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We are the Church... ..

Let us hold in our prayers our government leaders and our Armed Forces on deployment; Hurricane Katrina's victims and their families; the millions of refugees worldwide in need of help; and our young people growing up in a challenging world.

For our families and friends who need our prayers -

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From Our Rector

Hi Everybody: This month I offer you our Bishop's Pastoral Letter as the primary news article for September.

John+

Pastoral Letter from the Bishop—August 2008

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 1:3)

Since 1867 the Lambeth Conference has been held once every ten years for the bishops of the Anglican Communion at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The 2008 Lambeth Conference was held July 16 - August 3 2008 in Canterbury. Over the course of the Conference, approximately 650 bishops and many of their spouses lived together as a community on the campus of the University of Kent, located about a mile outside the Town of Canterbury. During the three weeks of the Conference, we listened and talked to one another, learned from one another, laughed and cried with one another, ate and traveled together. We told stories of life and ministry in our own context and heard others tell their stories. We were addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Dias representing the Vatican, Metropolitan Kallistos, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, the Chief Rabbi of England, Prime Minister Gordon Brown, among others, and were entertained at a Garden Party hosted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

The Conference gathered in at least some degree of anxiety, and for some of us who had attended the 1998 Lambeth Conference, some hard and painful memories. By gathering and talking in our usual Anglican way, we learned about faithful ministry in difficult circumstances, about the cost and worth of reconciliation, about the life and death matters that face many members of the Anglican Communion on a daily basis (hunger, disease, lack of education). I came to know and treasure Api, my friend and fellow bishop from Fiji who travels on his boat a day and a night to make a parish visitation. I learned about the seven members of the Melanesian Brotherhood who, in attempting to serve and reconcile two warring clans, were martyred on Easter Sunday 2004. (I wish we had heard more about this costly work of reconciliation carried out by the Melanesian Brotherhood as an example of the work our Lord calls us to in healing the divisions of the world.)

This is the way of what it means to be a Communion: to hear the widest range of voices, to listen and to learn from one another, to walk with one another, and to continue to read Scripture and gather together around God's Table. With all the difficulties the Communion faces in these days, the Lambeth Conference is a part of the process of healing and reconciliation. In our walking, studying God's Word, worshiping and praying together, we both heard and told once again the great story of Jesus and his reconciling love.

Thankfully, the Conference made no grand pronouncements, passed no resolutions, issued no stirring declarations. We took steps towards one another, and steps toward becoming a more effective Communion gathered and empowered for mission. The Lambeth Conference is, after all, a conference, not a legislative body. One English bishop, David Rosedale, "rejoiced that we did not go down the path of resolutions, which give only fossilized remains without conversational tissue. For example," he says, "Resolution 67 from the 1908 Lambeth Conference states clearly, 'We desire earnestly to warn members of our Communion against contracting marriages with Roman Catholics...' The 1920 Lambeth

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Conference passed a resolution advising against the use of birth control as unchristian, only to be reversed by another resolution passed at the 1948 Lambeth Conference. I suppose the moral for me is that what passes for any era's "orthodox" position sometimes becomes just cold potatoes in light of the Gospel meeting the realities of life and being applied generously and lovingly to life as it is lived.

Thankfully, Jesus does not demand of his followers that we must be right about everything. If Jesus gave up on us as his followers as easily as we seem to give up on one another, we'd be in a terrible mess. That's why it's so important to keep on showing up to talk with one another, to gather around the Altar and to keep on walking with one another even when our disagreements are most intense. This traditional Anglican way has served us well in the past and will serve us well in the present if we will but trust it.

