

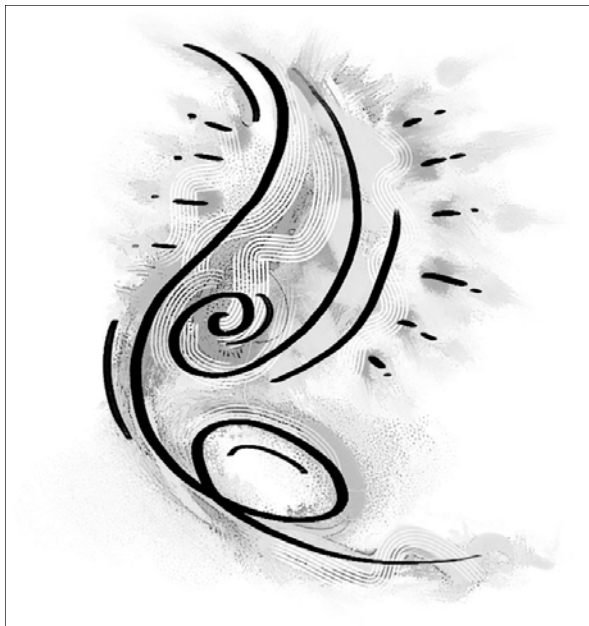


The mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to worship God and to bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ

THE

PENTECOST

IN THE PARK



Sunday, May 27

Yes, Pentecost is coming up later this month and it's time to get ready for one of the most wonderful celebrations we have here at St. Paul's each year.

"Just as last year, we will gather at Barfield Park in South Murfreesboro for a colorful (wear red!), joyful, uplifting service at 10 a.m. The service will be followed by a grand pot-luck lunch you will not want to miss!" says vestryman **Rodney George**, who is heading up this year's event. It will be at Pavilion # 7.

Since its inception many years ago, Pentecost in the Park has become a great opportunity for us to worship and sing together as we always do, but also to take time to stop, eat, and relax in the casual conversations with our fellow parishioners.

"The church will provide the hamburg-

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GRADUATING SENIORS

Growing up is part of life. It just happens so fast sometimes our heads feel like we just went through a whirlwind! For some of us time has flown by but for this years graduates time couldn't have moved any slower. If they feel anything like I felt my senior year of high school they are about to bust with anticipation and excitement. They have worked hard to achieve the goals they set for themselves and have accomplished much. This is a very special group of graduates. Their hard work and dedication to their families and to our congregation has been priceless. I have had the pleasure, as well as many others, to watch and interact with these seniors for the past five years and believe me there was never a dull moment. So I encourage you, if you see Andrew Loucky, Ben Smith, Rob Becker, Jennifer Dillon, James Gibson, Taylor Williams, Lisa Asberry, Elizabeth Gassler and Sarah Smith, to give them a pat on the back and congratulate them on a job well done. Thank you guys for all that you have done and remember you always have a home at St. Paul's!

Logan Hurst
Minister with Youth

INTERIM RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Work continues on the Interim Rector search with weekly meetings by the Interim Search team and lots of emails and phone calls in between. An additional candidate has entered the process, and is working with us through the steps.



"We would like to have two or three strong candidates to consider before making a recommendation to the Vestry," said Chuck

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PENTECOST

Avalanche Ranch

A Wild Ride Through God's Word

Avalanche Ranch is stampeding into St. Paul's June 18th-22nd! Action packed and loads of fun, Avalanche Ranch is an exciting Vacation Bible School that will help children explore important biblical concepts. Each day the children will learn that God is real, God is with us, God is strong, God is awesome, and God is in charge through Bible stories and memory verses, crafts, music, games, video presentations, drama, and yes, even food! There will be several new and exciting activities so you won't want to miss it! There are several things that you can do to help us get our ranch up and running:

- *Most importantly, pray for the children and leaders involved in Avalanche Ranch.*
- *Register your children and grand-children now so that we can plan for them. Avalanche Ranch is for children 3-12. The cost is \$5.00 per child and includes the cost of a t-shirt. You can find registration forms in this newsletter, at our Avalanche Ranch table in the Narthex, or online at www.stpaulsmboro.org.*
- *Consider becoming a volunteer. A successful VBS requires many people- we need you!*

YOU WON'T BELIEVE HOW EASY IT IS TO VOLUNTEER! ALL JOBS HAVE CLEAR DIRECTIONS AND IDEAS FOR HELPING OUR CHILDREN GROW AND HAVE FUN!

