

# The Epistle

## August 2010

The Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

### Rector's Reflections



A parishioner sent me a note thanking me for reminding her, in one of my recent sermons, about God's call to those of us who have been Baptized into the Body of Christ to be evangelists, that is, to be the bearers of the Good News of God in Jesus Christ to those who do not yet know it. She further challenged me to "teach us how to evangelize our neighbors...I need to be challenged to step beyond my comfort zone..." While not claiming to be an expert on this subject and acknowledging the limited space in a reflection of this type I would like to offer three brief observations to ponder about the evangelistic endeavor.

First, like all Christians, an evangelist's life should be unencumbered by the things of this world. It was Jesus himself who said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...No one can serve two masters...You cannot serve God and mammon...Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matt. 6:19-33). The writer of Proverbs observed rightly saying, "...the borrower is slave to the lender" (Prov. 22:7b). As followers of Christ we must be free of worldly ties so we can respond with open hands and heart to God's call to us. *Financial Peace University*, being offered on Thursdays for 13 weeks beginning Sept. 9, will teach you to get control of your finances and know what God's Word teaches about stewardship so that you are free to serve God and respond to the Spirit's call on your life. Prayerfully consider participating in this potentially life changing program (see article on page 7).

Secondly, a believer and evangelist must "Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you..." (I Peter 3:15). This necessarily requires that you know Christ personally, that you know that he "died for your sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit" (I Peter 3:18-19). We come to know and comprehend this truth in our lives as we are faithful in corporate and personal worship and prayer, participate in Christian formation opportunities (see Rally Day, page 5) and read our Bibles daily. You cannot share what you do not know and have.

Finally, we must make ourselves available to those people outside and inside the four walls of the church who are searching for Good News, peace and wholeness in their lives. Following is a poem by the late Episcopal Priest, Christian apologist and Evangelist Samuel Shoemaker (1893-1963) who was credited by Bill Wilson as the spiritual founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. Shoemaker's poem, *I Stand at the Door*, (reprinted on page 6), with its image of evangelist as "door-keeper," standing, "Near enough to God to hear Him and know He is there, But not so far from men as not to hear them, And remember they are there too" has given me a focus and vision that has animated and inspired my ministry, fast approaching 25 years. I invite you to read and reflect on what God might be calling you, a fellow baptized member of the Body of Christ, to do and be as an Ambassador of Christ and evangelist in and to the world.

Peace,  
John+

# ✠ Parish News

## August Outreach

**Boys and Girls Club of Beaufort** is our outreach project for August. The Beaufort Unit opened in September, 1997 and was the first club in the Carteret County/Craven County area. From this first club the Boys & Girls Club of Carteret County was able to add Clubs in Havelock, Morehead City and school based sites at Bogue Sound Elementary, which today makes up the Boys & Girls Clubs Of Coastal Carolina.

BGCCC strongly believes in the valuable role that volunteers play in transforming the lives of their members. As little as one hour per week is all it takes to have a positive impact on a child's life. Volunteers can get involved through event committees or by joining our Advisory Board. Every Club offers volunteer opportunities for adults to work directly with youth as mentors and tutors in education, technology, the arts and athletics, and by providing career guidance, internships and college preparation support. They also welcome corporations seeking one day, project-based volunteer opportunities.

BGCCC is very serious about their responsibility for the youth in their care. They are proud of their excellent reputation as a safe haven for youth, a reputation that has been earned through more than 10 years of effective service to hundreds of thousands of children and their families in the Coastal Carolina area. BGCCC has been a leader in adopting significant and proactive child protection guidelines and processes. Therefore, all volunteers must undergo a thorough screening process that includes a Volunteer Application, Two Reference Letters and a Background Check. For questions, contact Leisa Smith at (252) 222-3007 or [Leisa@bgccc.net](mailto:Leisa@bgccc.net). Because they understand the importance of stable relationships with adult role models, they also encourage a minimum commitment of one hour per week for 12 weeks.

