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Life's Path

God acts in mysterious ways. I am sure you have heard that saying as you were growing up. We never know what paths our lives will take. I am sure that Sue Ann and Mary Jo never knew what God had in store for them. They grew up in little towns many miles - - even states away. Yet, their winding life's paths had many similarities. They were both raised by loving parents - - Sue Ann in Johnson City, Tennessee and Mary Jo in Inverness, Mississippi. They grew up, fell in love with 'Bobby' and 'Polk' and God blessed their lives with beautiful children. And, as God would have it their passion is sharing the ministry with the loves of their lives, their husbands who are both pastors.

In their winding paths of life God had called both Sue Ann and Mary Jo to be teachers and

to share their talents in business. Surprisingly their businesses as consultants helped women meet different challenges of life. Little did they know what God had in store for them and that He would eventually lead them here to share their knowledge and their love with the ladies from St. Paul's at the Women's Retreat.

I am hoping to see many of you following the "path" to the Women's Retreat at the Dubose Conference Center for the weekend of March 13-15th. We are hoping the "total event" with speakers Sue Ann Cordell and Mary Jo Van Zandt, plus sharing friendship and fun with many other friends will re-ignite your life with love. As you share this week-end with friends, both new and old, the benefits and blessings you receive will more than you can imagine. God acts in mysterious ways.

The Shack

By William P. Young

A Lenten book study and exploration of our personal relationship with God...

Co-facilitated by David Rowe and Kristi Hay

Please join us to wrestle with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" as we explore, in a small group setting, some of our questions and doubts of God's presence and action in our lives.

Written by the son of missionaries for his own children, THE SHACK has become an unexpected bestseller. Mackenzie Phillips, a former seminary student, is crippled with grief over the abduction and murder of his young daughter four years ago. When he receives a summons to the mountain shack where his daughter was killed, he is suspicious, but eventually discovers that he has been called to a private meeting with God, with each part of the Holy Trinity appearing in different guises.

Saturdays, March 7th through April 11th

9:00 – 10:30am • Sessions to begin in the Nave

You may find answers to your personal questions that astound you and perhaps transform you.

Books can be found at:

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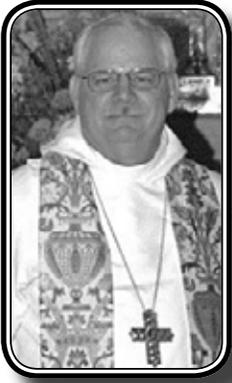
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From Polk+

Human Nature

Basic human qualities are the same everywhere and go back to the beginning of humankind. Human nature is something that seems to stay the same no matter what advances we make in science, medicine, or technology. Human nature is predictable. Not long ago, as I sat in a mall, I saw a group of children interacting. What I witnessed was the big children picking on the little children. I saw two or three ganging up on one little one. I saw them play keep away and I heard them saying things which they would not say if they knew someone was listening. I remember these same scenarios from my childhood. All of us can. We observe characteristics in our children or grandchildren that remind us of another family member, or worse, ourselves. We see these faults and idiosyncrasies and know that human nature is repeating itself.

Human nature is the great equalizer. We all feel pain. We all know laughter and tears. We all know a lot about greed and pride as well as about love and sacrifice. We all know about sin, which may be the greatest equalizer. If we can for a moment look at sin as that which keeps us from living the life God would have us live we can see it as something that is common to all. The word sin is not a negative word (the Greek word for sin means missing the mark). It is a word about reality. It is part of human nature.

It is necessary to understand this because there are still too many people who think sin is something that someone else does. Each of us sin in our own way. People in society and particularly in the Church are always eager to point out particular sins in other people. It could be because those people are more open in their lives. Judgmental people usually have their sins well hidden. Some of us can fight the human battles within ourselves in some areas -- and then do terribly in other areas. Someone else might do the opposite. There are times when we all fall short. As Bill Stough (IX Bishop of Alabama) was fond of saying, "Every single one of us is broken." We are all equal as sinners, as people who live life other than the way God intends.

If we can understand sin as the great equalizer it might make us feel better about the world as well as ourselves. If we can come to terms with our own sins we might then discover forgiveness, for ourselves as well as others. It is because that God created human nature that we are recipients of God's forgiveness and God's grace. It is the gift that goes along with sin. While we don't really understand God's forgiveness and grace, we can accept it and share it. We can make forgiveness a basic human quality.

During the Lenten season I invite you to live into this possibility by making your confession. The Reconciliation of a Penitent begins on page 447 of The Book of Common Prayer. If you feel so led, please call me at the Parish office to make an appointment.