Some of the openings are:

Cowpoke Crafts Leader- This adult helps gather materials for the crafts and guides the kiddos as they create!

Horseplay Games Leader- This adult helps gather materials and leads children in action-packed games.

Chadder's Wild West Theater Leader- This adult shows a DVD clip each day and helps lead the children in discussion.



Prairie Dog Preschool Team- We need three adults to help our little buckaroos in the bible story, crafts, and games.

Ranch Crew Leaders- Adults and Teens are needed to help round up the cowboys and cowgirls and move them around the ranch.

Art and Prep Crew- Calling all artists and behind-the-scenes people! We need you to help in advance prepare materials and decorations and help with set-up.



What else can you do?

- *Loan your cowboy gear for the week! Here's what we're looking for:*

- 10 cinderblocks
- Old cowboy boots, hats, bandanas, rope
- Wagons or wagon wheels
- Western-style decorations
- Old saddle
- Styrofoam board (non-returnable)
- Hula hoops
- Unlighted, undecorated Christmas trees
- Stuffed animals- horses, cows, bison, prairie dogs, coyotes
- Galvanized troughs and buckets
- Oil lanterns
- Burlap sacks
- Barrels
- Cash donations to help cover costs of crafts and supplies

PLEASE LABEL ALL MATERIALS AND DROP THEM OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR AT THE AVALANCHE RANCH TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. WE WILL RETURN ALL LABELED MATERIALS.

Contact the church office, Monica Wetzig, or Lauren Greathouse (217-8360) for more information.



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

What a blessing to recite this familiar response once again on

Easter morning. As Robert Benson put it during our Lenten series, "I can't wait 'til Lent is over and we get our Alleluias back!"

I don't think that it is coincidental that Easter comes to us each year in the season of spring (at least in this part of the world). After a long winter we are truly longing for the sunshine, warm rains, and all that blooms and grows. Spring is truly a time of rebirth and growth. And so it is also with our Parish life.

We stand at the Spring of a new season in our Parish life. We are formally taking the first steps toward calling a new Rector beginning this month. Your Vestry will meet in prayer the evening of April 17th to seek God's blessings and will as we start our work. In the coming weeks we will outline how we will move forward and provide updates to keep each of you

informed. The Vestry will strive to be as open throughout this process as possible; however, we cannot share potential candidates names as they are considered (this is as much for their protection as it is to keep the process objective). Having stated that, however, our collective goal will be to communicate often and factually. Each of your Vestry members understands that you and your families have a vested interest in our work, which we will do on your behalf. We solicit your prayers and trust as we seek what God has in store for our St. Paul's family.

As is always the case with me during this season, I find myself looking forward with excitement and anticipation to all that will unfold in the coming year. Yes, there are chores to be done. Yet, there is much to be gained from the labors involved. The lawn will become lush and green and the trees will bloom and the end result will be awesome and dim the memory of the pain of the labor involved. In this Easter season that is also spring let us all look past our labors. Let us not weary of the labor during this time of searching, but look forward with excitement and anticipation to the result, a new Rector of God's choosing.



CHUCK PHILLIPS

SENIOR WARDEN'S WORD

God's Peace,

Chuck

INTERIM RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

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Phillips, Interim Search Chair and Senior Warden.

"With that said, we also are working very hard to surface those candidates and get this process completed, as we have the permanent rector search process about to begin."