In order to operate the Boys & Girls Clubs of Coastal Carolina, which allows them to serve 275-300 children a day, 241 days out of the year, it takes a whole lot! They couldn't do it without individual gifts, businesses, foundations, grants and fund raisers. All of which, they are extremely grateful!

There are outreach envelopes in the back of the church for your convenience. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Church and write "outreach" on the memo line of your check. You may mail your donation to the church office or drop it in the plate during the service.

### Attention Anglers!

The Fin-Addicts fishing club will meet **Tues., August 10** at 7 pm in the Parish hall. All fisherman or fisherwomen are welcome to join. Call Larry Becker for details. Home-728-3177 cell-241-5522

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Group will be taking a break during the summer. There will **NOT** be a meeting in August. The group will resume on Thursday, Sept. 16

### Grief Support

Grief support is available at St. Paul's on the third Thursday of the month at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. This month that date is **August 19**.

### Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic is being hosted by Bill and Helen Rawls and will be held at their home from **4:00-7:30 on August 22**. Dinner will be at 5:00PM and all food is being provided. Boating, canoeing, and swimming will be available. Bring your lawn chairs and your appetite (and an umbrella if rain threatens). We will have Evening Prayer at 7:00PM. If you are interested in attending please sign up in the Parish Hall with the number of people in your party. Please join us for some family fun and summer fellowship!

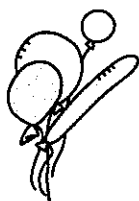


# IFY II

## August Birthdays

1	Dick deButts	17	Chrissy Brooks
	Pinky Porter		Carol Bullock
	Frank Hauman	18	Ike O'Neal
2	Nicholas Lee		Jeff Vinton
4	Judy Mercer	19	Bonita Banks
	Brent James	21	Tom Bulla
	Ward King	22	Scott Brandt
6	Paul Head	23	Barbara Nicholson
	Destiny Fulcher		Larry Becker
9	Duncan Englehardt		Martha da Silva
	Bill Schaaf	24	Grace Deely
	Susan Smitherman		Bernie Waldenmaier
10	Ashley Henry	27	Carol Willis
	Pennylyoyd Baldrige		Jane Hahn
	Ed Wheatly		Ed Nelson
11	Bedford Smith		Robertta Brown
13	Betty Goodwin	29	Dot Nelson
14	Charles Laughridge		Julia Sebes
15	Reg Adams	31	Anne Eastman
16	Lewis Bryan		
	Grey Sabiston		
	Gary Mercer		
	Peggy Stallworth		

If you don't see your name listed under your birthday month, then the church office doesn't have it. Please call the church office with the information. Episcopal records require your **WHOLE** birth date...but it can be kept confidential at your request.



### Yard Maintenance Crew

We will have a clean up day August 7. Due to the heat, we will meet the at 7:30am. Please bring gloves and tools that will make this project easier

Thanks for all your help,  
Warren Brinkley



### Coffee Time for August

**August 1**—(9am) Breakfast

The Gardner, Pake, and Gross Families

**August 8**—(10am) Hope Montgomery, Sallie Moore, Menzette Chadwick

**August 15**—(10am) TBA

**August 22**—NO COFFEE TIME

Parish Picnic at Bill & Helen Rawls

**August 29**—(10am) Mary Duane Hale

## AUGUST

### Flowers for August

**August 1**—Richard & Elaine Barber

**August 8**—Gilbert & Pat Potter/

Charles & Tricia Phillips

**August 15**—Doris King

**August 22**—Eula Parkin

**August 29**—Len & Jack Gilstrap/Dolores Meelheim



### Altar Chair for August

Sandra Howarth

### August Altar Guild

Brenda Chadwick, Mary Lou Hill,  
Madeleine Schaw, Carol Willis

### Please keep these sick, suffering & recovering in your prayers:

Martha da Silva, Ginny Becker, John Mease, Evelyn Sewell, Gertrude & Tex Cavett, Rick Meelheim, Eula Parkin, Doris King, Kay Salter, Walt Schaw, and Dan Curtin.