Polk+

A Request on Behalf of the Parish Hall

A dedicated work crew spent a day and a half painting the Parish Hall in new updated colors, just in time for company with our Celebration of New Ministry. Many compliments have been received at the bright, clean new look. Please help us to keep it that way!

Any groups using the Parish Hall are asked to be considerate and gentle in their use - particularly where food and beverages are concerned. Within the first week of the "new look" we were already cleaning up drink spills on the wall next to the trash cans. PLEASE treat our church home as you would your own home, and clean up any spills and messes while they are still fresh, so our walls don't return to the messy, dirty look they had before.

Our church campus is a happening little place. There are meetings and gatherings going on nearly all the time, and that's a good thing. When you're involved in one of them, please help us be good stewards of our facilities by locking up and turning lights out before going home.

SENIOR WARDEN

As write this, I am still basking in the glow of our Celebration of New Ministry. What a beautiful event in the life of the parish! The music was sublime, the acolytes superb, the flowers magnificent, the master of ceremonies (David Rowe) a master of all the endless details, and the reception was perfect (and thanks once again to our parish hall painters!) It was wonderful to have Polk's extended family and friends with us on this glorious day! As always there are too many people to name who deserve special recognition for their hard work in putting together such a splendid day, but as Polk says, it is absolutely a celebration of our new ministry together. God was truly among us. Although we were already well underway, this celebration put the finishing touches on "Phase I," if you will. Now we begin in earnest!

Your Vestry had a wonderful retreat at the end of January, and did some reorganizing of our liaison areas and the way we intend to do the business of the church – one of the chief emphases being to involve and incorporate as many people in the parish as we can in areas where they have so much to contribute. See the bulletin boards in the parish hall to get a better idea of the organizational structure but, to summarize, we have divided into four areas: Administration and Stewardship; Parish Life (Internal Ministries and Outreach); and Building and Grounds. One exciting note that you will be hearing more about is Legacy Stewardship – a means by which we can make the church a part of our lifetime (and after!) giving, along with a trust for the ongoing capital expenditures an aging physical plant faces year-in, year-out.

Next comes the Lenten season, our traditional soup suppers with (as usual) a series of excellent speakers (beginning with Bishop Bauerschmidt on March 4), along with the Mens' Retreat, Womens' retreat, and the joy of Easter. There are many, many opportunities for personal reflection and spiritual enrichment being offered during Lent – take advantage of as many as you can! I ask your prayers for those in our parish who are facing illness, family struggles and other crises, known and unknown to us. Please make sure that Polk knows when you have a need we can meet – that is what your church family is here for.

Have a blessed Lenten season — Marcie

St. Paul's Murfreesboro and All Saints' Smyrna To Commission Stephen Ministers

In March, St. Paul's Murfreesboro and All Saints' Smyrna will commission these new Stephen Ministers: All Saints' Smyrna: Merry Adams. St. Paul's Murfreesboro: Melanie Clayton, Barbara Collins, Betty Johnson, Robert McConnell and Zanie Mullins.

These six people have completed fifty hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving, and in doing so will provide essential pastoral care to members of their respective parishes.

Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists.

Training began on September 11, 2008. The Stephen Minister trainees met with their Stephen Leaders (Carole Carroll, Mark Jackson, Pam Jackson, Ralph Smith) weekly for twenty training sessions at Holy Cross in Murfreesboro, and all will attend monthly meetings for supervision.

The Stephen Ministries organization is based in St. Louis and serves more than 10,000 congregations representing 150 Christian denominations worldwide.

Please lift up all of our new Stephen Ministers in your prayers, asking that God bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to those they are serving. Pray also for the continued ministry of all Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders.

The Blessing of a Skinned Knee

Join the Parent Group as we explore The Blessing of a Skinned Knee by Wendy Mogel. This book is not a typical how to parenting book, but something far deeper: a new way to look at the world, your life and your family. The 9 week series will begin on March 8. We will order the books in bulk so if you are interested in this series, please contact Mary Armour O'Reilly at maoreilly@bellsouth.net

St. Paul's Student Ministries

Today I sat here trying to think of what big St. Paul's Student Ministries event needed to be advertised in this month's Evangel and I couldn't think of one. I couldn't think of one big event for St. Paul's Student Ministries that is scheduled for the month of March. No big auction fundraiser (that's next month, by the way), no concerts, no retreats, no camps, no parties, no service days... no big event this month. It's kind of hard to believe. There is always something... but not this month. Now I don't know what to do with myself. I feel like I need to be preparing for something. I feel like I should be really busy right now. My plate feels weird when it's not so full. Why is that though? Why does it feel uncomfortable to slow down? Why does it almost feel wrong to not be super busy? Maybe when I slow down I feel like I am not being as productive as I could be? Maybe I have just gotten so accustomed to being busy all the time that slowing down seems odd and uncomfortable? Do you ever feel this way? Is it hard for you to slow down?

