



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

May 10, 2017

A Message from Thack

You know you are getting older when:
Your back goes out more than you do.
You know the lyrics to every Rolling Stones album. (Yikes!)
You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
People call you at 9:00 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"
You take a metal detector to the beach.
You wear black socks with sandals.
Your ears are hairier than your head.

How do you feel today? Do you feel your age? I pose these questions because with high school and college graduations upon us, many of you may be feeling like time has gotten away from you.

Seriously, many people become depressed as they age because they equate the aging process with productivity and value. Many older people don't feel they are as useful as they once were because they aren't nearly as mentally sharp, strong, and agile as they were in their youth. It's as if their self-worth diminishes as they celebrate another birthday.

If you feel this way, then the Lord has some good news for you! The good news is that regardless of age, you are still a part of God's plan. We see this in the story of Abraham and Sarah from the Book of Genesis. If you recall, God told them that they would be the parents of nations. This was a neat trick when you consider that they were 99 and 90 years old, respectively, when they began to raise this family!

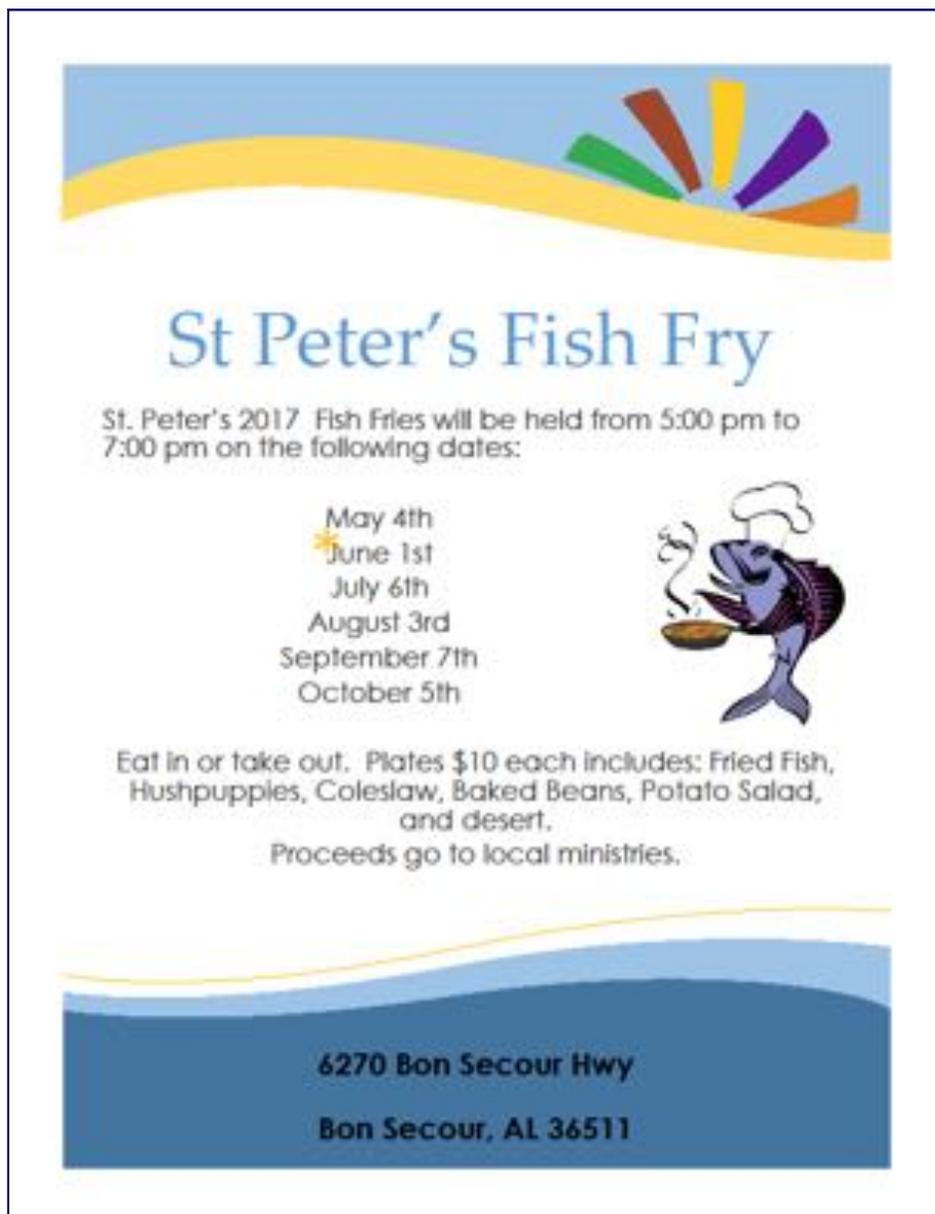
Now I'm not suggesting that those of you who are bumping 70, 80 or 90 may become parents again. But Abraham and Sarah's story reminds us that age is irrelevant when it comes to God's plans for us. Their story also reminds us that we cannot pick the time or the season for God to reveal His purposes. Who knows? Regardless of your age and station in life, you may not yet be the person God created you to be.

