

St. Paul's Newsletter  
April 24, 2008

Sunday April 27 Services

*Scriptures:* Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

**8:45 Contemporary Service**

Reader: Dot Bradshaw  
Nursery: Diana Weber  
Children's Church: Rebecca Redmer

**9:45 Adult Sunday School**

Gleaners & Richardson Combined  
Devotions: Bonnie Rimpo  
Teacher: Steve Hurley

**11:00 Traditional Service**

Reader: George Simmons Jr

**From The Helm**

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As is my practice, when I find something that I think that you will enjoy, I try to pass it on. The following story struck a resonant chord with me about evangelism. Jesus calls each of us to be light bearers in the world. This story from the internet is about one such light bearer:

Every Sunday afternoon, after the morning service at the church, the Pastor and his eleven year old son would go out into their town and hand out Gospel Tracts. This particular Sunday afternoon, as it came time for the Pastor and his son to go to the streets with their tracts, it was very cold outside, as well as pouring down rain. The boy bundled up in his warmest and driest clothes and said, "OK, dad, I'm ready." His Pastor dad asked, "Ready for what?" "Dad, it's time we gather our tracts together and go out." Dad responds, "Son, it's very cold outside and it's pouring down rain." The boy gives his dad a surprised look, asking, "But Dad, aren't people still going to Hell, even though it's raining?" Dad answers, "Son, I am not going out in this weather." Despondently, the boy asks, "Dad, can I go? Please?"

His father hesitated for a moment then said, "Son, you can go. Here are the tracts, be careful son." "Thanks Dad!" And with that, he was off and out into the rain. This eleven year old boy walked the streets of the town going door to door and handing everybody he met in the street a Gospel Tract. After two hours of walking in the rain, he was soaking, bone-chilled wet and down to his VERY LAST TRACT. He stopped on a corner and looked for someone to hand a tract to, but the streets were totally deserted.

Then he turned toward the first home he saw and started up the sidewalk to the front door and rang the door bell. He rang the bell, but nobody answered. He rang it again and again, but still no one answered. He waited but still no answer. Finally, this eleven year old trooper turned to leave, but something stopped him. Again, he turned to the door and rang the bell and knocked loudly on the door with his fist. He waited, something holding him there on the front porch. He rang again and this time the door slowly opened.

Standing in the doorway was a very sad-looking elderly lady. She softly asked, "What can I do for you, son?" With radiant eyes and a smile that lit up her world, this little boy said, "Ma'am, I'm sorry if I disturbed you, but I just want to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU\* and I came to give you my very last Gospel Tract which will tell you all about JESUS and His great LOVE." With that, he handed her his last tract and turned to leave. She called to him as he departed. "Thank you, son! And God Bless You!"

Well, the following Sunday morning in church Pastor Dad was in the pulpit. As the service began, he asked, "Does anybody have testimony or want to say anything?" Slowly, in the back row of the church, an elderly lady stood to her feet, she began to speak, a look of glorious radiance came from her face. "No one in this church knows me. I've never been here before. You see, before last Sunday I was not a Christian. My husband passed on some time ago, leaving me totally alone in this world. Last Sunday, being a particularly cold and rainy day, it was even more so in my heart that I came to the end of the line where I no longer had any hope or will to live. So I took a rope and a chair and ascended the stairway into the attic of my home. I fastened the rope securely to a rafter in the roof, then stood on the chair and fastened the other end of the rope around my neck.

Standing on that chair, so lonely and brokenhearted I was about to leap off, when suddenly the loud ringing of my doorbell downstairs startled me. I thought, "I'll wait a minute, and whoever it is will go away." I waited and waited, but the ringing doorbell seemed to get louder and more insistent, and then the person ringing also started knocking loudly. I thought to myself again, "Who on earth could this be? Nobody ever rings my bell or comes to see me." I loosened the rope from my neck and started for the front door, all the while the bell rang louder and louder.

When I opened the door and looked I could hardly believe my eyes, for there on my front porch was the most radiant and angelic little boy I had ever seen in my life. His SMILE, oh, I could never describe it to you! The words that came from his mouth caused my heart that had long been dead, TO LEAP TO LIFE as he exclaimed with a cherub-like voice, "Ma'am, I just came to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU." Then he gave me this Gospel tract that I now hold in my hand. As the little angel disappeared back out into the cold and rain, I closed my door and read slowly every word of this Gospel tract. Then I went up to my attic to get my rope and chair. I wouldn't need them any more.

You see---I am now a Happy Child of the KING. Since the address of your church was on the back of this Gospel Tract, I have come here to personally say THANK YOU to God's little angel who came just in the nick of time and by so doing, spared my soul from an eternity in hell."

There was not a dry eye in the church. And as shouts of praise and honor to THE KING resounded off the very rafters of the building, Pastor Dad descended from the pulpit to the front pew where the little angel was seated. He took his son in his arms and sobbed uncontrollably.