### As well as our service men and women especially

Jeremy Brandt, Thomas Irwin, Brian Mead, Travis Guidt, Chris Wilson, Anthony Martin, and Steven Herod.

### Continental Breakfast

On Sunday, August 1 we will have Breakfast following the 8am service at approximately 9:00am. The breakfast will be hosted by the Gardner, Pakes, and Gross families and is a great opportunity for 8am & 10am members to fellowship. There will not be Coffee Time following the 10am service.

# Thanks and Blessings

Dear John,

I wanted you to have a picture of me holding your sponsor signage from the 7th Annual **YouthQuake Golf Tournament** held May 6 at Cobblestone Golf Course in Acworth, GA. (See bulletin board in Parish Hall.) This year the tournament raised in excess of \$22,000 to help underwrite the youth ministry expenses for YouthQuake 2010. As you know, YouthQuake is a place where students encounter the living God and lives are changed.

We had 51 sponsors from all parts of the country. As far away as Seattle, WA and San Diego, CA, as well as all points in between. It is heartening to have so many individuals and churches contribute to this very worthwhile event. Please accept this letter and receipt acknowledging your gift to this ministry of \$500.

On behalf of the students that have attended in years past and for those who will join us in January next year I want to thank you. I appreciate your generosity and faithfulness in support of ACTS 29 Ministries and we will continue to be "good stewards" of your contribution. **See you again next year, Alan W. Hansen**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for St. Paul's Episcopal Church's generous contribution of \$500 to **Episcopal Relief & Development**. Your gift was designated for the Global Needs Fund, which allows us to direct help where it is needed the most. All of our programs address one or more of the Millennium Development Goals, fighting poverty and disease worldwide.

Your generosity allows us to save lives and transform communities around the world. In partnership with the worldwide Church and those we serve, we are working to eliminate poverty so that all people can live lives of dignity. Our programs alleviate hunger, promote health, create economic opportunities and respond to disasters. Your gift helps us transform the lives of vulnerable children and families in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

We are currently working with more than two million people in over 40 countries. Whether by helping a community gain access to clean water, enabling a woman to start a small business or feeding the world's littlest scholars, your gift helps ERD continue to heal a hurting world. We couldn't do this without your compassion and support. Please visit [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) to learn more about our programs.

In partnership, we are healing a hurting world. **Faithfully, Robert Radtke-President**

Dear Friends at Saint Paul's,

My first attempt at writing in four weeks. Just wanted to say thank you to you who have been so kind and thoughtful. The flowers that were brought were lovely and nobody loves flowers more than I!

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. If you don't have Osteo, stay active so you hopefully won't get it. This is my 6th or 7th time in the 32 years we've lived in Beaufort.

Sorry I can't participate in things at St. Paul's anymore. But thank you all for being so kind. **Sincerely, Tommy Midgett**

Dear St. Paul's Family,  
Thank you all for your kindness during my recent illness. Thanks for the flowers, food, cards, and most of all, prayers. I am on the mend and hope to be back to normal soon. **Eula Parkin**

Dear John, Martha, & Paul,

Thank you so much for having St. Paul's open for the 50th Anniversary of our Old Homes Tour! It's always special to begin the tour at St. Paul's on Thursday with our Carteret Chorale opening concert. It certainly sets the tone for the whole event. The luncheon both days is also very much appreciated by both the tourists & our local tour volunteers and participants. Your part in the huge success of our weekend is very much appreciated!!

**Sincerely, Patricia Suggs**

My heartfelt thanks go out to all my friends at St. Paul's who took part in the Memorial Service for my son Peyton on July 10.

Those who served the Altar, read the lessons, sung in the choir, sent the beautiful flowers, and brought wonderful food.

My special thanks go to the ladies who served lunch in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to all who helped make it a beautiful service, a lovely & loving tribute to my son.

