



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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## Pilgrimage Begins September 21

Our faith exploration program for adults, called Pilgrimage, will begin Monday evening, September 21, 2009. It will continue for a total of eight consecutive Monday evenings. Each session will start at 6:30 and end at 8:00; child care is provided as needed.

Pilgrimage offers an environment of trust and shared ideas in small group settings. We will provide to each Pilgrim and Sponsor the book "Welcome to the Episcopal Church" as the basis for some of our discussions.

Some of the topics covered will include the history of the Episcopal Church, Christian/Anglican culture, Hebrew scripture, New Testament, our Prayer Book, and why we do the things we do.

Preparation for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church was the original intent of Pilgrimage. But many have participated, through the years, just for the experience and the opportunity to explore their faith.

Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and on the table in the Narthex. If interested, please fill one out and place it in the Pilgrimage mail box in the Parish Hall, or you may give it to a Greeter at the Welcome Table.

Remember, too, we need a sponsor for each Pilgrim. If you have been through Pilgrimage, please consider this ministry. Sponsors should also fill out a registration form.

With questions, please contact Joyce Adkins, 631-2869, or [joyce1010@bellsouth.net](mailto:joyce1010@bellsouth.net)

## CURSILLO #67 October 22-25, 2009

Currently we have nine fellow parishioners who have agreed to attend the upcoming Cursillo weekend, October 22-25. Thanks be to God. Nine people to add to the 200+ from St. Paul's who have experienced Cursillo first-hand.

We have survived a huge transition period at St. Paul's over the past three years or so. In many areas, we have even thrived during the adjustment from a long-time priest, to priest-in-charge, to new rector. At least part of that health and vitality come from lessons learned and lived at Cursillo.

## *Christian Ed Kickoff Sunday, September 13th*

On September 13th (Christian Ed Kickoff Sunday) we are going to be blessing all the children in school and all teachers (not just those who teach on Sunday at St. Paul's).

On Sunday, Sept. 13th all of the students and teachers of St. Paul's are invited to receive a public blessing. This invitation includes all who teach; either at St. Paul's or in the wider community. The children will receive a blessing at the 8:45 service

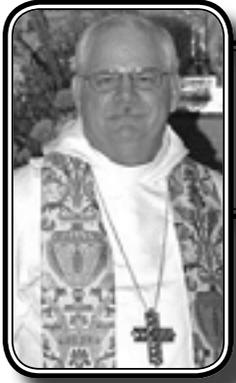
while the blessing of our teachers will occur at both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. We invite all the children to bring their backpacks and school supplies which will be blessed as well. God has blessed St. Paul's with a rich community of students and teachers. Please join us in lifting up prayers for them as they begin a new school year.

*Colin+*

# THE E V A N G E L

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# From Polk+

## *Being a Steward of the Lord God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth*

The definition of a steward is one who manages another's property, finances, or other affairs.

Embracing our role as God's stewards is the single most important response we can make to His outpouring of love and grace. Why?

First, we have been given much. The relationship within a family or between friends or within a faith community requires that we understand that we don't own each other. Rather we have been given each other to love, honor, uphold, nurture, respect, cherish, and support. This is fundamental to being a faithful steward, a caretaker of what belongs to another.

Second, we constantly struggle with being consumed by things. We tend to accumulate a lot of things – just look around you!. Embracing stewardship means letting go of the concept of owning. To quote Richard Foster, a teacher of simplicity, “we need to learn to enjoy things without owning them.” Teaching this to our children means that when they grow up they can enjoy a visit to the mountains without feeling they have to own a mountain cabin. And they can enjoy friendship and love without the desire to own another.

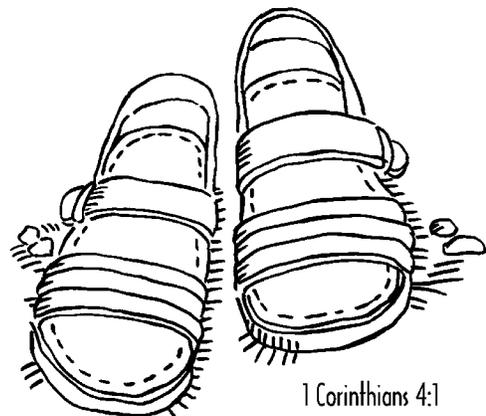
Third is the issue of control. There is a direct relationship between giving and controlling. The more we give the less we control. Mary Jo and I have chosen the 10% tithe as our standard of giving. We give freely, willingly, with no strings attached. It is out of our control. This means that we trust God to be in control, not us.