Phillips also has been in conversation with Bishop Bauerschmidt about the Interim Search and has received support and encouragement from him.

"The Bishop is actively assisting us in identifying candidates," Phillips said. "We appreciate his input and counsel very much."

One person was interviewed last month and currently is a candidate for the Interim Rector position. The candidate met for an interview with the Interim Search team, followed by an informal meeting with the Vestry.

"We had a good interview with the candidate, and a good meeting with her and the Vestry," said Phillips. "We have received input from Vestry, staff, and individuals in the congregation, and we have documented that input for ongoing discussion and consideration. We appreciate all who have contacted us with their prayers, comments, and thoughts."

JUNIOR WARDEN'S CORNER

Do you paint?

Folks, I want to gauge how many willing painters we have that could help paint the Parish Hall in the near future.

I can envision that we'd meet one Friday night at the church and put a fresh coat of paint on our walls. I'd supply the paint, pizza and beer! I just need help.

If you have painting skills and a love of fellowship with fellow painters, please call me at home at 890-0622.

Jeff James
Jr. Warden



A house is a home when it is infused with love, when there is acceptance that never wavers, and where there is always food for the mind, for the spirit, for the body and for those in need. Is your abode a house or a home?

ST. PAUL'S EFM GROUP
CELEBRATES MILESTONES
FOR TWO OF ITS OWN



Education for Ministry, affectionately known as EFM, is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Students meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year's work. -from the EFM website

Congratulations to St. Paul's most recent graduate of Education for Ministry, Kathi Mize! Kathi will receive her certificate on May 13, at the 11:00 service in celebration of 4 years of faithful study and a renewed sense of the ministry that is already an integral part of her life.

The current EFM group, as well as all the other individuals who have taken part in EFM over the past few years, join together to offer up loving thanks to Don Clayton for his devoted service as the mentor for St. Paul's EFM program. His guidance and leadership have been critical to the success of each group that has been privileged to work with him, and we wish him all the best in his "retirement" from EFM!

There are openings for one or two new members to start EFM in the fall. An organizational meeting and registration will occur in August. Please contact Suzanne Cate for more information.

DIOCESAN WEB SITE

Bishop John Bauerschmidt is a strong believer in keeping the lines of communication open throughout the diocese.

With this thought in mind, he and his staff have put a lot of talent and energy to good use improving the Diocese of Tennessee's web site at:

http://www.episcopal-diocese-tn.org/bishops_forum.htm

Please take a look around the site. One of the most informative aspects to the site is the Bishop's Forum, in which he has made available his recent sermons, as well as "other postings" from around the world.

United Thank Offering

ST. PAUL'S IN-GATHERING MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 13

100% of all UTO offerings are distributed in grants each year.

The United Thank Offering gives us an opportunity to turn our prayers of thanks into action. By contributing to the offering we unite our thankfulness with that of many others throughout the Episcopal Church. The offering is turned into grants that address compelling human need and expand the mission and ministry of the church. The resulting actions have been felt around the world since 1889.

- excerpt from The Daily Thanks newsletter

We will gather in your UTO on Sunday, May 13. If you have questions about the offering, please contact Alice Gibson.

SEMINARIANS

Many of you may not realize that St. Paul's has two seminarians. Bill Dennler is at Nashotah House, and Mike Hurst is at Sewanee. We all need to be in prayer for these faithful servants. We can also support them in any numerous other ways. Give them a call. Drop them a card. Send them a check. Seminarians always need books. Both have wish lists set up on Amazon.com. You can simply log onto Amazon and purchase books these students need. With their email addresses, you can navigate to those lists and purchase books they've identified as helpful for their studies and development. Here's their information:

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Monteagle, TN 37356
931.924.3161
mwhurst@bellsouth.net

MEETING REMINDERS

The *Men's Club* meets the first Thursday of each month. The January meeting will be held on May 3 at 6:00 p.m. *Ladies Night Out* meets the same evening, May 3 at 6:00 p.m at the home of Libby Willis.