When you start to "feel your age" and think that your options in life may be rapidly declining, then remember the story of Abraham and Sarah. God is never finished with a life regardless of the age of the person. And while His plans are often unexpected, we are never too old to realize His hopes and dreams for us.

Peace, Thack

Congratulations to Our Students!

Congratulations to the following students: John Bryant for graduating from Bayside Academy and for being admitted into the freshman class at Auburn University; Madeline Marie Ellison for graduating from Fairhope High School; Lauren Erdman for graduating from Bayside Academy and being accepted into the freshman class at the University of Alabama; Skye Harrison for graduating from Fairhope High School and for being accepted into the freshman class at Auburn University; Olivia Lyons for graduating from Fairhope High School and for being accepted into the freshman class at Samford University; Sahra El-Hamaki for graduating from Florida Atlantic University. Sahra will attend nursing school in the fall; Matt Harris for receiving his Masters in Law (LLM) degree in Criminal Law from Georgetown University; Tom Shultz, who will be an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Southwest and an attending surgeon at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas, upon completion of his surgical fellowship in July at the University of Washington in Seattle; Jayne Sharp for graduating from the University of South Alabama with a Masters in School Counseling; David Chavers, PhD, for completing the doctoral program in Psychology at the University of South Alabama and for his new positions of staff psychologist with the Veteran's Administration in Pensacola and Biloxi; and Walker Jackson for joining the Alabama National Guard. Congratulations to all of you and may God continue to direct your paths.



The poster features a decorative header with a yellow wavy line and colorful vertical bars in green, red, yellow, and purple. The title "St Peter's Fish Fry" is written in a blue, serif font. Below the title, the text states: "St. Peter's 2017 Fish Fries will be held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on the following dates:" followed by a list of dates: May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, and October 5th. To the right of the dates is a cartoon illustration of a purple fish wearing a white chef's hat and holding a golden plate. Below the dates, the text reads: "Eat in or take out. Plates \$10 each includes: Fried Fish, Hushpuppies, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and desert." and "Proceeds go to local ministries." The bottom of the poster has a dark blue background with the address "6270 Bon Secour Hwy" and "Bon Secour, AL 36511" in white text.

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Bon Secour, AL 36511



2017 Spring Picnic

At
5 Rivers Park



Thank you:
Elizabeth Faust,
Howard Wilson and
Our Men's Group

Pictures
taken by
Bill Cody



an EXCEPTIONAL thank you!

THANK YOU ALL for sharing an **exceptional** evening at the Exceptional Foundation's ARTS 2017 event!! A wonderful night of food, friends, great art and of course fun-draising for the program that supports the social, recreational and artistic activities for the local population of special needs adults!! Thank you to all who volunteered time and talents, thanks to all who shared in sponsorships, thanks to the artists, who by sharing their talents, encouraged participants to be creative and smile in the spotlight and thanks to each and every one who attended!! It was a fantastic night sharing in the excitement of all the participants as they presented creative masterpieces and great individual works of art - such fun! Thanks and hugs to everyone at St. Paul's for so wonderfully supporting this growing program!

ARTS & ENRICHMENT Camp
Ages 12 months - 6 years (grouped by age)

CHILDREN OF THE KING
Create Treasures fit for Royalty!
June 5-9

MASTER CHEF COOKING & ART CAMP
The Art of Cooking, Gardening and Creating
June 19-23

LITTLE DA VINCI SCIENCE & ART CAMP
Discovering the Wonders of Science and Art
July 10-14

Camp is \$100 per week from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Water play day included in each week. Extended hours are available from 7:00 am - 5:30 pm for an additional \$100. \$25 non-refundable registration fee. Sibling discounts available.