Today I began cleaning off my desk and straightening up my office (now that I have a bit of time on my hands) and as I cleaned off my desk I came across my devotional book, buried under stacks of papers. Immediately I thought Oh man, it's been a while since I've cracked this open. And then I sat here trying to think of the last period of time that I consistently, daily spent time with God. These past few months have been so busy! I've had retreats to plan, messages to prepare, youth parties to host, ski trips to go on, service projects to do, and so on and so on. I have been so busy doing "church stuff", so busy doing "God's work" yet, for some reason, over the past few months, I really haven't heard from God.

This past Sunday, the teens and the parents of teens discussed a passage of Scripture in their Christian Education classes. The passage was from 1 Kings 19 and it talks about how the prophet Elijah climbs a mountain and enters a cave and waits there for God to show up. The Scripture says that a mighty wind came and smashed rocks against the mountain...but God was not in the wind. And then it says that there was an earthquake but God was not in the earthquake. And then there was a fire on the mountain, but God was not in the fire. And then... there was a gentle whisper... and God was in that whisper and He spoke to Elijah.

Perhaps I have been listening for God in the wind and in the earthquake and in the fire but all the while He has been waiting to speak to me in the gentle whisper. Perhaps I have been too busy with "God's work" that I haven't had time to

stop and listen for the whisper of God's voice. Perhaps you too have been so busy that you haven't had time to stop and quiet yourself and listen for God's whisper.

During this Lenten season, as many of us give something up, I believe that what I will give up is my "full plate". I want to get out of the wind and the earthquake and the fire... and begin to listen for God in the gentle whisper. Perhaps you'll join me.

Joshua Courtney

Minister to Youth

www.stpaulsyouthonline.com

Lenten Schedule

St. Paul's Episcopal Church • Feb. 26– April 10, 2009

- Mondays** – 6 p.m. - Evening Prayer, (Chapel)
- Tuesdays** – 6 p.m. – Evening Prayer, (Chapel)
- Wednesdays** – 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6 p.m.* Lenten Soup Supper Series on the Baptismal Covenant (St. Paul's Parish Hall, *except April 8*) (Sign-up Sheets on the board in the Parish Hall)
- Thursdays** – 6 p.m. – Evening Prayer, (*except Maundy Thursday, April 9*) (Chapel)
- Fridays** – 6 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, (Chapel)

*You are invited to a
Spring Brunch
Celebrating the Women of St. Paul's
And Welcoming
Mary Jo Van Zandt
Saturday, April 4, 2009
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
2806 Windsong Place**

**Home of Kathy Jones • Sign up in the Parish Hall*

Diocesan Medical Missions

Are You Called to Join the Diocesan Medical Missions Trip to Ecuador?

Dr. Bob Thompson sent me this first hand account of the most recent diocesan Medical Missions trip to our companion diocese in Ecuador:

The group stays in Guayaquil, a sprawling city on the Guayas River near the coast. After an early breakfast and Morning Prayer, we pack our equipment and footlockers of meds into a bus and travel to one of the churches in the city or in a nearby town. The pews are moved away and we use the church as a clinic, a transformation that is always inspiring to see. There are people lined up down the street soon after we arrive. We do basic medical visits, give vitamins and parasite meds, hand out reading glasses, and bring our own medicines and have our patients' prescriptions filled on site by our pharmacists. We have some excellent interpreters, and last year had 3 Ecuadorian physicians working with us. Typically 250-300 patients will be seen daily.

I think that a major part of this ministry is simply our presence and support for the people and wonderful and committed parish clergy whom we meet. There is much to be said for the laying on of hands. The group works hard, but we have a great time. We are bonded in no time at all.

Guayaquil is the point of departure for the Galapagos and many have used as it a point of departure for post mission trips there and to Quito or Macchu Picchu.

The dates for the mission visits are Monday July 27 through Friday July 31. Most people come down on the Friday or Saturday before and leave the city on Saturday. The various

travel arrangements were very ably handled through a travel agency who coordinated everything for us and obtained good fares and rates for the group. The round trip fare last year was approx \$1000. The hotel, which was very good, approx \$60 a night as I remember. We are planning an initial meeting of all interested missionaries at Church of the Epiphany, Lebanon on Saturday, March 7 at 12:30 PM.