The *Daughters of the King* meets the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The *Vestry* meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The next regular, monthly meeting will be on May 8 at 6:00 p.m.



CHANGE

The more things change, the more they stay the same. The U.S. standard railroad gauge (distance between rails) is four feet, eight-and-one-half inches. Why such an odd number? Because that's the way they built them in England, and American railroads were built by British expatriates. Why did the English adopt that particular gauge? Because the people who built the pre-railroad tramways used that gauge. They in turn were locked into that gauge because the people who built tramways used the same standards and tools they had used for building wagons, which were set on a gauge of four feet, eight-and-one-half inches. "Why were wagons built to that scale? Because with any other size, the wheels did not match the old wheel ruts on the roads.

So who built these old rutted roads? The first long-distance highways in Europe were built by Imperial Rome for the benefit of their legions. The roads have been in use ever since. The ruts were first made by Roman war chariots. Four feet, eight-and-one-half inches was the width a chariot needed to be to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses.

Maybe "that's the way it's always been" isn't always the best reason to keep doing what we've been doing. Change doesn't have to be a frightening thing. When it occurs for the sake of improved health, it's actually a good thing.

Your parish staff is updating the processes we use to support the vital ministries at St. Paul's. We are intentional about the manner in which we make changes and in the ways we do things. Nothing is changed simply for the sake of enacting change. The principle guiding the review of our processes is "evolution, not revolution."

We are perched on the edge of a great wave of growth. Our processes will need to evolve to accommodate the kind of growth projected for us. Therefore, it's important that everyone knows about some of these upcoming changes.

Prayer List

As we continue to grow, so does our prayer list. We are intent about continuing to pray for each individual request. One of the difficult tasks for your clergy and staff, however, is keeping up with the status of all of the people on our prayer list. It is necessary, therefore, for us to alter how that list is handled. Beginning the first of May, we ask that you send us your prayer requests for that month—people that specifically need our communal prayers during that month will remain on the prayer list. Before the first Sunday of each month the list will be cleared, and the new list will be created.

The principle guiding the review of our processes is "evolution, not revolution."

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAY CLUB

We have a new celebration club at St. Paul's. It is called The Birthday Club. If you are over the age of seventy (70) and would like to join us for lunch once a quarter, we would love your company. There is no obligation on your part, and you do not have to come each time. The food is prepared by a special committee of St. Paul's members that want to share their talents with you.

We had the first celebration on February 15, 2007 with twenty-seven attendees. At that time we celebrated all birthdays for

the months of January, February and March. The scrumptious food was prepared by Estelle Herring, Marilyn Kugel, and Peggy Seneker. The beautiful tables were decorated by



Laney Golden, BJ Huggins, and Jo Wintker.

We are having another luncheon on Tuesday, May 22 at 11:30 in the Parish Hall to celebrate all birthdays for April, May and June. You do not have to have a birthday during these months to join us. If you, or your spouse, are over the age of seventy and want to join our birthday celebrations, we would love to have you. Please contact Peggy Seneker at 893-8033 for an invitation, or to answer any questions you may have about The Birthday Club.

What do you need to do? If you have a prayer request you'd like included in the Prayers of the People, please send us that request, and it will be added to the current month's list. If your request is for the upcoming

month, please tell us, and we'll add it to that list.

In order to provide a single point for those requests, we're asking that you forward them to the parish office. You may call and speak to either Susan or Kathy at 893.3780. You may also email your requests to PRAYERS@STPAULSMBORO.ORG.

Keep watching this space in the *Evangel* for more updates as we make our processes more efficient.



All parents were mailed new information sheets to complete in an effort to maintain current records on the children in our nursery. Thank you all for completing those forms. If you have

not yet completed a form on your child, please drop by the nursery and complete one.

These updates are part of an overall effort to continue to improve our nursery services. Other improvements include: nametags coming, updated CPR training for staff, new playthings for the 3-5 year old room, and many other things.