St Paul's
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Calling All Want-To-Be Cooks---6th-12th graders!

Wouldn't you love to prepare an elegant four-course meal for five or six of your friends or your family? Just imagine their expressions when they see what YOU can do all by yourself! Here's the plan: Sign up for a one-week cooking course (July 31-August 4) from 4:00-6:00 in Malone Hall. What will you learn? Table setting, serving etiquette, measuring, reading recipes, table decorating, and prayer writing. For our meal, we will prepare appetizers, salads, entrees, and desserts. Each cook will be in charge of one table on serving night, August 4, at 6:00. Class size is limited to 6-8 cooks. Sign up early by calling Beverly Koepp @ 404-3980, or email Beverly at bkoepp@bcbe.org.

FAMILY PROMISE: We will be having families again beginning Saturday, May 21, leaving Sunday, May 28, which is Memorial Day weekend. It can be a little more difficult to schedule on holidays so please look at your calendars and see if you will be in town. It would be fun too if we could have a holiday picnic for them as well, with games outside to celebrate Memorial Day. Too often the folks don't have the opportunity to participate in celebrations. Contact me nkincade@yahoo.com or Nancy Dziubakowski 625 3406

Youth Car Wash

Sunday, March 21, 7:30-12:00.

Help support your St. Paul's Youth as they prepare for the summer mission trip to the Dominican Republic. All donations welcome!

Website and Morning Prayer

Our website is being updated. Everything that was on the old site is daily being transferred to the new one. The website address is

www.stpaulseasternshore.com

One of the changes is that Morning Prayer is now available for you to listen to each day. If you look in the left hand column of the website and scroll down you will see where it says **MORNING PRAYER**. Click on the box that says **AUDIO** under the date you would like to hear. You can subscribe by following the directions under the subscribe button.

If you are interested in reading and recording Morning Prayer please call the office to schedule a date and time.

Thank you,

Terri

St. Paul's Thrift Shop, By Jessica Sawyer

It may look small, but St. Paul's Episcopal Thrift Shop on Main Street in Daphne is mighty. The shop is celebrating its 40th anniversary in late April, along with its success in giving almost \$1.3 million back to the local community.

The shop — the largest ministry at St. Paul's — was launched as a way to support the church.

“There were a few ladies back in 1977 who were concerned about the finances of St. Paul's. It was a tiny church then,” said Jane Shoultz, who chairs the shop's board. “They went into their attics and got things down and started a little thrift shop, if you could call it that at the time.”

Initially, it was open only on Fridays and Saturdays. “And there were days when they made 75 cents,” Shoultz said. “After a while, \$75 would blow them out of the water for the weekend.”

Once the women had maxed out on the things that they could sell or give away, they began accepting donations that could be resold.

“I've heard stories of women who would bring in their husband's overalls still dirty from the field and muddy boots,” said Linda Monley, shop manager. And the women at the shop, she said, “would actually wash and spot-clean and iron, clean the boots, and sell this stuff.”

These days, the doors are open Tuesday through Saturday, and donations arrive in such volume that the shop is always full of merchandise. It's grown to the point that many donations are kept at a leased warehouse space nearby.

“This warehouse has been an amazing gift to us because we don't have the room in the shop to display furniture,” Shoultz said.

Big-ticket furniture sales can be a boon for a thrift shop, as Shoultz pointed out: “Two-hundred and fifty dollars for a sofa? We've got to sell a lot of blouses and skirts to add up to that.”

It's certainly a far cry from the early days of washing muddy overalls.

Although the shop employs a manager, assistant manager and part-time “muscle power” for lifting donated furniture, it is run primarily by volunteers.

With relatively few expenses, the shop is able to give 75 percent of its sales proceeds to the church and the community, with each receiving an equal share. This year, local community groups will be getting \$129,000.

“We have different agencies that we work with, the prime one being Prodissee Pantry,” said Shoultz. “They screen people there for food donations and in talking to the people if they find folks who are in need of clothing or housewares, or furniture or linens, they fill out a voucher for them and the individual comes in and we give them the things that they need.”