There is nothing like a missions trip to reignite passion for serving as Christ's hands in the world! Applications for the 2009 Diocesan Medical Missions Trip are located on the Outreach bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

McGuire's 3rd Annual

To our St. Paul's Family:

**Welcome to The McGuire's 3rd Annual
St. Patrick's Day Party**

Saturday, March 21st, 2009

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Live Irish Music and lots of food for all

2135 Lovelace Lane, Murfreesboro, TN 37130

*This year please help us fill our local Food Bank by bringing appropriate canned or packaged food.....
As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. [Proverbs 23: 7].*

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH will host a **Centering Prayer Workshop**

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Conducted by

The Reverend Tom Ward

Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee

\$35 Registration (includes lunch and materials)

Workshop Registration: On church's web site – stpaulsmboro.org

For more information contact Ronny Clemmons: tenn16@comcast.net

Don't judge Centering Prayer on the basis of how many thoughts come or how much peace you enjoy. The only way to judge this prayer is by its long-range fruits: whether in daily life you enjoy greater peace, humility, and charity. Having come to deep interior silence, you begin to relate to others beyond superficial aspects of social status, race, nationality, religion and personal characteristics. – *Open Mind, Open Heart* by Thomas Keating

MARCH 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 The 1st Sunday In Lent 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Education 5 pm Dream Group, 5 pm Xperence (Youth) 7 pm AA 	2 5:30 pm Alanon 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Pilgrimage 6:30 EFM 7 pm AA 	3 4 pm RSCM Rehearsal 6 pm Logo Meeting 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:10 p.m. OurReach Meeting 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA 	4 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Lenten Soup Suppers 7 pm AA 7:30 Choir Practice NO D-Groups/Youth during Lent	5 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Ladies Night Out 6 pm Men's Club 7 pm AA 	6 6 pm Stations of the Cross 7 pm AA 	7 8 am DOK Board Meeting 9 am Book Study "The Shack" 12 pm Bowling 7 pm AA 
8 The 2nd Sunday In Lent Day Light Savings Begins 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Education 1 pm Pinewood Derby/Scouts 5 pm Dream Group, 5 pm Xperence (Youth) 7 pm AA 	9 5:30 pm Alanon 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Parish Life Vestry Committee Meeting 6:30 Pilgrimage 6:30 EFM 7 pm AA 	10 9:30 am Fresh Start 4 pm RSCM Rehearsal 6 pm Evening Prayer 7m Bible Study 7 pm AA 	11 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Lenten Soup Suppers 7 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal NO D-Groups/Youth during Lent	12 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Stewardship 6:30 pm Scout Committee Mtg. 7 pm AA 	13 4 pm Cursillo Reunion Group 6 pm AA Potluck 6 pm Stations of the Cross 7 pm AA 	14 Women's Retreat 9 am Cursillo Team Meeting 9 am CPR Training in Nursery 9 am Book Study "The Shack" 7 pm AA
15 The 3rd Sunday In Lent Women's Retreat 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Coffee With The Clergy 9:55 am Christian Education 2 pm Women's Retreat Meeting 5 pm Dream Group, 5 pm Xperence 7 pm AA 	16 5:30 pm Alanon 6 pm Girl Scouts 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Pilgrimage 6:30 pm EFM 7 pm AA 	17 4 pm RSCM Rehearsal 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm VESTRY MEETING 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA 	18 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Lenten Soup Suppers 6:30 pm D-Groups/Youth 7 pm AA 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal NO D-Groups/Youth during Lent	19 Cursillo Weekend 11:30 am Birthday Luncheon 6 pm Evening Prayer 7 pm AA 	20 Cursillo Weekend 4 pm Cursillo Reunion Group 6 pm Parents Night Out 6 pm Stations of the Cross 7 pm AA 	21 Cursillo Weekend 8 am DOK Meeting 9 am Centering Prayer Workshop 9 am Book Study "The Shack" 2 pm St. Patrick's Party at the home of the McGuires 7 pm AA 
22 The 4th Sunday In Lent Cursillo Weekend 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Education 5 pm Dream Group, 5 pm Xperence (Youth) 7 pm AA 	23 5:30 pm Alanon 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Pilgrimage 6:30 pm EFM 7 pm AA 	24 4 pm RSCM Rehearsal 6 pm Evening Prayer 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA 	25 7 am HE 9 am Bible Study 5 pm Weight Watchers 6 pm Lenten Soup Suppers 7 pm AA 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal NO D-Groups/Youth during Lent	26 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Scout Pack/108 Meeting 6:30 pm Stephen Minister Peer Group 7 pm AA 	27 4 pm Cursillo Reunion Group 6 pm Stations of the Cross 7 pm AA 	28 9 am Book Study "The Shack" 10 am Blue and Gold 7 pm AA 7 pm AA
29 The 5th Sunday of Lent 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am HE 8:45 am Children's Church 9:55 am Christian Education 5 pm Dream Group, 5 pm Xperence (Youth) 7 pm AA 	30 5:30 pm Alanon 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm EFM 7 pm AA 	31 4 pm RSCM Rehearsal 6 pm Evening Prayer 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm AA 	Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Feb. 26 - April 10 Mondays - 6 p.m. - Evening Prayer (St. Andrew's Chapel) Tuesdays - 6 p.m. - Evening Prayer (St. Andrew's Chapel) Wednesdays - 7 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (St. Andrew's Chapel) 6 p.m. * - Lenten Soup Supper Series on the Baptismal Covenant (except April 8, St. Paul's Parish Hall) Thursdays (except April 9) - 6 p.m. - Evening Prayer (St. Andrew's Chapel) Fridays - 6 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (St. Andrew's Chapel)	Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter (April 5-12) Palm Sunday - April 5 - worship services 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m. * (Nave) Maundy Thursday - April 9 - worship service - 6 p.m. * (Nave) Good Friday - April 10 - 11:30 a.m. lunch - \$3 per person (St. Paul's Parish Hall); Noon -- Good Friday Liturgy (Nave) Holy Saturday - April 11 - 10a.m. - (Nave) Easter - April 12 - worship services 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m. * (Nave) *Nursery provided	NOTES AND REMINDERS: MARCH 8TH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS! 	