Finally there is the remaining 90%. We believe that ALL that we have belongs to God. We believe that as we grow in faithfulness to what God the Lord has placed in our care, more will be given to us. The more we receive is not things to own, but fruits to obtain, “love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness,” in short, the fruits of the Spirit.

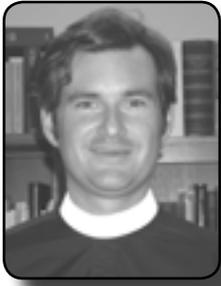
My prayer is that when the master returns, who has entrusted us with His property, He will say, “well done good and faithful stewards, enter into the joy of your master” (Matthew 25:21).

*Polk+*

Let a man so account of us,  
as of the ministers of Christ,  
and stewards of the  
mysteries of God.



1 Corinthians 4:1



## *One of my great joys in the past month has been experiencing our shared worship.*

Meditating on the beauty of St. Paul's liturgical worship I was reminded of a quote from the twentieth century theologian Louis Bouyer. "It is as though the liturgy alone knows the full meaning of this notion impenetrable to reason. In any event, the liturgy alone is able to transmit it and teach it...that religious trembling, that interior vertigo before the Pure, the Inaccessible, the wholly Other, and at the same time that sense of an invisible presence, the attraction of a love so infinite and yet so personal that, having tasted it, we know that only it surpasses all that we still call love: only the liturgy can communicate the unique and incommunicable experience of all this...In it, this experience somehow flows from every element – the words, the gestures, the lights, the perfume that fills the temple, as in the vision of Isaiah – coming from what is behind all this and yet not simply all this, but which communicates this, in the same way that the striking expression of a face permits us in an instant to discover a soul, without knowing how."

I am sure many of us can relate to these words. One of the great riches of the Episcopal Church is the commitment to our liturgical heritage. The symbols of our shared worship help us to meet and experience our Lord; the symbols of our shared worship direct and facilitate our spiritual growth. But our liturgical worship is not symbolic only because it contains symbolic depictions. At a deeper level our worship is symbolic because God's creation is symbolic. All of God's creation is meant to be a symbol pointing to its Creator. And it is the Church's task in the world to realize this symbol; to witness to the purpose and promise of God's creation to a world that no longer directs itself to God, but is directed inward to itself.

One of the symbolic actions I have recently been asked about is my orientation during the opening collects on Sunday morning. Often, during these opening prayers, I will face the congregation and proclaim the salutation, "Blessed Be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit" - to which the congregation responds, "And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever amen." At this point I turn to face the altar as we all pray the collect for purity (Almighty God, to you all hearts are open...) and sing the Gloria (Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth...). Following the Gloria I turn back and address the congregation: "The Lord be with you." The congregation responds: "And also with you" - to which I answer: "Let us pray." I then turn back towards the altar and

we pray together the collect (or prayer) for that specific day. Following this shared prayer I bow to the altar and take my seat for the readings.

Every priest will perform communal liturgy somewhat differently and because this liturgical act is new to St. Paul's I would like to explain the reason why I turn to the altar for these prayers. This explanation is not intended to be an argument for the correct way; just an explanation of the meaning I find in facing the altar for these prayers. The reason why I do this, and the reason why the Church has historically faced the altar for these prayers, is to remind us (including me) who the opening prayers are directed towards. Now, we know that we can pray everywhere and God is accessible to us everywhere. God is not to be found in one particular place or in one particular direction. And more importantly, we know that God has sent His spirit in the hearts of His people. God is amongst us and in us. Again, we do not have to pray in one direction to encounter our God.

But in our symbolic liturgy, space is symbolic. And because the fall of man is understood as our turning away from God and toward ourselves, the Church has always sought to portray an outward posture toward the Lord. The Church has recognized that worship can easily denigrate into a self-celebration of the community. To protect us from this tendency the Church has had the celebrant turn in such a manner that the celebrant and congregation have a common orientation to the Lord. The celebrant and congregation stand as one body presenting their prayers to God; to a God who has come to us and revealed Himself to us. As one writer states, "Just as God assumed a body and entered the time and space of this world, so it is appropriate in our prayer – at least in our communal liturgical prayer - that our speaking to God should be incarnational [and directed to the God who meets us.]" Thus, for me, it is a powerful experience to symbolically turn to God with the congregation as we raise our opening prayers of worship to Lord together with a shared orientation.