Reflecting on the shop's 40-year milestone, Shoultz said, “I think it took fortitude to start the shop, but I think more than that it took a tremendous amount of fortitude to continue.” She said, “It was such a small group, they had to be pretty strong-willed to keep it going.”



ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Christian Education
(Life Center and Malone Hall)
For Children and Adults
9:15 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

Wednesday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
7:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Healing Service
Wednesday
12:00 pm (Noon)

3rd Thursday
of each month

Taize Prayer
(Narthex)
7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday

Christian Education
(Life Center and
Malone Hall)
For Children and Adults
9:15 am

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
7:00 am

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Library)
10:30 am

Great Wednesday

(Malone Hall)
6:00 pm
Potluck Supper and Study

**VESTRY AND
OFFICERS**

Term Ending

December 31, 2017

Donna Brown
Nancy Dziubakowski
Tim Michael,
Sr. Warden
Howard Wilson,
Jr. Warden

December 31, 2018

Roxanna Carpenter
Davis Daniel
Jim Jackson
Janet Norman

December 31, 2019

Sue Cody
Alice Frederick
Michael Koepp
Tom Walker
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Walker Jackson,
Youth Representative

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Clerk of the Vestry

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Platinum Treasures

**Delta Safari boat trip,
May 1, 2017.
A beautiful day
on the water —**



**Followed by lunch
at Felix's
on the Causeway.**

Christian Education, by Elizabeth Faust

Last Sunday was our parish picnic and what a Sunday it was! I was overwhelmed with generosity from everyone willing to add to our special day so thank you!! I also really want to thank Howard Wilson and the rest of the Men's group for everything they did, from cooking, to transporting tables to and from the park and for even bringing a big grill out there! Without you guys, we wouldn't have been able to pull it off! Also thank you to Liz Ray and Kristina McKenna for taking care of our kiddos in Children's Chapel while I was running back and forth all morning! It takes a village to pull off a big event like that and I am so grateful for everyone who helped out and came out to fellowship!

A FEW Quick CHRIS ED ANNOUNCEMENTS

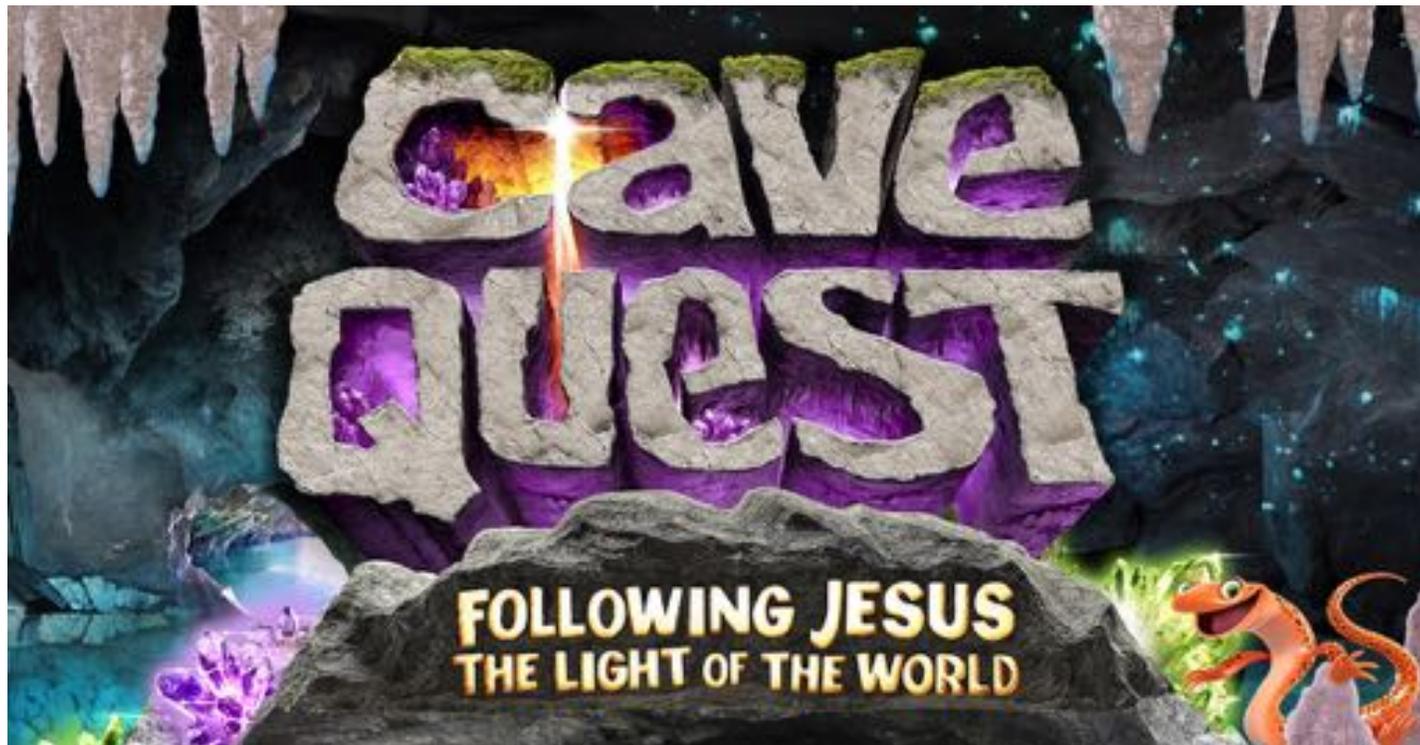
***8:00 Chapel is not meeting until mid-August.** Every summer we take a small break as we are preparing for VBS and many of you are vacationing anyway! The nursery will still be available and there will be a small activity for them. You can also still join us for the 10:30 service!