Probably no church has had a more glorious moment, and probably this universe has never seen a Papa that was more filled with love & honor for his son... Except for One.

This Father also allowed His Son to go out into a cold and dark world. He received His Son back with joy unspeakable, and as all of heaven shouted praises and honor to The King, the Father sat His beloved Son on a throne far above all principality and power and every name that is named.

Blessed are your eyes for reading this story. Don't let this die, read it again and pass it along to others. We will meet in heaven!

Remember, God's message CAN make the difference in the life of someone close to you. Don't ever be too shy to share that wonderful message.

Folks, at the beginning, I said that this message struck a resonant chord within me. You see, It's been many years ago, but I can remember when in seminary, travelling back and forth across the bay bridge, that I'd pay the fare for the person in the car behind me. I'd also give the attendant one of my business cards with the words..."God loves you" written in pen, on the back. One night, I received a call from a lady who told me that that message of God's love on the back of my card made her think twice about committing suicide. She'd been thinking that no one loved her. We never know the consequences of the things that we do for others.

God bless you and your family, you're in my prayers daily.

Yours, in Christ,

Revfred+

### Prayer List

Gene Messick	Chris Browne	Margaret Barnes
Betty Hughson	Jack Burton	Unsaved loved ones
Betty Collison	Rev. David Rector	Families
Michael Travers	Leona Nixon	Our Schools
Rebecca Fairbanks	Calvin Rossy	Our Service Workers
Sandy Ovens	Dorothy Smith	Those needy
Donna Lauck Cohee	Sharon Michael	Our pastors
Rev. Bill Sterling	Judy Turner	Our church
Rev Kevin & Susan English	Margaret Anne Tyler	
Brownie Marshall	Roy Tyler	

### Announcement: New Office Manager

Please help us to welcome Toni Insley as our new office manager. Toni brings a wealth of experience to the position. Her two sons are active in the FOUR : 12 youth group and she has a very grown up 5 year old daughter who sometimes helps out setting tables during Soup Day with her grandparents, Doris and Jamie Insley. Nothing like jumping right into the fire so Toni will start her new position on Monday April 28th, just in time for Flower Fair. Please stop by to introduce yourself to her. Her hours will probably be 8:30-3:00 (with a half hour lunch).

## Nothing but Nets – send a free net TODAY 4/24

Go to <http://www.nothingbutnets.net/> and “play the game”. You are given the option to bypass playing the game and just sending a net. They ask for some info but it is to send a confirmation email. I've done it and haven't gotten blasted with emails. **Do it today** – tomorrow is World Malaria Day and the game will likely be removed shortly after that.

### World Day of Prayer for Zimbabwe, Sunday 27 April 2008

This is a call for Christians of every denomination and of every nation to focus their prayers in churches, halls, homes or elsewhere on Sunday 27 of April 2008 on the critical situation in Zimbabwe, a nation in great distress and teetering on the edge of human disaster. Let the cry for help touch your heart and mind. Let it move you to do what you can immediately to ensure that this day of prayer takes place in your country and neighborhood..

Please pass on this message right now to churches, organizations and individuals anxious to rescue Zimbabwe from violence, the concealing and juggling of election results, deceit, oppression and corruption and to bring about righteousness, joy, peace, compassion, honesty, justice, democracy and freedom from fear and want. This call to a Day of Prayer for Zimbabwe was initiated by a small group of Christians only a week ago. It is now very widely circulating throughout the world. Please join us in praying for repentance and the restoration of justice and righteousness; that it may flow through our land like two mighty rivers. (Amos 5:22)

### National Day of Prayer Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. Psalm 28:7*

The National Day of Prayer Task Force's mission is to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, mobilizing the Christian community to intercede for America and its leadership in the seven centers of power: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family. *more info at* <http://www.ndptf.org>

### Flower Fair Update

7 more days til Flower Fair!!!!

#### Flower Fair Week

Monday – set up tents, booths; simple painting and repairs where needed. Meet at the church at 8:30ish

Tuesday – flower delivery at 7a. Help needed to unload flowers

Wednesday April 30: 10a – 7p (early bird flower sales start at 8:30a)

4 - 6:30p Chicken Dinner \$10 (chicken, potato salad, green beans, roll); tickets will be available during services

7p Praise Band in the Sanctuary  
Thursday May 1 10a – 7p (early bird flower sales start at 8:30a)  
Friday May 2 10a - 4p (early bird flower sales start at 8:30a; Food booth closing @ 3p)

### Items Needed for the Silent Auction

Please let us know if you have items for the silent auction.