I recognize that liturgy evokes a great amount of emotion; and returning to Louis Bouyer's quotation we should understand why. As a priest I take seriously my responsibility to preside at the liturgy with care and humility; ensuring that all is in order but recognizing that the celebrant does not make God's presence real. While leading the

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## SENIOR WARDEN

The year is slipping away! Kids are back in school, many of us have sent children off to college for the first time, and the fall routine is back in gear. Christian Education is resuming for adults and children at St. Paul's, and promises to offer excellent programs to help deepen our faith walk. I urge you to participate!

Supper clubs have begun – a great way to meet new people from different services; the Progressive dinner is scheduled in November, as is the Outreach Ministry Fair, and on it goes. Advent is practically around the corner! Please mark your calendars now for Sunday December 6; we will have the Annual Meeting in December this year instead of in January so the new Vestry can really hit the ground running!

With all of this looms stewardship for St. Paul's. This year we will be trying a "new thing" and will not have the Consecration Sunday program many have been accustomed to for the last several years. Later this month we will be receiving a letter discussing stewardship and how each of us can be an integral part of this important component of our fellowship with Christ.

The August 21 message in Forward Day by Day speaks more eloquently than I could to the subject when the

writer asks, "From what do you give to God, from your abundance or from your all? While it is easier to give from one's abundance, after the bills are paid, the groceries are bought and the vacation is planned... Giving from one's all means giving FIRST. It is an act of faith...about understanding that everything we have, everything we use to make our livelihood – our minds, our strength, the materials, even the time we have to work – is a gift from God. Giving from one's all keeps things in perspective. It saves us from the deceiving promise of idols which cannot and will not save us all."

Your Vestry has fashioned a stewardship statement which will soon be posted in the Narthex. I urge you to read and consider what we have developed as our own commitment as you prayerfully consider this sacrament of giving back to God what is already His to begin with. Exciting things are happening at St. Paul's – attendance is up, new faces appearing every week, and the spirit is contagious! Stewardship is just one more way of putting our faith to work in a tangible way.

Thanks be to God!

Marcie

## Calling all Choristers!

*The Choristers will resume on Tuesday, September 1st.*

Welcome back from Summer Break. I am sure the returning Choristers are anxious to get to work on the many exciting things we have to offer this season, and the new and future choristers will be excited to meet new friends and get to work! The St. Paul's Choristers program is open to all children from the ages of 6 to 14 or 15...whenever their voices change into puberty. Choristers need to be able to sit respectfully and quietly during rehearsal and service and it is preferable if they are already reading words, not necessarily music. The Children will be taught the principles of The Royal School of Church Music by Aimee Spurlock, MM, RSCM.

The Royal School has a long lasting

tradition of teaching youngsters the spirituality of singing, the mechanics of singing, music theory and theology all wrapped up into one hour a week on Tuesdays at 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The Choristers will sing on major feast days throughout the year and be asked to do some appearances within the community. Choristers, parents, or grandparents will be asked to fill out a registration form (found in the bulletin). Please sign up promptly so that we may plan for those first days accordingly. Choristers do not have to be members of St. Paul's to join. We will take any children from surrounding churches, Episcopal or not, only a love for singing and joy in the Lord are our only prerequisites.



...to worship God and to bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ...

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a ministry for children ages 3-12 (through 6th grade) to help the child live out the parish's mission statement ... to worship God and bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. The Philosophy of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is that children have a religious life, that God is present to them in their deepest being, and they are capable of developing both a conscious and intimate relationship with God. We provide guidance and vocabulary to enable them to become aware of their relationship with God and to express it.

The Christian Ed rooms are transformed into prepared environments called Atria intended to invite the children to explore and nurture their own experiences. The atrium is a place for religious life, not a classroom for instruction. The teacher is called a catechist and presents lessons of the parables of Jesus, the historical events of His life, and the elements of our liturgy. The lessons reveal the characteristics of God which are most appealing to the children at various developmental stages and are scheduled in rhythm with the church year. Class time is structured to offer a time of prayer and song, a time for the lesson and a time for individual work by the child. The work of the child is their prayer and is a most important part of the class.