Another change that we are implementing relates to Parents Night Out. With decreased demand in the summer months, Parents Night Out will be suspended for the months of May through July, and will return in August. To help us defray the costs and to make the nursery available for more events, we will implement a nominal fee for Parents' Night Out. Our nursery staff is working more and more hours, and, in an effort to help offset a portion of the non-worship nursery expenses, we will ask families who are able to participate in a donation program to help subsidize our nursery expenses.

Use of the nursery for worship events will remain absolutely free. Please know that money will never be an obstacle to any family's use of the nursery. Our effort is simply to be good stewards of the resources with which we have been entrusted. We want our nursery to be a shining example of the kind of excellence for which St. Paul's is known in the community and in the diocese. We are also intent on making good use of these blessings to support our life as a community. Please stay tuned for more details.

We certainly welcome your feedback.

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ers and hot dogs and we have master cooks lined up to see that each and every bite is delicious," added **George**. "We will also have plenty of drinks for what we hope is a warm spring day."

Of course, we have our traditional sign-up sheet in the parish hall for you to pencil in what you are going to bring. We need to know!!

Keep in mind that we will do as we have done in the past and still hold the 7:30 service at the church before moving over to the park for the 10 a.m. service, which will be a combination of the 8:45 and 11 a.m. services normally held at the church.

Why are we having a feast on Pentecost? Why are we wearing red? Look for these answers elsewhere in the Evangel.

See you there! Bring your tennis shoes, lawn chairs

CALLING ALL MINISTRIES

We are excited about the possibility of promoting and informing the congregation about the many ministry opportunities at St. Paul's, and are pleased to announce a two-fold educational effort in this direction.

A fall Ministry Fair is in the planning stages, but for the summer we will be plugging into the Christian Education time slot and invite all ministries to take one session to tell us about your area of ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity not only to recruit new members for your area, but to inform more people about the many powerful ways the Lord is at work at St. Paul's.

It never ceases to amaze your Vestry how many things are happening here at our wonderful church, and if some of it is news to us, then we KNOW others will be excited to learn more!

We will start with the June 3 Christian Education time slot, after the regular Christian Ed ends for the summer season. First come, first served on which groups we can feature - if you wish to grab a slot and promote your group's area of ministry, call Fran Lovell (893-7651), Marcie Richmond (890-7812), or Fant Smith (890-7063) and we will get you scheduled!

Marcie Richmond



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

ST. PAUL'S WHOLE FOODS BUYING CLUB

This month we're trying a variety of cheeses - some organic, some not, some pasteurized, some not, but all of which we expect to be delicious. And we all agree the Amish roll butter is the best we've ever enjoyed! We also discussed veggie wash, a product that cleans fruits and vegetables by ridding them of clinging dirt and applied wax. We've decided it's better to be safe than sick!

Jim will deliver our orders to the parish hall on Tuesday, May 1st.



MAIN STREET JAZZFEST '07

**FRIDAY MAY 4TH &
SATURDAY MAY 5TH
ON THE SQUARE
DOWNTOWN MURFREESBORO, TN**

Join us May 4th and 5th for another weekend of warm fun and cool contemporary jazz featuring family entertainment including unique vendors, delicious food, and great music! This year's talent lineup includes Louis Hayes Cannonball Band w/ Jeremy Pelt and Vincent Herring, U.S. Army Ground Forces Jazz Guardians, A. P. S. 9, Lalo Davila, Jerry Tachoir, MTSU Jazz Ensemble I, and the Rutherford All-County Jazz Band.

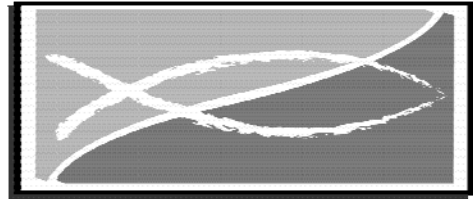
Main Street JazzFest is more than just a concert, it's an event! It's a place to people-watch, eat, drink, shop, mingle, relax, soak in the rays, and of course, hear some of the best in contemporary live jazz. Admission to JazzFest is free, and all are welcome. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at Main Street JazzFest 2007!

