

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2012

One True Authority

There's a cute little story about a man who after years of evaluation and self-study, emerged from his office in a state of elation. He went to everyone he knew, and even those he didn't know, shouting, "I finally figured myself out! I'm in touch with my emotions! I know myself!" A stranger stopped him in the middle of his declaration one day. "I am excited for you," he said. "But, tell me what you've found?" "I am one with the world!" the man exclaimed. "You are one with the world?" the stranger repeated. "You mean I'm not?" the man asked. So goes the search for ourselves and the meaning of life in our various distractions and occupations. Sunday brings the most basic confession of the Christian: amongst all the world's competing authorities, false idols, distractions, addictions, promises for meaning, and self-help formulations, all fall short of the power, Authority, and glory of Jesus Christ. In Him all things were made and have their being. Even evils spirits tremble at His Presence! It's amazing so much power is wrapped up in a Lord who bids us approach Him without fear, then again, only He has the power to cast out the bad while saving the good. Trust Him first.

This Week's Lay Ministries

LECTORS	
7:30 a.m.	John Marshall, Fran Marshall
10:00 a.m.	Brenda Ferguson, Lynn Byrd
11:15 a.m.	David Hannan, Barbara Hannan
6:00 p.m.	
CHALICE BEARERS	
7:30 a.m.	John Marshall
10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
11:15 a.m.	E. B. Peebles, III
6:00 p.m.	Lauree Riggan
VESTRY GREETERS	
11:15 a.m.	
ALTAR GUILD-WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5	
The Rayford/Brown/Kilborn group	

USHERS	
7:30 a.m.	Charles Simpson, III, Robert Ingraham
10:00 a.m.	Fred Brock, Dwight Lambert, Bill Roedder, Geron Regan, Ed Rowan
11:15 a.m.	Steve Russell, Brandon Beaird
ACOLYTES	
Advisor	Ed Rowan
7:30 a.m.	Margaret Schatzman
10:00 a.m.	Hunter Collier, Lee Bonner, Robins Bonner, Baylor Jeffries, Harrison Citrin, Jane Newby, Jack Citrin, Elizabeth Jeffries, Hannah Collier, Sarah Newby, Peyton Wood, Taylor Wood
11:15 a.m.	Brooks Milling, Nell Milling, Michael Russell

Church Calendar

SUNDAY JANUARY 29	7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I – Little Church 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Family Service, Morning Prayer—Church 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II– Little Church 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m. EYC 4:30 p.m. Children/Youth Choirs rehearsal—Undercroft 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Little Church
MONDAY JANUARY 30	10:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study Class—Conference Room 11:45 a.m. Yoga—Room 203 YAB 5:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting– Holy Eucharist-followed by meeting in Parlor 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship—Church
TUESDAY JANUARY 31	6:30 a.m. Men's Study Group—Conference Room (with full breakfast served the first Tuesday of each month) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Group—Conference Room 12:00 noon Twelve Steps for Christians—Parlor 3:45 p.m. Yoga—Room 203 YAB 6:00 p.m. High School Bible Study—Youth Room 6:30 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study– Conference Room 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Troop 147—Scout Room 7:00 p.m. PSDP—Room 203 YAB (Yoga Room)
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1	9:30 a.m. ECW Board Meeting—Parlor 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist —Little Church 10:15 a.m. Yoga—Room 203 YAB 10:30 a.m. Healing Service—Little Church 10:30 a.m. Library Committee Meeting—Conference Room/Library 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist— Little Church 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2	10:45 a.m. Yoga—Room 203 YAB 12:00 noon "Pause that Refreshes" Meditation and Contemplative Prayer-Parlor 5:45 p.m. Yoga—Room 203 YAB