***New Faces in the Nursery!** This summer we will be adding to our Nursery Staff... we are also encouraging parents to take a turn volunteering for a week or two out of the summer. Mamas, if you feel the call please let me know!

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to our snack supply over the last couple of months. Our little ones have been so blessed by your generosity and creativity too!

***Congratulations** to Skye Li Harrison, Madeline Marie Ellison, Jayne Sharp, John Bryant, Olivia Lyons, and Lauren Erdman on your graduations!!!! We will be lifting you up this Sunday at both services!

***Registration has begun for VBS and MAD Camps** as well as for volunteers! We will meet June 11th after the 10:30 service to plan for Vacation Bible School.



MAD CAMP

GRADES 6 & UP

9AM-12PM

JULY 17, 19, 21

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9AM-12PM

JULY 24-27

VBS and **MAD** Camp registration is going on right now and you can pick up a registration form in the Narthex at any time! We will also be selling T-shirts for a limited time for campers and volunteers as a fundraiser to support our new campus playground renovation. In Chapel we use this playground occasionally and it is in desperate need of a refurbishment.

We are also excited to announce that we will be offering an **extended day program** for **VBS** Campers from 7:00am-5:30pm for those in need of a full day offering. Please contact Elizabeth Faust (626-2421) or Mary Haulard (626-for more information!

***Forms for everything above are together as a packet with VBS Registration**

VBS 2017 – Cave Quest

FOLLOWING JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JULY 24-27 9:00-12:00

(BEFORE AND AFTER CARE ALSO AVAILABLE)

Must be 3 years old and fully potty-trained to attend. Nursery Available for volunteers only

Student's Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Address

E-mail Address

Phone Numbers – Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Vacation Bible School Cave Quest T-shirts!

(optional, not required to participate in VBS)

\$10 each – proceeds go toward our church playground!

Due by Sunday, June 25, 2017

Name: _____

Staff Shirt (Adult sizes only)

Volunteers (including MAD Campers) working all four days get a free shirt!

Please circle:

Small

Medium

Large

XL

XXL

Camper Shirts (Glow in the DARK!)

Please circle:

Youth

Adult

Small

Small

Medium

Medium

Large

Large

XLarge

Total

of Shirts _____ x \$10.00 = _____ total due with this form (cash or check only) by June 25, 2017

Names of those receiving shirts:

Some may be available at registration but will be very limited.

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The Rev. Mary Alice Mathison, *Curate*
Paul Anderson, *Church Musician*
Elizabeth Faust, *Christian Education*
Terri McMillan, *Administrative Assistant*
Joan McKnight, *Staff Assistant*
Mark Costlow, *Life Center Sexton*
Mary Haulard, *Preschool —251-626-2774***

**Office Hours 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)
8:00 a.m. — Noon (Friday)**

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Thrift Shop Telephone: 251-626-6102**

***We worship together as we seek God, serve God,
and share God with love and acceptance for all.***