St. Paul's needs volunteers on Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th to sell food and drink tickets or help in the JazzFest Marketplace. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. Please sign up for a shift and fill in the contact information. Each volunteer will receive a JazzFest T-shirt. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, April 29th. Come and spend a wonderful spring day on the Square.



CHOIR NOTES

The St Paul's Choir suspends Wednesday night rehearsals during the summer, and we welcome new members during June, July, and August. Beginning June 3, rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 10:00, and we sing for the 11:00 service. High school and college students are particularly welcome. For more information contact Angela Tipps at 896-7067 or adtipp@comcast.net.



YOUTH MISSION STATEMENT

Worshiping God
and bringing Youth into a loving relationship with Christ.

YOUTH NEWS

Wow, I can't believe May is already here! With so much going on, such as graduations, exams, and the anticipation of summer, I don't see how people can focus. With this in mind here are a few things for us to keep in mind. The youth here at St. Paul's are gearing up for an eventful summer beginning with a mission trip to Philadelphia and then a mission trip to North Carolina. With these trips coming up the youth are raising funds by selling stock to friends, family, and the congregation. You might be asking yourself, "What is stock?" When the youth sign up for mission trips they pay \$250 out of pocket for a trip that costs approximately \$450 a person. The youth are then given a booklet of twelve stocks that they have to sell at \$15 a piece to raise the other half of their trip. The selling of stock helps to develop a personal interest in their mission trip. The stock also allows our congregation, family, and friends to have an invested interest in the youth's missions experience. The other good thing is, with the purchase of a stock you get a free dinner and a chance to hear testimonies about the youth's experience. Stockholders dinner will be held this year on August 5th, 2007. So let's not waste anymore time and invest ourselves in our youth's mission trip experience.

God Bless, Logan Hurst
Minister with Youth

Mission trip meeting for all participants and parents will be on May the 6th at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Ministry Center. This meeting will be manda-



A big "thank you" to Jan Schneider for coordinating the Easter Egg Hunt. Nearly 80 people enjoyed the hunt despite the cold weather. Thanks too, to Laureen Greathouse for providing an Easter program for the children, and to Beverly George for preparing the beautiful Easter cookies.

Fant Smith

Thanks to everyone who "rolled up their sleeves and got cooking" for the confirmation and Bishop's reception on April 1. When the word was spread about the areas of need in regards to both of the receptions each of you responded with such generosity and spirit!! Not only did we have enough food, but we also had a wealth of wonderful helpers on hand at the reception to assist, and also afterwards to clean up. Truly, St. Paul's is a wonderful place to have for our church home. It was a lovely day for our confirmands and a great welcome for our new Bishop!

Cathrine Gordon

Thanks to Ron Messier for helping with Bishop Rumlshah's visit to St. Paul's, particularly for his facilitating our Monday evening gathering. Thanks also to Pidge Cash for her willingness to help make the necessary arrangements. If you missed it, you missed a wonderful Sunday and a tremendous Monday night.

Matt Greathouse+

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THE EVANGEL is now online!

Check it out at

<http://stpaulsmboro.org/evangel.htm>

Your communications committee is working diligently to keep you informed about all the happenings in the parish. Please check the website frequently to keep up dated. For corrections or questions, please contact Richard Detmer at rdetmer@comcast.net.

Stay tuned for even more exciting developments in this initiative.