**St. Paul's School Chamber Singers
This Sunday January 29!**

The St. Paul's School Chamber Singers will join us this Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. service to share their gifts in worship and glory to the Lord. Music has been at the heart of worship since David played the harp and Jesus' disciples sang a hymn before recessing from the celebration of the Last Supper. During the course of this Sunday's service the Chamber Singers will share arrangements of the *Jubilate Deo (Crocker)*, *the Festival Sanctus (Leavitt)*, *Offering (Gavin Brown)*, *O Nata Lux - O Light Born (Porter)*, and a piece by Craig Courtney entitled *If You Search with All Your Hearts*. Last year, we hosted the UMS Wright Singers at a Saints Alive gathering and the Dauphin Way United Methodist Agape Hands children's puppet ministry for a Lenten Supper. Please join us as we celebrate the talent and faith of our communities' young people as we welcome the St. Paul's Chamber Singers.



January Vestry Meeting Date Change

The January vestry meeting will be held **Tuesday night, January 31**, beginning with Holy Communion in the Little Church at 5:30 p.m. **New vestry members are to attend this meeting.** Please set this date aside. Thank you.

Confirmation Class...

If you are a sixth grader and missed our first class of Confirmation, please plan to attend this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. It is never too late to join. We look forward to seeing you and the others that were present last week.

ECW General Meeting...The ECW General Meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, in the Parish Hall. The meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch to follow. We hope you will plan to attend.



A Library Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. Please plan to attend if you would like to help in the library.



Sunday School

This week in Sunday School we will see how awesomely powerful Jesus is! He can do anything! And because of His great power, NOTHING can separate us from His love. In fact, not only can we never be separated from His love, but Jesus is so powerful that He can share His love with others and can even help us share His love. Join us for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. to hear more about Jesus' might in Mark 1:21-28. Pre-K through 4th grades will meet in the Children's Chapel. Fifth through 12th graders will meet in their classrooms.

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm: 111

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION

St. Paul's has a devoted group of ladies called The Murray House Guild whose members volunteer two weekdays a month each to help with the administration of the Episcopal assisted living facility called Murray House in Midtown Mobile. Generally the Guild members help with answering the phone and greeting visitors to alleviate some of the stress on the limited staff at Murray House. They join other Episcopalians from Trinity, Christ Cathedral, All Saints and St. John's in this ministry. They need volunteers, particularly folks who can substitute and fill in while a Guild member is unable to serve, because the staff at Murray House has come to depend upon this assistance and misses it when someone has a conflict. Please call Sue Kilborn at 344-1653 or leave a message for her with Amelia in the office if you can help.

Other opportunities for serving the residents at Murray House include helping with crafts and activities. If you can make time to serve in this way, you are encouraged to call the Activities Director at Murray House.

COASTAL PILGRIMS CURSILLO # 147:

The closing service for Cursillo # 147 will be held at Camp Beckwith on Sunday, February 12, at 4 p.m. in the chapel. St. Paul's has three pilgrims planning to attend this weekend – Larrin and Thomas Rockwell and Todd Chandler. Please remember them with your prayers and palanca. Palanca (notes and small remembrances) can be mailed to Cursillo Palanca, Beckwith Conference and Convention Center, 10400 Beckwith Lane, Fairhope, AL 36532. Please mail your packages in time for them to arrive at Beckwith by February 7.

There will be a reception honoring the newest Cursillistas immediately after closing in Wilson Hall. We hope to see you there!

Other Dates:

Cursillo 148 – September 13 - 16, 2012

Cursillo 149 – November 1 - 4, 2012

If you have any questions or are interested in attending a future Cursillo weekend, please contact Martha Terry at 633-3858 or by email at terr5044@bellsouth.net.