The Anglican Communion, as I think about it in the light of my experiences at the 1998 and 2008 Lambeth Conferences, is struggling to grow into a new level of maturity by rethinking what it means to be a global Communion with structures and patterns of relating to one another that need renewing. That being said, and lest we get too caught up in ecclesiastical navel-gazing and religious self-absorption, I hasten to remind myself and all of us that the quest for Christian unity is not an end in itself. For the Church universal and for the Anglican Communion, for a diocese or for a congregation, unity serves only as a foundation for mission. The only goal in seeking unity among the churches and traditions of Christendom or within the Anglican Communion or within a parish family must be broader and more energetic efforts at mission in healing the hurts of the world in the name of Jesus.

Mission means that every Christian, every Church, every Tradition is called by Jesus to get on the side of peace, justice, and reconciliation in the here and now of life in this broken world. As Brian McLaren ("A Generous Orthodoxy") said in addressing the Conference on evangelism: "Do we see the church as a ministry where people are warehoused until we can be shipped off to heaven? Or do we see the church as a society that creates disciples of Jesus who are called to make heaven on earth? Jesus did say in addressing his Father and ours, after all, 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' We either gather in church on Sunday as followers of Jesus in order to be empowered in our work of being peacemakers, seekers of justice for all, reconcilers; or we're just gathering in church to get our ticket to heaven punched once again."

If I had to summarize the Conference in as brief a manner as possible, my summary would go something like this: One night at dinner, someone quoted a line written by Antonio Machado, a Spanish poet: "Caminante, no hay camino. Se hace camino al andar." ("Traveler, there is no road. The road is made by walking.") For three weeks the bishops gathered for the 2008 Lambeth Conference made a road by walking together, talking together, praying together, telling our stories and opening our hearts to one another. All in all, I believe that the Lambeth Conference 2008 was about practicing our future as the Anglican Communion, learning what it means to be a reformed catholic tradition meeting the demands and challenges of life in this world at the beginning of the third millennium. As a conference of bishops gathered, we prayed and talked our way a few steps down the road of the future and the mission to which God is calling us.

As a Conference, we did not resolve all the issues facing our Anglican Communion, nor did we attempt it. What we did, I believe, was more important. We modeled a way of faithful, purposeful, prayerful and direct conversation as a way ahead in our common life and steeped that conversation in prayer, worship and Bible Study. We took steps toward one another, making ourselves vulnerable to one another as we did so and recommitted ourselves to life together as a Communion. In our life together, we confirmed our trust in God's intentions for the continuing and maturing life of the Anglican Communion. Through our life together as the bishops of the Communion gathered, we reaffirmed our commitment to living as faithful witnesses to the Good News of Jesus. We demonstrated our resolve to become more effective stewards of God's bounty for all people and as the caretakers of "this fragile earth, our island home." We reconfirmed our resolve to share God's abundance by committing ourselves and our dioceses to work toward cutting global poverty in half by 2015, working to eradicate hunger and preventable disease, and toward insuring equitable distribution of the world's economic and natural resources and lifting the oppressed from their bondage.

As a parish, as a diocese, in our life as a constituent member of the Anglican Communion and as communicants of The Episcopal Church, I pray that these resolves take firm hold in our hearts and steel our will as Jesus' disciples as we pursue the mission and ministry God has called us to through our Baptism.

God bless you, and with prayers for Godspeed in the days ahead, I remain,

Faithfully yours,



The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd

VII Bishop of East Carolina

Christina's Corner Christina Barnett, Senior Warden

During "Crank-Up" Sunday and brunch I sat with my friends, sisters Lulu and Margaret. Like my family, they are from the West Indies. Looking around the room and overhearing many different dialects, it is quite easy to conclude that few parishioners are true Fayettevillians. Actually, my 4th anniversary at Saint Paul's-in-the-Pines is September 11th. I found this church quite by accident—visiting a neighboring church. But I noticed the sign-ahh, an Episcopal Church and I was eager to attend a worship service.



Again, during coffee hours I discovered many other people were from my hometown, Philadelphia, and close by New York and Boston. What I am getting at is: that we all found Saint Paul's-in-the-Pines in tiny, quiet Fayetteville, NC. We came here as individuals, but became a family—a family that worships together.