**God Bless, Patty White**

*Eternal rest grant them, Lord  
Our Sympathy to...*

...The Amico family on the death of Joy Amico  
...Patti White on the death of her son, Peyton Park White  
...Jim Williams on the death of his wife, Ann Williams  
...Janet Hollingshead on the death of her father, Richard Webb



### Vestry Highlights

#### NO VESTRY MEETING IN JULY

#### 2010 Vestry Members

Dick Brown  
Julia Hamilton  
Sarah Jo Safrit, Sr. Warden  
Ellen Sewell

Patricia Phillips  
Frank Sherman  
Bedford Smith  
Joe Ustach, Jr. Warden

Patti Dill, Clerk  
Jack Gardner  
Nancy Stephenson  
Ed Wheatly

George Dill, Treasurer

Charles Phillips, Asst. Treasurer

#### 2010/2011 Foyer Groups (TIME FOR SIGN UPS AGAIN THIS YEAR)

Foyer comes from a French word meaning 'hearth' or 'fireside'. Foyer groups are usually composed of 8 to 12 individuals & meet monthly in various group members homes (or other selected places) for a simple meal. Group members bring dishes for the meal while the host/hostess provides the meat dish. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends & get to know those individuals who may be just names or faces in our parish. It is a wonderful way for new members to make new relationships.

**We will have sign up sheets in the Parish Hall beginning in September & throughout the entire month. Again, there will be family groups for those who want to bring their children & there will also be adult groups. We will mix singles into the adult groups with at least two singles in each group if possible. There will be a place for everyone. You will need to re-sign up even if you are currently in a Foyer Group.**

If you have questions, please call  
Patricia Phillips at 728-2631



#### Blessing of the Back Packs and Car Keys Sunday, August 22

All students (pre-school – college) are encouraged to bring your back pack which represents the tools of learning to either service so we can pray for you and give a blessing as you return to school this fall. Student drivers are also encouraged to bring your car keys and receive an additional prayer for safety and good judgment in your travels. Teachers from both public and private schools (pre-school – college) are also asked to come forward to receive a blessing as you begin the new school year.

#### Rally Day scheduled for Sunday, August 29

Rally Day is a great time to see what is offered in the way of Christian Education here at St. Paul's. There will be tables set up in the parish hall with information about each class offered. There will also be games and crafts for the kids to do. Come join us on August 29!

New classes Kindergarten through Adults will begin  
Sunday, September 12 at 9:00am.

#### Sunday School Resumes and Teachers Commissioned Sunday, September 12

Join us for worship at either the 8 or 10:45am services as we commission our Sunday school teachers and their assistants and begin our fall program at 9:30am. Classes are offered for pre-school through adult. Hope to see you there!

## I Stand at the Door

I stand by the door.  
I neither go too far in, nor stay too far out.  
The door is the most important door in the world -  
It is the door through which men walk when they find God.  
There is no use my going way inside and staying there,  
When so many are still outside and they, as much as I,  
Crave to know where the door is.  
And all that so many ever find  
Is only the wall where the door ought to be.  
They creep along the wall like blind men,  
With outstretched, groping hands,  
Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door,  
Yet they never find it.  
So I stand by the door.

The most tremendous thing in the world  
Is for men to find that door - the door to God.  
The most important thing that any man can do  
Is to take hold of one of those blind, groping hands  
And put it on the latch - the latch that only clicks  
And opens to the man's own touch.

Men die outside the door, as starving beggars die  
On cold nights in cruel cities in the dead of winter.  
Die for want of what is within their grasp.  
They live on the other side of it-live because they have not found  
it.

Nothing else matters compared to helping them find it,  
And open it, and walk in, and find Him.  
So I stand by the door.

