hill overlooking three different farms. It is a haven. The southern slope of the hill is covered with vegetable plots, freshly tilled—swathes of deep red in the greening lawn. Grape vines intersperse the garden plots, not terribly well tended, but hopeful. The small barn and greenhouse anchor the spread, housing several chickens and goats. The greenhouse needs work—that's why we're here.

The Compass group is small, but we work together well, planning the days according to the changing weather and the needs of the dozen or so residents of this special place. There are eight women in residence while we're at the Blue Monarch and six children, all under the age of eight, and all but one girls. We only spend one day working with all the women, but friendships bloom in the greenhouse and in the storage hangar as we get to work.

These women don't seem to know very much about growing or organizing things, but they are determined to learn and to make better lives for themselves. There is a very real sense of family between them, and they graciously extend that acceptance and grace to all of us. Each day that we spend working with them, for them and their children, is a good

day, full of laughter and unexpected tears and warm hugs. We drive up the mountain ready to clean up, eat up and bed down on our pallets on the floor of the old Otey Parish Rectory.

Blue Monarch is a residential program for women and children of the Cumberland Plateau and Middle Tennessee area who are recovering from emotional wounds resulting from domestic violence, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, or simply oppression from dreadful life circumstances. The needs at Blue Monarch are basic: a storage closet for donated clothing, experienced gardeners to mentor the women's fledgling efforts to grow food for themselves and to sell, a smile of encouragement on a tough day, and always money.

The experience of Compass with the Blue Monarch was one that left us all ready to go back for more. We will return in April to help with Spring planting and to rejoice with one of our new friends as she plans to graduate in May. Any of us would be glad to share that joy with any of you. Just ask Ryan, Heidi, Kathleen or Suzanne about the Blue Monarch, and we'll tell you a wonderful story!

www.bluemonarch.org

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.episcopaldiocese-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.

NASHVILLE CHAMBER SINGERS TO PERFORM AT ST. PAUL'S

The Nashville Chamber Singers, under the direction of Angela Tipps, will perform "An American Sampler" on Tuesday, April 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. The choral concert features music from the Sacred Harp, folk tunes, spirituals and popular standards by American songwriters. Admission is free, and a nursery is provided.

APRIL 2008

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Dan Scott 04/01	David Jones 04/18
Sarah Smith 04/01	Reza Ordoubadian 04/18
Andrew Ennamorato 04/02	Ronald Clemmons 04/20
Alex Lowe 04/02	Kathleen Herzog 04/20
Victoria Sullivan 04/03	Shirley Holt 04/20
Jennifer Crowell 04/04	Sarah Walrath 04/20
Laura Goodman 04/04	Nicholas Burgess 04/21
Rebecca Morris 04/04	Madeline Roberts 04/21
Angela Pifer 04/06	Jeffrey Davis Jr. 04/23
Kim Tormey 04/06	Jennifer Dillon 04/23
Ethan Van Den Berg 04/06	Don Dunlap 04/24
Ellis Michaelson 04/08	Emily Messier 04/24
Robert Taylor 04/08	William Kimball 04/25
Michael Gleaves 04/10	Parker Newell 04/25
McKenzie Halliburton 04/10	April Nobles 04/25
Megan Molloy 04/10	Abigail Newby 04/26
Stanford Golden 04/12	Grace Puzzo 04/28
Bobby Curtis 04/12	Jordan Raines 04/28
Ericka Wilson 04/12	Jessica Rude 04/28
Aryn Watson 04/14	Andrew Watson 04/28
Greg Adkins 04/15	Robert Becker 04/29
Jimmie Beasley 04/16	Lea Bedsole 04/29
Lisa Halliburton 04/16	Joseph Ruffner 04/29
Don Long 04/16	Faith Bennett 04/30
Aaron Schneider 04/17	Carrie Clemmons 04/30
Cheryl Beasley 04/18	Kendall Morton 04/30
Kimberly Burritt 04/18	

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

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 May Evangel is Tuesday, April 15, 2008. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

PARISH STAFF

- The Rev. Matt Greathouse, Priest In Charge
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- Joshua Courtney, Minister to Youth
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- Ralph Smith, Assistant to the Rector
- Angela Tipps, Minister of Music
- Jacob Courtney, Assistant Minister to Youth
- Aimee Spurlock, Choirmaster RSCM
- Kathy Warlick, Administrative Assistant
- Kathy and Bill Jones, Co-Treasurers

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- Wardens: Chuck Phillips, Rodney George, Jeff James, Bill Williams
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I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, Whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

--- Hymn, *He Lives*.

She is 88 and the oldest living member of her church in a small Southern town 500 miles to the west.

She's one of God's good people and a good neighbor, decades her junior, sometimes goes to her house for a cup of coffee.

When the lady derided programs to help the poor, the neighbor asked, "How do you think Jesus feels about those problems?" She was silent, then said:

"Jesus doesn't live here any more."

That's a chilling judgment, one more usual from hot-tempered, rebellious youth. The old lady's pronouncement defies all of Christianity--- Jesus' immortality, the promise of salvation, the cross' pledge of life everlasting, of peace, of hope.

All put to rest in six words.

Of course, this dear old one is wrong.

Jesus lives and shall so long as we make a place for Him in our hearts where His life is most notable.