Benjamin Kropog 03/01	M.W. (Mac) McCord 03/18
Susan Tallent 03/02	James (Trevor) Tidwell 03/18
David Wilson 03/03	Ainsley Vendur 03/18
Ian Hay 03/03	Allison Burrirt 03/18
Logan Hickerson 03/04	Nadia Inscore 03/19
Ione Smith 03/04	Natarina Inscore 03/19
Steven Curtis 03/04	William (Matt) Greathouse ... 03/20
Brandon Blum 03/04	Jeffrey (Jeff) Slaney 03/22
Zane Mullins 03/05	Mary (Kate) Walrath 03/22
Deana Raffo 03/05	Callum Hay 03/22
Collier Smith 03/05	Patty Evanietz 03/23
Ethan Long 03/05	Teresa Johnson 03/23
Samuel Tipps 03/05	John Davidson 03/24
Irma Lowe 03/07	Jim Demos 03/24
Jameson Martin 03/08	Sandy Bragg 03/24
Dorothy (Dot) Jackson 03/09	William (Bill) Emory III 03/24
Jean Kinney 03/11	Dorothy (Dotty) McClung 03/25
Stephen Warren 03/11	Charles (Charlie) Goodman .. 03/25
Cami (Cami) Oravetz 03/12	Mary (Mary Jane) Young 03/25
Wayne Potter 03/14	Benjamin (Ben) Strobel 03/28
Joye (Joye) Hatfield 03/14	David Curtze 03/29
Charles Tretter 03/17	

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 April Evangel is Monday March 16, 2009. Please e-mail all information to evangel@stpaulsmboro.org.

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SPRING FORWARD!

As you go to bed on Saturday, March 7th, remember to set your clocks forward one hour.
Otherwise, you'll be EARLY for church.

March 2009



...he'll do fine

Some years before most of you were born
the mainstream protestant church to which I belonged got a new preacher.

He was moderately young and handsome and wore glasses that held heavy lenses. As a preacher and minister Harold Eggensperger was dynamite and we loved him and were happy.

Until two years later when the bishop re-assigned him to a university town.

The congregation was saddened and discouraged. Some of us vowed to quit the church and denomination. One's faith must be more profound than to be susceptible to such vacillation. Harold Eggensperger would have been the first to tell us that it is Jesus to whom we must be loyal and follow.

Last month St. Paul's observed the new ministry of Fr. Polk Van Zandt, latest in a procession of fine men and women to grace our pulpit and lives. But Christian salvation and rewards are not to be found in Polk, but in our hearts where Christ seeks his earthly home.

As for Polk, his job is only to point the way and he'll do fine.