ECM

Wrapping Up for the Semester with a Splash

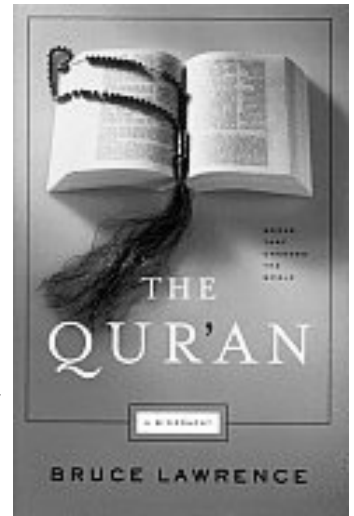
The final Wednesday night gathering for Episcopal Campus Ministry will be our annual cookout following the 5:30 Eucharist on May 2nd. We'll celebrate the end of the school year for our college kids and invite all the graduating high school seniors and their families to join us, as well.

Later in May, we're heading down to the Ocoee for some white water excitement. We'll camp overnight on Friday the 18th and hit the river the next day. We'll be back in Murfreesboro in plenty of time for Fr. Matt to get lots of rest for the early service the next morning! Once again, all high school seniors are welcome to join us. The cost for rafting, camping and breakfast on Saturday morning is an amazing \$20—definitely too good a deal to pass up! Do plan to buy a meal for yourself on the way there and on the way back. Contact Fr. Matt or Suzanne Cate if you're interested in coming along.

The Qur'an: A Biography

Bruce Lawrence
Atlantic Monthly Press

One gains a whole new respect for our Islamic friends when trying to read The Qur'an. I've tried a few translations and found each intractable in its own way. Bruce Lawrence makes the text much more approachable by telling the story of the desert, the life of Muhammad, and the highlights of the last millennium and a half while using the Qur'anic text as words to savor. The poetry of the text is undeniable. The history of the faith is surprising. And to do all this in less than two hundred pages is greatly appreciated.



-Mason Smith

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Each month, your *Evangel* staff brings you at least one review of book worth your consideration. Our own Mason Smith has been graciously supplying most of these. He deserves our thanks for the great recommendations he has made, and continues to make.

We want to know what you're reading, too. If you've enjoyed or found it meaningful, please tell us. We really are interested.

Send us your reviews at stpaul@bellsouth.net.

PENTECOST

(What's behind the name?)

Simply put, Pentecost is the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Also called Whitsunday, it is celebrated on the Sunday concluding the 50-day period following Easter.

Pentecost is the Greek name for Shavuot, the spring harvest festival of the Israelites, which was going on when the Holy Spirit came.

The disciples were together in Jerusalem after Jesus' Resurrection and return to heaven, fearful because he had left them.

On that morning, however, "there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Because of the festival, crowds of visitors were in



Jerusalem, speaking many languages, but the disciples of Jesus moved among them and spoke to them all, and "every man heard them speak in his own language" about "the

wonderful works of God." Peter then made a powerful speech to the crowds in the city, and many were baptized.

Pentecost is also an important Jewish feast. The Jewish feast of Pentecost, the Feast of Weeks, one of the three pilgrimage festivals, arose as the celebration of the closing of the spring grain harvest, which began formally in Passover 50 days prior; there are numerous references to it in the Bible. From Rabbinic times, the festival commemorates the giving of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai.

Moreover, Christians consider the day of Pentecost the birthday of the church because, from that moment on, the disciples carried the message of Christ everywhere they went all over the world.

Why Do We Wear Red?

There is a widespread tradition on Pentecost to wear **RED** to symbolize the tongues of flame and the Holy Spirit.

(A Day that Changed the World)

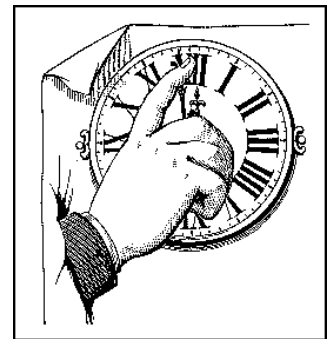
Pentecost was a day that, literally, changed the world. Who would have known at the time the impact those events and that day would have on the world. It really was a paradigm shift.