In the atrium, prayer is the work of the child. The prayer table is the focal point of the room; the materials describing the life of Christ surround the prayer table. The lessons give the child's prayer the necessary nourishment: knowledge of God's word

and His great deeds, expressed through scripture and liturgy. The youngest children are lead in a prayer service by the catechists; the 6-9 year old children assist the catechist in planning the prayer service; the 9-12 year old children plan and lead the prayer service in their atrium.

As catechists, our task is to complement the work begun by the parents. We ask ourselves, what can we do through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to help the parents nourish their children's faith even more? The mission statement of the parish guides our response... to worship God and bring all into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Classes begin Sept. 13, 9:55-10:55.**

Room assignments:

**Age 3** (by October 1, 2009):

Good Shepherd Atrium, behind Parish Hall

**Age 4** (by October 1, 2009) - Kindergarten:

Mustard Seed Atrium, behind Parish Hall

**1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades:**

True Vine Atrium, St. Margaret's Hall

**4th, 5th, and 6th grades:**

Plan of God Atrium, St. Margaret's Hall

**Contact:** Rebecca Potts, [rebeccapotts@bellsouth.net](mailto:rebeccapotts@bellsouth.net)  
or

895-1350 or Libby Willis, [willis2010@bellsouth.net](mailto:willis2010@bellsouth.net) or  
898-0317

## Women's Retreat April, 2010

April, 2010 may seem far away -- but the way time flies, it will be here before you know it. Yes, in a little over six months, the ladies of St. Paul's will make the trek to the Du-bose Conference Center in Monteagle for an opportunity to celebrate God and their many gifts, and to uplift their lives. The ladies attending this past spring will verify how joyful and re-ignited they felt when they returned home.

So, ladies, make a note of these dates: April 9, 10, and 11, for an experience you won't want to miss.



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prayers, the celebrant's real role is to keep "out of the way," so that the celebrant does not obstruct God's working. As a new priest, and as one new to St. Paul's, I invite your comments on this liturgical practice. My goal is to help the community of St. Paul's to encounter the Lord in our worship – or as Dostoevsky wrote, to "touch other worlds." I look forward to receiving your help and assistance in this task. As I wrote at the beginning, one of my great joys at St. Paul's is our common worship together. I look forward to these shared times in the months and years ahead.

— Colin

## Funeral Meal Ministry Forming

A ministry to provide a family meal before or after a funeral to St. Paul's families is forming. We are looking for groups---like the Choir, Men's Club, Parents Group, Ushers, for example---or individual volunteers----to help in this important ministry.

When families are grieving, it means so much to have church friends assist with providing a meal for the extended family before or after the funeral and helping organize the kitchen the day of the funeral. We envision forming teams that would each be responsible for one to two calendar months and the funerals that occur during those months. Polk will coordinate with the family directly and let us know the family's wishes.

### *Possible tasks include:*

- Preparing a lunch or dinner for the family prior to or following the funeral service
- Staying at the family home during the funeral service
- Staffing and organizing the kitchen before the family meal

It is not necessary to enjoy cooking to participate in this ministry. If you, or a St. Paul's group you are affiliated with, would like to participate, please call Kathleen Herzog at 907-8542 or email at kbherzog@bellsouth.net. We will need a point person for each monthly team who would help coordinate the food and staffing as necessary. Thank you!

- "I cannot imagine how the clockwork of the universe can exist without a clockmaker." — Voltaire
- "Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders."

## EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY COOKS NEEDED!

Believe it or not, classes have started at MTSU! And after a brief hiatus, St. Paul's is resuming its campus ministry to students. St. Paul's Episcopal Campus Ministry has traditionally offered home cooked meals to college students and other young adults as part of their weekly gathering for fellowship and worship. If you are able to help provide one or more meals for the fall semester, please sign up for a date that fits your schedule. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Cooks may team up to provided a meal, making this a great ministry opportunity for families, reunion groups, and other small groups. Plan to feed 15-20 people, set up the parish hall for the meal, and clean up afterwards. The students will gather at 7:00 PM, followed by dinner at 7:15 PM. Following the meal a discussion will ensue concerning a question submitted by the students. The evening will end with a traditional sung liturgy in St. Margaret's Chapel. Cooks are welcome and encouraged to join the ECM group for the meal and activities. You will receive a reminder the week before your scheduled meal. Please email Tennille McVetty at [tennille.mcvetty@gmail.com](mailto:tennille.mcvetty@gmail.com) with any questions. As always, thank you for your willingness to serve!