- Email your name, phone number and days/times available to [info@stpaulscambridge.com](mailto:info@stpaulscambridge.com) (Put volunteer in the subject line please)
- Leave a message at the church office: 410-228-1424

### Volunteers Needed for Booths

Volunteers are needed to help man the various booths and tents. If you are interested in helping out:

- Sign up on the sheet on the office door
- Email your name, phone number and days/times available to [info@stpaulscambridge.com](mailto:info@stpaulscambridge.com) (Put volunteer in the subject line please)
- Leave a message at the church office: 410-228-1424
- Call Judy Turner at 410-228-1253

### Other Updates

#### Piano Player Needed for Gleaners 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

Piano player for Gleaners' class on the second Sunday 9:45-10:am. Need someone to play one hymn and the offering accompaniment, then stay with the class or leave as you like. Anyone able and willing should see Carolyn Todd, Gloria Whaley or any member of Gleaners. Thanks!

#### Thanks to Bonnie Rimpo

Thanks to Bonnie Rimpo 25 years, is retiring from providing thought provoking messages each week on our message board in front of the sanctuary.

#### Young Adult Small Group

If you're a young adult and want to meet Christians your age, then you're invited to come hang out at the home of our

Youth Pastor, BJ Smith and his wife Michelle on Sunday, May 4 at 6:30pm. It will be a time to get to know like-minded young adults and have some fun. There will also be dessert, so eat dinner before you come. Child care will be provided to ease the minds of young parents. This will be a monthly event. BJ's address is 200 Hayward St. in Cambridge, across the street from Pep-Up. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Rent A Youth Program**

The Rent a Youth program is back in full swing for the spring! Need yard work done? Need your basement cleaned out? Have some minor painting or home repair that needs to be done? Contact BJ Smith at 410.901.7388 or complete a form available at the church.

### **Tax Stimulus Payment Informational Lunch**

Tuesday, May 13th at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall bring a brown bag lunch and listen to Mary Handley talk about the tax rebate program.

There is a lot of confusion about the stimulus checks the government will be handing out to Americans. These checks are not income tax checks nor are they determined by the amount of income folks earn. Anyone who files income tax will automatically get a check, usually \$300 for senior citizens, \$600 for working individuals with an additional \$300 for each child in the family.

Senior citizens who do not file income taxes STILL QUALIFY to get a check if they get at least \$3,000 in social security or veteran's benefits. In order to get a check all an individual needs to provide is their name, address, social security number, and the amount of social security or veteran's income earned last year. THAT'S IT! Even if the senior gets other income like a pension, the government doesn't need to know about it because this is not an income tax credit, it is a stimulus check.

The information is put on a very simple tax form and mailed off. Seniors will begin getting their checks in May. Applying for this money is a one time thing and they do not have to fear that they will have to file taxes next year. Seniors may apply for the stimulus check until October 2008.

### **Upcoming Events**

Ladies Community Prayer breakfast will be held Saturday May 17th @ 8A at Waugh UMC at 425 High Street. Phone number is 410-228-5189

### **United Way at Shorebirds**

Date: Sunday May 04, 2008

Time: 12:05 PM

A day for all to enjoy and learn how they can better serve their community, Community Wellness Day is in conjunction with the United Way and is a carnival'esk event for fans to attend and learn more about local non-profits and ways to lead healthier and happier life styles. There will be games for kids to enjoy and all can stick around for a

beautiful day of Shorebirds Baseball. St. Paul's Helping Hand will host a ring toss game to support the United Way.

### Lunch and Gaither Concert Video

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:30pm following a light lunch @12n in the Fellowship Hall. Missed the concert? Come watch the DVD!  
OPEN TO ALL SENIORS AND SENIORS-IN-TRAINING

Upcoming Health Ministry Events:

May—Game Party

June—Picnic at Great Marsh

### Upcoming Calendar

April 27	28 8:30 Flower Fair Set Up  7p UMW	29 7a Flowers Arrive	30 Flower Fair 4:30-6 Chicken Dinner	May 1 Flower Fair	2 Flower Fair	3
4 11a Communion 1p United Way @ Shorebirds 6:30 Young Adults at BJ's	5	6	7	8 2p Singers @ Chesapeake Woods	9	10
11	12 1:30 Mary in Music Room 7p Sarah 7p Martha @ Joyce & Ruth Thomas home; Mary Ruth Devotions  4p-8p Relay for Life Bank Night	13 12n Tax Stimulus Brown Bag	14 12n Ruth Circle	15	16	17 2p wedding

18	19 7p UMW	20	21	22	23	24
25 Memorial Day 8:45 Communion	26	27 Garden Club Set up	28 Garden Club Flower Show	29 12n-7p Blood Bank	30	31
June 1 11a Communion	2	3	4	5 2p Singers Mallard Bay	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Block Party	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 12-7p Blood Bank	20	21 6p Wedding
22 8:45 Communion 11a Radio	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 8:45 Communion	30	July 1	2	3	4	5

### Parting Thoughts

Never take someone for granted  
 Hold every person close to your heart  
 Because you might wake up one day  
 And realize that you've lost a diamond  
 While you were too busy collecting stones.  
*(thanks to Marilyn Carr)*