If people would have been asked in 1968 which nation would dominate the world in watchmaking during the 1990s and into the twenty-first century the answer would have been uniform: Switzerland. Why? Because Switzerland had dominated the world of watchmaking for the previous sixty years.

The Swiss made the best watches in the world and were committed to constant refinement of their expertise. It was the Swiss who came forward with the minute hand and the second hand. They led the world in discovering better ways to manufacture the gears, hearings, and mainsprings of watches. They even led the way in waterproofing techniques and self-winding models. By 1968, the Swiss made 65 percent of all watches sold in the world and laid claim to as much as 90 percent of the profits.

By 1980, however, they had laid off thousands of watchmakers and controlled less than 10 percent of the world market. Their profit domination dropped to less than 20 percent. Between 1979 and 1981, fifty thousand of the sixty-two thousand Swiss watchmakers lost their jobs. Why? The Swiss had refused to consider a new development—the Quartz movement—ironically, invented by a Swiss. Because it had no main-spring or knob, it was rejected. It was too much of a paradigm shift for them to embrace. Seiko, on the other hand, accepted it and, along with a few other companies, became the leader in the watch industry.



The lesson of the Swiss watchmakers is profound. A past that was so secure, so profitable, so dominant was destroyed by an unwillingness to consider the future. It was more than not being able to make predictions—it was an inability to re-think how they did business. Past success had blinded them to the importance of seeing the implications of the changing world and to admit that past accomplishment was no guarantee of future success.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 6:30 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Holy Knitters	2 7 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 6 pm ECM 6:30 pm Jars of Clay 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	3 6 pm Men's Club 6 pm Ladies Night Out	4 JAZZFEST Siegel HS SE Program	5 JAZZFEST Caris Memorial Service
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| 5/2, Fant Smith | 5/19, Allie Clayton |
| 5/3, Sloan Perry | 5/20, Maggie Newell |
| 5/5, Dick Gleaves | 5/21, Abby Wintker |
| 5/5, Joani Beckwith | 5/23, Steve Luboniecki |
| 5/5, Cole Curtze | 5/24, Libba Sanders |
| 5/6, Michael Curtis | 5/24, Lucas Raffo |
| 5/7, Mary Hollis | 5/25, David Rowe |
| 5/8, Blake Tidwell | 5/26, Courtenay Davis |
| 5/8, Delia Goodman | 5/27, JR Nelson |
| 5/8, Meghan Adkins | 5/27, Audra Esker |
| 5/10, Caitlin Davis- Hatcliff | 5/27, Anna Smith |
| 5/11, Charlotte Molloy | 5/28, Nancy Serafin |
| 5/11, Jeff Sandvig | 5/28, Taylor Halliburton |
| 5/11, Michael Bedsole | 5/29, Thomas Pabor |
| 5/12, Doris Simpson | 5/30, Stephen Brown |
| 5/14, Vicky Cassidy | |

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*by
Hank Haines*

“So when they had dined Jesus saith to Simon Peter, “Simon. . . lovest thou me . . .?” He saith unto him, Yea, Lord, and (Jesus) saith, “Feed my lambs.” He saith to him again the second time, “Simon...lovest thou me?” He saith unto him, Yea Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, “Feed my sheep.” He saith unto him the third time, “Simon . . . lovest thou me?” Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, “Feed my sheep.”

John 21:15

He's getting some serious age on him and sometimes his thoughts turn away from the Titans and toward his own, peculiar, simple theology. This spring he motored with a 28-year-old grandson to the Cumberland Plateau. As they toiled through a back-country road, the conversation drifted from athletics to human beings. “See those folks over there?” The old man gestured toward a clutch of cars refilling at a convenience store. “They're Jesus's sheep and maybe the meaning and goals of life are captured in His sacred commandment regarding His sheep.” The old man tried to quote—he came close—the scripture cited above.

The young man nodded. “We're all His sheep—black, white, brown.” He drew in a deep breath. “Muslims and Al Qaeda.”

“All God's children, boy.”