## *Travel to the Holy Land*

### **...and also spend a day at Petra, Jordan.**

Janelee and I hope that you will join us for a wonderful pilgrimage to the Holy Land including a day's visit to Petra, Jordan.

We will travel to Amman on January 24, 2010. It will be a pilgrimage, tour, an exciting time and a lot of fun. Scripture will come alive when we share it in its geographical context.

There are brochures and information material posted on the fellowship bulletin board on the north wall of the parish hall. We can travel together with a group of 12 to 40 folks.

Sunday a person who had made our first pilgrimage in 1996 stated that her pilgrimage was truly a life changing experience – well, it was for me too.

We'd love to have you travel with us.

God bless,  
Gene Wise

## ATTENTION GOLFERS

Calling all parishioners who enjoy an occasional walk in the park to hit the little white ball at scattered targets... we are please to invite you to our eleventh gathering some might call a tournament!

**Date:** Saturday, September 26nd  
**Time:** Registration, 11:30am  
 Tee Times, 1pm Shotgun Start  
**Place:** Champions Run Golf Club  
**Cost:** \$50 per player- Check payable to St. Paul's on site  
**Deadline:** Sunday, September 20th

We would ask for one additional condition of you with your registration, and that would be to donate a door prize for the raffle afterward if possible. For those who have participated in previous years, this portion of the day has been one of the highlights! We have already received many donations from many area businesses, and for that, we are most thankful!

The Sign-up Sheet is in the Parish Hall. We need your average score or handicap. You may also call Mike Becker at 890-5253 or email Mike, becker2@bellsouth.net.

All golfers, men and women of all skill levels are welcome. We will be using a scramble format with 4-man teams with everyone getting a chance to contribute. Our purpose is to have fun, meet new friends, score well, and not get hurt!

After the action, we will gather in the clubhouse for fellowship, along with telling tall tales from the day's event! Awards will be given to remember the good, the bad, and the ugly! Call Mike Becker for details at 890-5253 or 294-8147.

## Thank You

Dear Ms. Cash, (Pidge)

Please express our gratitude to the Outreach Committee and the rest of the membership of St. Paul's for the very generous donation to Community Helpers. It comes at a time of growing need in Rutherford County.

We are also thankful for the wise counsel of Dr. Richard Detmer who has served on our Board for several years.

Sincerely, Sandra, Peggy, and Sharon  
 Community Helpers

## Contribution Statements

Contribution statements will not be mailed out for the 2nd quarter of 2009. The third quarter statements will be mailed out in October.

## ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

The 19th annual Adventures in Learning program will be held at First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro on the following Monday mornings: Sept. 14, 21, 28, and Oct. 5. It is designed for persons 50 and older who are interested in lifelong learning and personal growth. Seven classes will be offered in each of two class periods. The cost is \$8 for the entire program until Sept. 2, and \$10 if you register after that. Advance registration is requested. The classes are followed by an optional lunch, which is \$8 per session, and a short forum presentation.

Brochures, which include registration forms, are available at the church on the bulletin board, Linebaugh Library and the Senior Citizens Center. Classes include topics about history, geopolitical issues, advanced beginner bridge, demonstration of technological gadgets, genealogical know how, book reviews, literary presentations, changing neighborhoods, music, a look at recreational opportunities and self discovery. Please call Emily Messier (273-2472) for more information

## Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is committed to helping meet the basic needs (food, shelter, and medical care) of our community. Many social service and faith based agencies in Murfreesboro respond to the needs of our less fortunate citizens; most of these agencies have seen dramatic funding cuts in the past few years. The St. Paul's Vestry charged the Outreach Committee with dispersing \$10,000 to agencies within Murfreesboro.

The following criteria were developed by the Committee for funds dispersal:

- 1.) agency budget shortfall
- 2.) collaborative nature of organization
- 3.) perceived community needs
- 4.) limited access to funding outside Rutherford County

With these guidelines the Committee reviewed all the agencies who attended last fall's Outreach Fair and recommended to the Vestry that Community Helpers, Primary Care and Hope Clinic, Greenhouse Ministries, The Journey Home and the Family Resource Center each receive \$2,000 from this year's Outreach budget line item.

The Outreach Committee welcomes ideas from the congregation. If you have suggestions for ways in which we can serve our community, please contact Pidge Cash, Ron Messier, or any other member of our very dedicated Outreach Committee.