Go in great saints; go all the way in -  
Go way down into the cavernous cellars,  
And way up into the spacious attics.  
It is a vast, roomy house, this house where God is.  
Go into the deepest of hidden casements,  
Of withdrawal, of silence, of sainthood.  
Some must inhabit those inner rooms  
And know the depths and heights of God,  
And call outside to the rest of us how wonderful it is.  
Sometimes I take a deeper look in.  
Sometimes venture in a little farther,  
But my place seems closer to the opening.  
So I stand by the door.

There is another reason why I stand there.  
Some people get part way in and become afraid  
Lest God and the zeal of His house devour them;  
For God is so very great and asks all of us.  
And these people feel a cosmic claustrophobia  
And want to get out. 'Let me out!' they cry.  
And the people way inside only terrify them more.  
Somebody must be by the door to tell them that they are spoiled.  
For the old life, they have seen too much:  
One taste of God and nothing but God will do any more.  
Somebody must be watching for the frightened  
Who seek to sneak out just where they came in,  
To tell them how much better it is inside.  
The people too far in do not see how near these are  
To leaving - preoccupied with the wonder of it all.  
Somebody must watch for those who have entered the door  
But would like to run away. So for them too,  
I stand by the door.

I admire the people who go way in.  
But I wish they would not forget how it was  
Before they got in. Then they would be able to help  
The people who have not yet even found the door.  
Or the people who want to run away again from God.  
You can go in too deeply and stay in too long  
And forget the people outside the door.  
As for me, I shall take my old accustomed place,  
Near enough to God to hear Him and know He is there,  
But not so far from men as not to hear them,  
And remember they are there too.

Where? Outside the door -  
Thousands of them. Millions of them.  
But - more important for me -  
One of them, two of them, ten of them.  
Whose hands I am intended to put on the latch.  
So I shall stand by the door and wait  
For those who seek it.

'I had rather be a door-keeper  
So I stand by the door.

*Sam Shoemaker, founder of Faith At Work at Calvary Episcopal Church in New York City, in 1926, was also one of the spiritual leaders who helped draft the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

*Helen Smith Shoemaker's biography of her husband's life and ministry, I Stand by the Door: The Life of Samuel Shoemaker is available used at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and other book vendors and I commend it to you for inspirational reading. ministry.*

### **Race for Ray**

In honor of Ray Walton, Sarah Hamilton is organizing a beach run benefiting Autism Speaks. Autism Speaks is the nation's largest organization dedicated to funding research for a cure for autism. On **Sat., August 14**, the first annual **Race for Ray** beach run will be held on Atlantic Beach. There will be a 1Mile, 5k & 10k run and a 1 mile walk. Registration is \$10 before August 11 & \$15 the day of the race. Registration will start at 5pm on the Atlantic Beach Circle and the race will begin at 6pm. If you do not want to run but would like to support this cause, you may do so at <http://givenow.autismspeaks.org/sarahraceforray>. For more information or to pre-register you can contact Sarah at 252-723-7843.

**Thursday, August 19 - Sunday, August 22**

**Conference on Church Music**

**Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores**

It is a great pleasure to welcome Dale Adelman to our Conference for the first time. Dr. Adelman brings to the Conference many years of choral expertise. He is Canon for Music at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta where he oversees a comprehensive music program of 5 choirs, volunteer organists & pianists, 12 staff singers & 2 staff organists. He holds degrees from the University of Michigan, Yale University School of Music & Institute of Sacred Music, & a PhD from Cambridge University, England. He has served as Organist-Choirmaster at St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, NY, where he was also Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus. Before arriving at St. Philips, he served at All Saints Episcopal, Beverly Hills. His choirs have often been featured on the NPR radio program "With Heart and Voice."

**Friday, August 20 - Sunday, August 22**

**Choir Camp for Youth**

**Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores**

Featuring William Bradley Roberts

Dr. Roberts is Associate Professor of Church Music at Virginia Theological Seminary & Director of Chapel Music. Prior to assuming this post he served several Episcopal churches, the most recent being St. John's, Lafayette Square, Washington, DC. As organist, choirmaster, & composer he has choral works widely published for children's & adult choirs, & articles published in several Anglican journals. He was a founding member & chair of the Leadership Program for Musicians & chair of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Church Music. Dr. Roberts' expertise in working with our youth is invaluable and the youth have a tremendous amount of fun!