Just as with your own personal family, each member has a different responsibility and assignment. Well, our family here is precisely the same: all coming together for the benevolence of our parish. Crank-Up Sunday serves that purpose: it is a day to pledge your service. Some people are more vocal, so elect to be a vestry members or on the worship team. However, people are also needed as ushers and on the altar guild, attending the nursery, etc. Remember, sharing your talent, skills and gifts are essential for our growth and prosperity.



It is not too late to peruse the many sign up sheets that are in the parish hall.

Crank it up for Saint Paul's-in-the-Pines!!!

Peace to you, Chris



From the Workbench of the Junior Warden, Penny Fleming (and Rich)



From the Desk of the Vestry Clerk, Kevin Hasinger

Not much to report lately. The wooden lectern from the chapel is being rejuvenated and will be back in service soon. The doors to the classrooms and nursery will have locks put on to limit unsupervised occupancy soon also. Keeping those rooms in order has become a problem I'm sad to report. With Fall approaching carpenter bee damage needs to be addressed.

Penny and Rich



- The Vestry will submit a grant to the Episcopal Foundation of Eastern North Carolina seeking additional funds to repair and protect our stained glass windows. We thank our individual sponsors and look forward to the Foundation's answer to our request.
- The Yard Sale at St. Paul's brought in approximately \$1400.00 and Robin is still counting!
- Christian Education will resume on September 21st, 2008.
- The Vestry welcomes an upcoming visit from the Vestry Communication Task Force of the Diocese of East Carolina.
- The Vestry is also excited about St. Paul's upcoming Parish Retreat during the month of September and encourages parishioner participation.

Missions, Pam Frawley

How embarrassed, but joyful, I was last Sunday (July 20th) to have expressed my disappointment at the slim donations for the Red Box, only to learn that a lot of items appeared before Thursday—enough to overflow! St. Paul's, you really make me proud!!! Thank you!

It is a terrible feeling not to be able to supply your child with a nutritious diet. I was hard, back in the day, to need to apply for free lunches for our girls. Many of you may have experienced that as well; that is why I worry about the children who don't get that lunch and breakfast during the summer months.

The Fayetteville Urban Ministry emergency assistance folks tell me that they really need bags of rice and canned fruits. I also ask for breakfast and lunch items for school children: pop-tarts, cereal, canned ravioli, spaghetti-o's, fruit or pudding cups, and, of course, anything else you care to give. For September, please bring peanut butter and jelly, tuna, string beans, and more rice.



I am thanking you in advance because you haven't let me down yet. THANK YOU!!! Thank you for your continued support and for caring enough to be consistent in your giving.

Heads up! September 7th and 14th, we will be hosting the sale of beautifully handmade jewelry and other items in support of the African Team Ministries. We have done this before and the craft items are lovely and reasonably priced. The sale monies will go to help fund school for orphans in Kenya, training for 5000 lay elders in the Aids prevention ministry, and provide food, blankets, shelter and support for people displaced because of the political unrest in that country. Since many of you may be on retreat, please bring your check books on the 7th and plan to do some Christmas shopping. We may be able to keep the crafts an extra week, but I'd rather we could finish up on time.



Many blessings, Pam

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Which of the two creation stories found in Genesis do you most identify with and why? If Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches, how have you been growing the past week or so? What do our tradition and culture teach us about life in a storm? Is there anyone you would like to offer intercessory prayer for? Who really wrote the letter to the Hebrews? How has God equipped me to minister to others at home, at work, at school, wherever I may be? Whose turn is it to bring snacks next week?

Typical questions encountered during a typical EfM session. Education for Ministry, or EfM, is an acclaimed curriculum of bible study, church history, theology, and theological reflection developed by the University of the South School of Theology, and is offered worldwide. Students meet in small groups of 6-12 on a weekly basis for a year at a time, and are led by a specially trained mentor. The aim of the course is to strengthen one's faith and everyday ministry through biblical exploration, and theological reflection. Cost of the course is \$340/year and is open to people of all denominations. Financial assistance is available.