# St. Paul's Student Ministries

**www.stpaulsyouthonline.com**

Here's what's happening this fall with St. Paul's Student Ministries...

On Sunday nights...



Xperience is a worship gathering, designed for you and your friends, that attempts to shatter the stereotype that some have that says church is boring! At each Xperience, we will meet at 5:00 to hang out and play games. At 5:30 we will eat a meal together (please bring \$3 each week for the meal) followed by a service filled with exciting worship and relevant teaching!

Xperience is perfect for your friends that your trying to introduce to church!

## DESTINATION: UNKNOWN

Approximately one Sunday night each month, from 5:00 to 7:00 (in place of Xperience), we will head to an "unknown" destination for an "unknown" fun activity.

Each month will be something different.

What could it be this month?

...a scavenger hunt at Wal-Mart?

...ultimate Frisbee at the park?

...a shark dive in Mexico?

Who knows?

...guess you'll just have to come to find out!

(be sure and check at [www.stpaulsyouthonline.com](http://www.stpaulsyouthonline.com) to see when "Destination: Unknown" is each month and to see what you will need to bring for the upcoming "Destination: Unknown")

On Wednesday nights...

*D-groups*

Tired of a surface level faith? Wanting to go deeper?

If so, then D-groups are for you!

D-groups are small groups of students that meet with a caring adult to dive into scripture, to wrestle with faith-challenging questions, to deal with issues that you face everyday, to lean on each other, to "go deeper"!!! This fall, D-groups are journeying together through the book called *Crazy Love*, a faith-challenging, thought provoking book about love.

### Upcoming Events

Mission: Murfreesboro—Service Project - Saturday, September 19th

Fall Retreat - November 6th - 8th

**www.stpaulsyouthonline.com**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KICKOFF COOKOUT



**Friday, Sept. 11th**

**Time: 5:30 – 8:30 PM**

You won't want to miss the fourth annual Christian Education Cookout on September 11th. In addition to being an opportunity for you and your family to meet and connect with other families at St. Paul's, it may be the only chance you get to soak Polk and Colin (among others) in the water dunking booth! We'll provide the main dish and drinks. Please bring lawn chairs for your family and a side dish or desert to share. Children are invited to bring bikes to ride in the roped-off parking lot. We will also have the basketball goal ready for a pick-up game, an inflatable bounce house for the young-at-heart and live music by Jacob Courtney. Please come out and be ready for a great time!

*If you are willing to help setup, cleanup, or work the grill  
please let us know in the office—893-3780*