Brochures with additional information about both conferences are available in the church office.

**Participant at the Adult & Youth Choir Conferences will present music learned during the weekend at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, August 22. Everyone is invited to take part in this liturgy, regardless of attendance at the conferences. This Eucharist will also commemorate the baptisms of Manteo and Virginia Dare.**

**The Rt. Rev'd Clifton Daniel, 3rd (Diocese of East Carolina) will preside.**

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace**

It was for our freedom that Christ set us free, so why do we continue to allow student loans, credit cards and car payments to enslave us? During Financial Peace University (FPU), you will discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt. FPU will be here at St. Paul's on **Thursdays, Sept. 9-Dec.9, 6:30pm-8:30pm**. Sign up on FPU participants list in the parish hall or at Preview Class on **Sunday, August 22, 9am or 11 am**. Cost: \$99 per couple or individual.

**Financial Peace University**

**Fall 2010 Schedule - Registration Open**

**All sessions meet on Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Preview Class following both church services (9am &amp; 11am)</b>	<b>Aug 22</b>
1. Super Saving: Common Sense for Your Dollars and Cents	Sept 9
2. Relating with Money: Nerds and Free Spirits Unite!	Sept 16
3. Cash Flow Planning: The Nuts and Bolts of Budgeting	Sept 23
4. Dumping Debt: Breaking the Chains of Debt	Sept 30
5. Credit Sharks in Suits: Understanding Credit Bureaus and Collection Practices	Oct 7
6. Buyer Beware: The Power of Marketing on Your Buying Decisions	Oct 14
7. Clause and Effect: The Role of Insurance In Your Financial Plan	Oct 21
8. That's Not Good Enough!: How to Buy Only Big, Big Bargains	Oct 28
9. Of Mice and Mutual Funds: Understanding Investments	Nov 4
10. From Fruition to Tuition: Planning for Retirement and College	Nov 11
11. Working In Your Strengths: Careers and Extra Jobs	Nov 18
12. Real Estate and Mortgages: Keeping the American Dream from Becoming a Nightmare	Dec 2
13. The Great Misunderstanding: Unleashing the Power of Generous Giving	Dec 9

# August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Continental Breakfast 8 PM AA	2 Spiritual Formation 7pm	3 8 PM AA	4 8 PM AA	5 8 PM AA	6 8 PM AA	7
8 8 PM AA	9 Fin-addicts 7pm	10 8 PM AA	11 Julian Gathering 4:30 8 PM AA	12 Snug Harbor Visit 11am	13 8 PM AA	14
15 8 PM AA	16 Spiritual Formation 7pm Daughters of the King 5:30	17 8 PM AA	18 Vestry 7pm 8PM AA	19 Grief Support 2pm Quilt Guild 6pm	20 8 PM AA	21
22 Parish Picnic 8PM AA	23	24	25 Julian Gathering 4:30 8PM AA	26	27 8 PM AA	28
29 Rally Day Crosswinds Resumes 8PM AA	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Each Sunday</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II Followed by coffee time.</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Each Wednesday</b> 10:00 AM Morning Eucharist Spiritual Formation 5:30 PM Evening Eucharist 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal</p> </div>	





The ECW is busy even in the summer....Making jelly and pickles for the bazaar, collecting gently used things for resale, making ornaments etc.

The last weekend in June we served a luncheon during the Old Homes Tour. Bitsy Dudley wrote a history:

### THE OLD HOMES TOUR LUNCH HISTORY

In the late 1990's the ECW was immersed in a large and long money-raising project to allow us to publish our cookbook LET US KEEP THE FEAST IN HISTORIC BEAUFORT. One of our very successful efforts was providing lunch for Elderhostel groups that came through Beaufort and visited the BHA. Gwen Towles got that started.