Classes for Christian Formation

Monday Morning Bible Study Class—10:30 a.m. Conference Room	<i>On Monday, January 30, we will continue our study of First Corinthians in our study guide. Hope to see you there. Newcomers are always welcome.</i>
Tuesdays - St. Paul's Men's Study, Conference Room, 6:30 –7:30 a.m.	<i>The Men's Study Group will continue its study on Tuesday, January 31, 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. The discussion this week will continue in the Book of Proverbs, Chapters 12-14 with Maurice Gandy leading the group. Join us for fellowship, coffee, sweet rolls, and a lively interchange of ideas.</i>
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study Conference Room 9:30 a.m.	<i>The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will meet on January 31, at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us for our incredible new study, <u>The Christian Atheist</u>. Through this study we will be challenged to ask ourselves the question, "am I putting my whole faith in God, but still living as if everything were up to me?" As always, childcare is available. Both a workbook and book are needed for this study. They are both available at Lifeway and are held under the name Jennifer Dean.</i>
Twelve Steps for Christians—Parlor Tuesday, Noon—12:45 p.m. Parlor	<i>This is an opportunity to learn about and practice the Scriptural and Christian principles upon which 12-Step Spirituality is based. We open with prayers for noonday from our Book of Common Prayer and a brief reflection on how a particular step relates to our lives. No homework. All are welcome!</i>
Tuesday Evening High School Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Youth Room	<i>High School Bible Study, Tuesdays in the Youth Room. Hope you will plan to join us for good fellowship, dinner and discussion.</i>
Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study Conference Room 6:30 p.m.	<i>The Women's Evening Bible Study Group meets Tuesday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Hope to see you there and any newcomers are welcome.</i>
Tuesday, Shalem's Personal Spiritual Deeping Program, 7:00 p.m. Room 203 YAB	<i>This program assists participants in exploring their personal spiritual lives in order to open themselves to Christ in a deeper way. PSDP consists of five themes for study, reflection, and personal integration: Spiritual Community, Prayerful Listening, Discerning the Presence of the Spirit in Daily Life, Christ in Creation, and Sacred Living.</i>
Thursday, Parlor, Meditation and Contemplative Prayer, 12:00 noon	<i>"Pause that Refreshes" meets on Thursdays, at 12 noon in the Parlor. We will continue in Patricia Brown's book, <u>Paths to Prayer, Finding Your Own Way to the Presence of God.</u></i>
Thursday Evening Kerygma Class, Conference Room 7:00 p.m.	<i>Kerygma class will meet on Thursday, January 26. We will continue our study of Jesus in the Gospels, Chapter 24.</i>

Parish Life



The flowers on the Altar of the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Reese H. Horton.

The flowers on the Altar of the Little Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving honor of my family and friends, especially my four grandsons by Pat Frazer.



Happy Birthday to St. Paulians for the week of January 29– February 4, 2012.

Casey Bowman	Phyllis Crane	Jack Horner	Anna Regan
Charles Brinson	Steve Crawford	Bill Johnson	John Riggan
Thomas Brutkiewicz	Rudene Crowe	Nancy Konrad	Jackie Ritchie
Julie Butts	Susan Curtis	Louise Ladd	Paige Russell
Bradley Carrington	Laura Curtis	Rad Latham	Greer Stephens
Leigh Carrington	Michael Dickerson	Mitch Lattof	Mae Stimpson
George Chandler	Wade Faulkner	Edward Leatherbury	John Thomas
Mary Lillian Chandler	Judd Freeman	Carol McMurphy	Suzanne Trovinger
Bradford Clark	Meredith Gallaspy	Mark Newby	Charlotte Wenzel
Gracie Cook	Ann Green	Keller Reeves	Lee Williams
			Gail Wilson
			Norman Wood

Life is a gift from God. We rejoice in the joy of spending it together.

EYC News



January 29, - Build-A-Bear! We'll meet after the 10:00 a.m. service, at 11:15 a.m., in the EYC room. Each person will build a bear for a child at USA Children's and Women's Hospital. They are trying to reach a goal of 100 bears by Valentine's Day. We will build a bear, then have lunch. Please bring money for lunch. We should return by 3:00 p.m.

Many thanks to Fran and John Marshall for proving dinner for us. The Santa Fe Soup was delicious!

If you would like to provide dinner for our Sunday EYC, please call the church office, 342-8521.