

On the Mark

December 27, 2009
The First Sunday after Christmas

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, December 27, 2009

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

Monday, December 28, 2009

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

- 9:30 Art Group
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service *nave*
- 12:00 Agape Lunch
- 1:00 Cell
- 6:00 Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 H & I SAVR *chapel*

Wednesday, December 30

Thursday, December 31, 2009

New Year's Eve

- 6:30 New Year's Eve party –

Friday, January 1, 2010

New Year's Day

Church offices closed

Saturday, January 2, 2010

- 7:30 Men's Community Bible

Sunday, January 3, 2010

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

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

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Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (p. 725)
Galatians 3:23-4:7(p. 1120)
John 1:1-18 (p. 1027)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

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Jeremiah 31:7-14 (p. 766)
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a 1133)
Matthew 2:1-18 (p. 934)

Trust in the Lord

In the Year 2009, we of St. Paul's Darien have found joy in trusting the Lord. It has been the Year to Trust. The goodness of God has been lavished upon us in His Son Jesus. We have been protected by the Lord, provided for by the Lord and stretched by the Lord to trust Him for more.

From Proverbs 3:5-6 we read, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." In these months of economic challenges, extra stress on family, health issues, and an uncertain future, trust is the only way forward. Not trust in self or in others, but in God alone.

How have you been able to trust God? Think over the last twelve months and review yourself. Ask yourself, "Do I get an 'A' or a 'B' or worse?"

Consider finishing this year with a renewed emphasis on trusting the Lord. The Lord is ultimately in charge and He is supremely worthy to be trusted. "Taste and see", the Scriptures say, "that the Lord is Good!" I wish you a happy end to 2009 and a prayerful consideration of where you have been and where you might follow the Lord. He will make your paths straight if you trust in Him.

Your brother in Christ,

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector

Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New

Yes! We are having a New Year's Eve event. The Cerretani's and Josephine Rojas are organizing this festive and fun evening. So join us on December 31, 2009. Come around 6:30 pm bearing a main dish, a salad or side dish, or a dessert and we should be eating by 7:00. We plan on square-and-line-dancing. We'll provide a 'quiet(er) room if you want to bring board games or cards. Rumors abound of a chocolate fountain! At midnight we will gather and pray! Can you think of a better place to spend New Year's Eve than with the Body of Christ? If you want to help please contact Joann Cerretani. (It's less than a week away so ...)

St. Paul's Darien Financial Summary	12/20/09	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Better(Worse) Than Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$9,285	\$585,341	\$701,750	(\$115,909)
Disbursements	\$4,577	\$665,790	\$701,750	\$35,460
Weekly Goal	\$13,750		Deficit	(\$90,449)

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

To be a member of St. Paul's Darien is to be part of a dynamic spiritual body that seeks to know Christ and to make Him known.

How is Christ made known? What is the Biblical answer to that question? Christopher and Janet Leighton will be teaching four classes from the Bible, Sunday, January 10, through January 31, 2010, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

The classes will involve a light lunch following the second service. All are invited, and are urged to RSVP to the parish office 203 655-8773.

Alpha returns

A new round of the Alpha course will begin on Monday, January 11 and will continue on Mondays through March 1st.

We'll gather at 6:15 for free food, fun, and fellowship. At 7:00 the program will begin with a video of Nicky Gumbel addressing a question of faith and life in a Biblical, thoughtful, and humorous way. Discussion follows, and the evening is over by 8:45. Childcare will be provided. Sign up by calling the church office. Come and bring a friend!



February 16, 2010 Got talent? Got an appetite? Got it on your calendar?

And while you have your calendar out...

St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010. If you are a member of St. Paul's, you should be here.

Ruth

On Sunday, January 10, 2010, we will begin a series of studies and sermons on the Book of Ruth:

January 10	Ruth 1:1-18
January 17	Ruth 1:19-2:4
January 24	Ruth 2:5-23
January 31	Ruth 3:1-18
February 6	Ruth 4:1-12
February 13	Ruth 4:13-22

Newcomers & 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 prophetic prayer team is ready to listen to God and ask Him to speak to you.



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