A natural out growth of this ECW/BHA lunch series was to try a lunch for the Old Homes Tour weekend. It was a great success. We sold almost 500 lunches! People at St. Paul's and the community immediately supported and have continued to support our efforts, commenting on providing a nice place for folks on the tour to have lunch, air conditioning, and available restrooms.

So a Tradition was born! Our cookbook became a success (into 3 printings) and St. Paul's ECW continued this huge undertaking every hot, steaming June. Now it is 11 years later already!

Sound easy? Not so! It takes about 75+ people to make it happen; working from Wednesday to Sunday. There is no way something like this could continue without ALL the people who: donate food, print menu flyers, get ice, cook, bake, mix, work in the kitchen, slice bread, sell tickets, pour tea, empty the trash, check bathrooms, fix flower arrangements, clean-up for the next day and buy our lunch!

These are the troops and we have averaged between \$2,000.and \$2,500.each year, ALL going to the charities we support. It has worked with prayer, laughter, camaraderie, fun and a common purpose...To help those less fortunate than ourselves. Christ told us to do this, so we do!

This year, even in such bad economic times, St. Paul's continues this work, raising \$2,394+ to benefit Broad Street Clinic, our recipient this year. Over the years we have raised in excess of \$20,000. Not bad for a small church with a big heart! I am so proud to be a member of a congregation and ECW with such deep Christian commitments. We are friends in Christ which brings joy in our hearts and lives.

**Bitsy Dudley**

May your summer be filled with wonderful moments. **Susan Smitherman**

### When We Cannot Say The Lord's Prayer

I cannot say "our" if I'm living only for myself.

I cannot say "Father" if I don't try to act like His child.

I cannot say "Who art in Heaven" if I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say "hallowed be Thy Name" if I am not striving for holiness.

I cannot say "Thy Kingdom come" if I'm not doing my part to hasten that day.

I cannot say "Thy will be done" if I am disobedient to His word.

I cannot say "in earth as it is in Heaven" if I'm unwilling to serve Him here and now.

I cannot say "give us this day our daily bread" if I'm not relying on Him to provide.

I cannot say "forgive us our debts" if I harbor a grudge against someone.

I cannot say "lead us not into temptation" if I deliberately place myself in its path.

I cannot say "deliver us from evil" if I haven't put on the whole armor of God.

I cannot say "Thine is the Kingdom" if I am not loyal to the King as His faithful subject.

I cannot attribute to Him "the power" if I fear what people may do.

I cannot ascribe to Him "the glory" if I am seeking honor only for myself.

I cannot say "forever" if my life is bounded completely by the things of time. (John MacArthur)

# Crosswinds

☪ Where the World and Faith collide ☪

## Church on a Mission

It is hard to understand the impact an overseas mission trip can have on a person by hearing an overview of what is essentially, moments of time captured in the memory. So, instead of trying to give you a feeling of the whole trip, I have asked a few people to share moments from the journals they wrote while on the trip.

### **Gina Brooks, journal entry on airplane, June 24, 2010**

After two other trips abroad, I wonder what the Dominican Republic will be like. I wonder how the people live, what their struggles are, and how they value the family unit. I wonder about their health disparities. \* Note to self: look this up on WHO website.\* I'm sure this will be another fantastic learning experience, and I'm so excited and thankful to have the opportunity to participate in this mission.

### **June 27, 2010**

Church today was the most moving experience I've had in a long time. They celebrate Christ with so much joy, friendship, and sense of community. Generators and all, it was something to behold. It is so apparent how welcome we are here and how much they appreciate our efforts to serve.

### **Samantha Goodwin, Day 5 (Monday, July 28), VBS Day 1**

Had breakfast, got on the bus, now we're at the first church, Santisima Trinidad. It has a school and is very colorful. Paintings of cartoon characters like Winnie the Pooh line the walls. I'm a little nervous now...we don't know Spanish, these kids don't know English... Please, Lord, help this go well and help the kids enjoy it!!!