St. John's is pleased to sponsor EfM again this year. Anticipated start date of the course is September 21. Come join us, or refer an inquiring friend. For more information, contact Will Bridges at 424-8240 (home) or (910) 280-6390 (cell) or email at willbridges@embarqmail.com. You can also check out the national web site at: <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/index.htm>.

Stewardship, Robin Burrs



"God doesn't spend money", I replied. I did take the pledge packet though, but I never filled it out. That happened to me over 20 years ago at my new church. At the beginning of every Stewardship Drive I think of that incident. I am reminded also, of how very naïve I was, (and arrogant) to make such an uninformed statement.

God does indeed spend money. He spends it through the generosity of His ANGELS who serve in and execute the missions and ministries of the church. The Homeless Project, 5th Sundays luncheons, Staff salaries, Urban Ministries, Operation Inasmuch, all require funding. Money is spent for the support and continuation of Christian Education, Altar supplies, even our regular utilities to keep open the place where we all share in our blessed communal spirituality. Money is spent to improve the safety and aesthetics of our facility. Money is also spent to enhance the lives of those who find themselves in unfortunate situations.

Now here I am handing out pledge packets and trying to help ensure that God DOES have money to spend through His angels. (Life is so funny sometimes.)

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving a packet asking you to make a financial commitment to St. Paul's. Please prayerfully consider your vision for St. Paul's for 2009. I hope you are more gentle with me than I was with that Stewardship Chair years ago.

Peace,
robin burrs
Stewardship Liaison



ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL YARD SALE

"I want to thank EVERYONE who assisted in our YARD SALE. We raised over \$1410.00! That is awesome! It was all due to tremendous effort by many people. I will not name them all here, but I will name the folks who do not attend St. Paul's and who were kind and generous enough to lend their helping hands. Richard (of Amy), and Marty Hobson (of Deb), Joe Hennessey (of Susan), and Sharon McMillan (of Robin) were very helpful in various ways. These are just good kind people and I could not be more convinced that there are truly angels among us. We had a few leftovers too, and when Susan and I went to try to recycle, refurbish and reuse these things, we learned a lot about Fayetteville.

The Community Action Program welcomed the stuffed animals. This program is at the police station and they work with the Homeless, children in crisis, and other social services.

Most of the clothing was taken to the Goodwill Community Foundation. We found out that ALL clothing must be bagged or boxed, hangers or not! They take appliances too, but NOT things that have to be wired to circuits. (items must have plugs). Goodwill will NOT take baby baths OR bowling balls for sanitary reasons. And this brings me to the coup of our journey: the Center for the Blind has bowling as one of their activities, so we took the bowling ball there!



The books went to the Cumberland County Public Library for their next book sale. The ReStore Warehouse takes building materials, unwired appliances, and furniture. The printer went to Moses Mathis, The Bicycle Man, and we were able to solve the long-standing question of where Mr. Mathis' new shop was located.

This was really a wonderful exercise in community spirit. We had plenty of help, snacks and happy faces. Our grounds looked wonderful and the Windows Tours were a hit too. There are still some brochures left if you haven't acquired one.

I really must applaud the grand efforts of Theo Frantz. He was our youngest helper for set up and on Sunday, he pulled the names for our first raffle. Congratulations Dee Lucas (who told me she would win) and Pam Frawley for first and second prizes.

