

On the Mark

October 11th, 2009
The Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, October 11, 2009

- 8:30 Cell
- 8:45 1st Service
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 2nd Service & Sunday School – Holy Baptism
- 12:15 Prophetic Teams
- 4:30 Officers & Bishop Mtg

Monday, October 12, 2009 Columbus Day

- Church Offices Closed
- 6:15 Alpha

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

- 9:30 MOPS Steering Comm.
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service *nave*
- 11:30 Art Group
- 12:00 Agape Lunch
- 12:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Cell
- 6:00 Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 Vestry

Wednesday, October 14

- 9:30 MOPS Study

Thursday, October 15, 2009

- 9:30 Community Bible Study

Friday, October 16, 2009

- 7:30 NCS Cell
- 10:00 HK Cell
- 7:00 Christian 12 Step

Saturday, October 17, 2009

- 7:30 Men's Community Bible Study

Sunday, October 18, 2009

- 8:30 Cell
- 8:45 1st Service
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 2nd Service & Sunday School
- 12:15 "Inner Healing" class
- 12:15 Prophetic Teams

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Amos 5:6-15 (p. 889)
- Hebrews 8:1-13 (p. 1165)
- Mark 10:17-31 (p. 980)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 53:1-12 (p. 716)
- Hebrews 9:11-15, 23-28 (p. 1166)
- Mark 10:35-45 (p. 980)

Newcomers and guests at St. Paul's are invited to come to the Prayer Room after the service for a personal word of encouragement from the Lord our God. Our prophetic prayer team is ready to listen to God and ask Him to speak to you.

Breaking Free

For many, these are difficult days of suffering and bondage. How fortunate we are as Christians to have the love and salvation of Jesus. There is such hope and healing with our precious Lord. Yet at times He seems far away and elusive – but it is not Jesus who moves! You can be struggling or blocked and longing for help, but can't seem to reach that wonderful place of really "being with Him". Do you ever feel that way?

There are steps to take – a pathway to help achieve that intimacy, peace and healing – no matter what the outer circumstances seem to be. The saints of St. Paul's are prayerful, wonderful people of God. But I am often made aware that personal struggles are part of our human life and that sometimes in the busy-ness and overwhelm of living life, we feel stuck or lost. Well, the way out is to get right with God. To get right with God means taking action to join with Him in intimacy – to be wholly dependent on Him and to look at the process that will help you to clear out and change those things that may be holding you back.

I recently read a wonderful article in Charisma magazine on breaking free from captivity and not letting the past paralyze you. Our cell groups are studying Neil Anderson's Bondage Breaker. No matter where you are in your spiritual life, I hope you will join the 5-week Inner Healing course so we can explore together the process that will help you to move forward with greater wholeness and in your healing walk with God – beyond your wildest dreams!

"For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose." Philippians 2:13

Blessings,

Gail

The Rev. Gail Paige-Bowman

Inner Healing

A "step-by-step" journey to a more intimate relationship with God, led by The Rev. **Gail Paige Bowman**, will begin **next** Sunday, October 18, immediately after the 10:30 service each week for an hour and 15 minutes. Bring a bag lunch!

College Care Packages

Between today and November 1, we will be collecting goodies and notes to send to the members of our St. Paul's family who are in college. See the sign-up and list of suggestions in the narthex. Thank you for helping us show love and encouragement to a great group of students! (If you would like to contribute cash for postage, please see Fr. Dan or Meg Newton. Thanks!)

Sunday School OPEN HOUSE

for both parents and teachers will be held on Sunday, October 25th, right after the 10:30 service. A light lunch will be provided and there will be childcare during the meeting. Basic orientation and expectations will be discussed during this time. All parents and teachers of Sunday School children are strongly encouraged to participate. Please see **Debbie de la Rivera** with any questions.

St. Paul's Darien Financial Summary	10/4/09	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Better(Worse) Than Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$7,398	\$470,859	\$550,000	(\$79,141)
Disbursements	\$17,094	\$537,634	\$536,250	\$12,366
	Weekly Goal	\$13,750	Deficit	(\$66,775)

“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!”

John 8:36.

So what is holding you back?



Neil T. Anderson's book **Bondage Breaker** is the focus for a six week small group study that will help us identify the hurts, habits, and hang-ups which hinder our walk with the Lord. Groups meet each day of the week but Monday, and in all sorts of places. Times and places are listed in the narthex; you can also pick up your book and study guide there. (The cost is \$15 – but if that is a hardship, please talk to us!)



Who is Jesus? And what difference does it make?

Do you have friends who ask you questions like that? Do YOU ever ask questions like that? Alpha is a “safe” place to ask just that sort of question! Each Monday evening at 6:15 we gather for a delicious dinner, followed by great teaching by Nicky Gumbel (on video tape) and small group discussion. There is still space...why not join us and bring a friend?

Christian Heritage School in Trumbull is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m. Prospective parents of students K-12 are invited to attend. Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Martha Olson, Director of Admissions at 203 261-6230 extension 555.

There will be a multi-church **Men's Retreat** at Dolce in Norwalk October 23-24. You can e-mail Greg Healy at gregg-healey@nhcap.com for information. "The Church of Fairfield County" (that would be all of us!) is planning this retreat around a theme of **Overcoming** (overcoming adversity, overcoming the enemy, overcoming obstacles...) Speakers include Chuck Davis and Jackson Senyonga. Worship will be led by Dan Fox.

The **Billy Graham Telephone Ministry** will be at St. Paul's on Wednesday October 21 to answer call-ins. If you have always wanted to share Christ with someone – this is a great way to start! It's on the phone, not face-to-face; the person on the other end *really* wants to know Him; and the answers are right in front of you! Plus it is all bathed in prayer! If you are not quite ready to help yet, please do remember to pray for this outreach to the world.

“Who R U?”

The caterpillar asks Alice in Alice in Wonderland. She must not have been wearing her nametag!

Look around. Can you name everyone in your row? In the row in front of you? Behind you? They may not know your name either. Wearing your name tag would be a great help! (Don't have a name tag? Call 655-8773 and let us know; we'll do one for you!)



Have you checked out our website recently? It's been updated!

- If you missed a sermon or if you want to listen to one again, you can listen
- online directly from the website or download from iTunes (search for st pauls darien in the iTunes store)
- You can find copies of On the Mark
- Information about the missionaries we support
- Question sheets for Hebrews and the new Bondage Breakers study.

In fact, keep checking back because this is a work in progress and there is always something new.



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To Know Christ and
To Make Him Known