Thank you, Lord! Gracias, gracias!!! The kids seemed to have a great time. Many of them don't even want to leave. VBS is over for the day and they're still sitting here with us, hitting tambourines and drums. They don't have parents waiting here for them. How different from our own VBS, but seeing all their faces as we sing these songs is truly priceless. I'm learning how to pronounce names in Spanish, I only wish I knew more of their language, even a few phrases. The kids are precious! Particularly the little girls sitting beside me as I write and tiny little Javier! I just wrote all our group's names down for the 2 girls to read. Communication is possible despite language barriers!

These people are so kind to us! Lunch was amazing, prepared by the church. Chicken, rice, beans, fresh fruit, veggies, juice, Coke, dessert...WOW! It makes me want to cry. I am in awe of their kindness and their beauty.

We're now at La Sagrada Familia. I love this church and the people here! Right now I'm on break for VBS. Two groups down, one to go. The electricity just went out and it is HOT.

I cried on the way home because these people are just amazing. Jefri, the deaf-mute, who is almost 16, goes over all the services as the priest would but without words - he uses motions. After VBS I sat outside with the kids. Telling them goodbye (adios!) today was hard, I can't imagine what it will be like Thursday...

### **Mamre Wilson Thursday, July 1**

We were up early once again, breakfast of hard boiled eggs, bread with peanut butter and chocolate spread called Nutella, which I can get at Food Lion! We left at 8 AM again, Benjamin, our driver, dropped everyone at Trinidad, and took me to Sagrada where it was being opened by Masiella. Two children, Ashley, Mirabella and I worked on the mural. They painted the water and I finished up the animals. Ashley and Mirabella painted the back of my angel shirt, wrote their names and when we were through with the mural, put paint on their palms and made handprints on the wall and my shirt! Padre Nestor wasn't enthralled about the handprints, or he was just having fun with us, anyway, I wrote a message about the mural and the date. I left the brushes I had taken with the girls. We finished up about 11:30 ... that was all I could do! Ashley and Masiella walked me arm in arm to their grandmother's house, Emma! The matriarch of Sagrada. Masiella was the one who had the keys in the morning. Emma offered me a shower, and I declined at first, then changed my mind since I was soaking wet with sweat. She gave me a towel and showed me the shower, which was merely a drip of cold water, but felt so good anyway! I put on my other clothes that I had carried with me. While lunch was cooking, Ashley showed me photographs of her family that Emma had gotten out. Her mother, father, Masiella, and Emma and primo [not sure what that meant, perhaps cousin?] Lunch was wonderful, a baked chicken, jucca [like potato] and 7-UP. Ashley made me some espresso coffee, how good, with two heaping teaspoons of sugar! They have a little Chihuahua, Skye, who was treated with bones and leftover chicken, as was the cat too. One of the children brought a tiny little kitten, orange and white, and put it in my lap ... so cute and hard to give it back! The chicken bones and skin were put in a plastic tub for Skye and the cat and they couldn't eat all of it. At about 1:15 the girls and I walked back to Sagrada for the afternoon VBS.

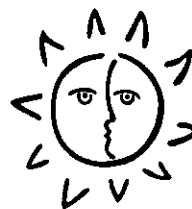
## Crosswinds Crossover

We have new rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders moving into Crosswinds and we'll welcome them and their families with a dinner and lock-in on Monday-Tuesday, August 16-17. Crosswinds Families are invited to a dinner in the Parish House starting at 6pm. Then the kids will stay for an overnight lock-in. On Tuesday, the kids will go to the Jungle Rapid Water Park in Wilmington. A few chaperones are needed, please call Paul Head at 723-8667. I need everyone to RSVP so we can plan dinner and reserve our tickets at the water park. Cost is free to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and those who have a rain check from last year. Otherwise, cost is \$25 and breakfast/lunch is provided. This is a great opportunity to invite friends to check out Crosswinds and welcome all our new members!



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