What a grand time. I can't wait until next year. I hope you'll join us!!

robin burrs



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7 September 14 September 21 September 28 September 5 October 12 October
 The 17th Sunday The 18th Sunday The 19th Sunday The 20th Sunday The 21st Sunday The 22nd Sunday
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MORNING PRAYER

8:00AM R. Burrs **J. Johnson** D. DeJaynes N. Tetterton R. Burrs D. Roraback
 D. DeJaynes D. George L. Flom G. Roraback R. Burrs J. Crabill
 R. Burrs **J. Frantz** J. Peters P. Frawley D. DeJaynes G. Brown
 J. Peters C. Pettigrew M. Edmondson R. Huskey P. Frawley
 A. DeJaynes M. Pettigrew A. Perham I. Martin A. Perham

Torches

Ushers and P. Perham G. Winder P. Perham J. Lowder P. Perham G. Winder
 Greeters and B. Perham J. Ashford B. Perham G. Winder B. Perham J. Ashford
 Front Doors C. Brunson A. Ashford C. Brunson R. Burrs C. Brunson A. Ashford
 Altar Guild C. Swick D. George M. Winder G. Brown P. Perham C. Swick
 Tellers B. Perham G. Winder D. DeJaynes L. Flom B. Perham D. DeJaynes
 J. Crabill C. Brunson G. Roraback G. Brown G. Winder J. Crabill

Flowers \$30

J. Teachey

Bread/Wine \$15

Nursery Leslie/Donna Gail/Charity Pam/Doreen Susan/Charity Saran/Jasmine Leslie/Donna

Team Leaders-- PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR TEAM **PRIOR** TO THE SUNDAY YOU ARE ASSIGNED. IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SERVE, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT BEFORE THE ASSIGNED SUNDAY. INFORM THE PARISH SECRETARY BY WEDNESDAY OF YOUR ASSIGNED WEEK. PLEASE SUBMIT IN WRITING TO Robin Burrs THE DATES YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE. **Lectors**—PLEASE UPDATE THE HYMN **BOARDS PRIOR** TO YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY. ALSO PLEASE UTILIZE THE ILLUMINATIONS FOR READINGS ON YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY.

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM	3 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM	4 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	5	6 Br. St. Andrew 8:00 AM
7 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	8 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	9 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Worship Committee Mtg 6:30 PM	10 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM	11 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	12 Parish Retreat at Trinity Center	13 Parish Retreat at Trinity Center
14 Parish Retreat at Trinity Center Morning Prayer 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:30 AM	15 Father John at Trinity Center	16 Father John at Trinity Center	17 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM	18 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	19	20 Br. St. Andrew 8:00 AM
21 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Christian Ed 9:15 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	22 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Newsletter Articles Due	23 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM- Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	24 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM	25 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	26	27 Br. St. Andrew 8:00 AM
28 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM Christian Ed 9:15 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM EYC 4:00 PM	29 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	30 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM- Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM	Oct 1 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 PM	Oct 2 Morning Prayer 8:30 AM	Oct 3	Oct 4 Br. St. Andrew 8:00 AM

Birthdays & Anniversaries in September: 1—Gloria McEvilly; 6—Laurel Flom, Steven Carson; 7—Anthony Carson; 8—Richard Fleming, Tammy Wheeler & Lisa Feyen; 15—Hunter Farr; 19—John Ashford; 22—Don Walter, Jimmy Teachey; 23—Zachary Crout; 25—Alijah Seay, Marisa Pizzi; 26—Thomas Leyva; 26—Zoe Jones

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is not included on this list, it is because the information is not in our database. If you would like it included, please notify the office at 485-7098 or email office@stpaulsinthepines.net.

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A Diocese in Prayer September 2008

Please pray for the following during the month of September: 7th—St. Paul's, Clinton, The Rev'd Mary Ogus, Rector; Trinity Deanery, The Rev'd Gene Carpenter, Dean; 14th—St Peter's, Washington, The Rev'd Kevin Johnson, Rector, The Rev'd Don Wiesner, Priest Associate; 21st—Grace Episcopal Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville, The Rev'd Anne Natoli, Rector; 28th—Church of the Advent, Williamston, The Rev'd Jim Horton, Rector; Grace Church, Trenton.



Parish Retreat
September 12-14, 2008