# September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><b>Reminders:</b>  <b>Sept. 7th, Labor Day/Office Closed</b>  <b>Sept. 11th, Parent Group Kickoff</b>  <b>Sept. 13th, Kickoff Sunday</b>  <b>Sept. 15th, Evangel Deadline</b>                      (email to Joyce Adkins, joyce1010@bellsouth.net and Mark Jackson, mwj03@comcast.net)  <b>Sept. 15th @ 4pm Children's Choir Rehearsal</b></p>	<p><b>7 LABOR DAY/OFFICE CLOSED</b>                      NO EIM                      6 pm Girl Scouts                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>1</b>                      10 am Diaconate Steering Meeting                      5:30 pm Big Book Study                      6 pm Centering Prayer Group                      6:30 pm Scouts/Wolf Den                      7 pm Bible Study                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group                      7 am HE                      9 am Bible Study                      5 pm Weight Watchers                      5:30 pm HE                      6 pm Outreach Meeting                      7 pm AA                      7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal                      8 pm Campus Ministry Group Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      6 pm Ladies Night Out                      6 pm Men's Club                      7:30 pm Stewardship Meeting                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      7 pm AA</p>	
<p><b>6</b>  <b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>                      7:30, 8:45 &amp; 11:00 am HE                      8:45 am Children's Church                      9:55 am Christian Education                      5 pm Dream Group                      7pm AA</p>	<p><b>7 LABOR DAY/OFFICE CLOSED</b>                      NO EIM                      6 pm Girl Scouts                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      9:30 a.m Fresh Start/Off Campus                      5:30 pm Big Book Study                      6 pm Centering Prayer Group                      6:30 pm Scouts/Weeblos                      7 pm Bible Study                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>9</b>                      6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group                      7 am HE                      9 am Bible Study                      5 pm Weight Watchers                      5:30 pm HE                      7 pm AA                      7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal                      8 pm Campus Ministry Group Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      6:30 pm Scout Committee Meeting                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      3 pm DOK Set-Up for Fall Assembly                      5:30 pm Christian Ed Kickoff/Cookout                      6 pm AA Potluck/Meeting</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      9 am Diocesan Fall Assembly                      9 am Cursillo Commission Meeting                      7 pm AA</p>	
<p><b>13 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Fall Kickoff Sunday</b>                      7:30, 8:45 &amp; 11:00 am HE                      8:45 am Children's Church                      9:55 am Christian Education                      2 pm Sing Shout &amp; Raise the Roof/First Baptist                      5 pm Dream Group                      5 pm Xperience                      6 pm Young Adult Ministry 7pm AA</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      6 pm Parish Life-Vestry Committee                      6:30 Efm                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      4 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal                      5:30 pm Big Book Study  <b>6 pm Vestry Meeting</b>                      6 pm Centering Prayer Group                      6:30 pm Scouts/Wolf Den                      7 pm Bible Study                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group                      7 am HE                      9 am Bible Study                      5 pm Weight Watchers                      5:30 pm HE                      6:30 pm D-Groups/Youth                      7 pm AA                      7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal                      8 pm Campus Ministry Group Meeting</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      6:30 pm Scouts/Tiger Den                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      6 pm Parent's Night Out                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>19 Youth Service Project</b>                      Mission—M'boro                      7 pm AA</p>	
<p><b>20</b>  <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Stewardship Campaign</b>                      7:30, 8:45 &amp; 11:00 am HE                      8:45 am Children's Church                      9:55 am Christian Education                      9:55 am Coffee with the Clergy                      1 pm Xperience                      5 pm Dream Group                      7pm AA</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      6 pm Girl Scouts                      6:30 Efm                      6:30 Pilgrimage                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      4 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal                      5:30 pm Big Book Study                      6 pm Centering Prayer Group                      6:30 Scouts/Weeblos                      7 pm Bible Study                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group                      7 am HE                      9 am Bible Study                      5 pm Weight Watchers                      5:30 pm HE                      6:30 pm D-Groups/Youth                      7 pm AA                      7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal                      8 pm Campus Ministry Group Meeting</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      6:30 pm Scout Pack/108 Meeting                      6:30 pm Stephen Minister Peer Group                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      Golf Tournament                      7 pm AA</p>	
<p><b>27</b>  <b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>                      7:30, 8:45 &amp; 11:00 am HE                      w/Baptism at 11:00 am                      8:45 am Children's Church                      9:55 am Christian Education                      5 pm Dream Group                      5 pm Destination: Unknown/Youth 7pm AA</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      6:30 Efm                      6:30 Pilgrimage                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      4 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal                      5:30 pm Big Book Study                      6 pm Centering Prayer Group                      7 pm Bible Study                      7 pm AA</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      6:30 am Cursillo Reunion Group                      7 am HE                      9 am Bible Study                      5 pm Weight Watchers                      5:30 pm HE                      6:30 pm D-Groups/Youth                      7 pm AA                      7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal                      8 pm Campus Ministry Group Meeting</p>	<p><b>HAPPY FALL!</b></p> 			



Shirley Ikard ..... 09/01	Claire Davis ..... 09/15
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Stephen Smith ..... 09/13	William Waggoner III ..... 09/30
Sandra Clemmons ..... 09/14	Kristi Hay ..... 09/30
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# ULTREYA

*Ultreya, a gathering of Christian Friends,*  
Thursday evening, September 17, at the home of  
Polk and Mary Jo Van Zandt. — *Watch for more details.*

*September 2009*



*by Hank Haines*

Laugh not loud, or not at all without occasion.

When you speak of God and his attributes let it be serious, in reverence.

Speak not evil of the absent for it is unjust.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little celestial fire called conscience.

Let your recreations be manful, not sinful

*--Excerpts from George Washington's Rule of Conduct.*

For an eighteenth century man, the Father of Our Country was kind and courteous, at least in his writings and probably personally.

His list of suggestions for moral conduct go on a bit. They may be read by Googling Washington's Rules of Conduct.

*Admirable though they are, to some, this brings to mind 1 Corinthians 13, part of which reads:*

I may speak in tongues of men or of angels, but if I am without love I am like a sounding gong, or a clanging symbol . . . if I have no love, I am none the better. . .

Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one . . . there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance.

Jesus tells us to love our neighbor. Following that rule the niceties of behavior fall in place.