

# On the Mark

April 18, 2010  
The Third Sunday of Easter

## Get Set... GO!

### Sunday, April 18, 2010

8:00 Cell  
8:45 First Service  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 Second Service  
12:15 Prophetic Team

### Monday, April 19, 2010

7:30 Feed My Starving Children  
Prayer Meeting

### Tuesday, April 20, 2010

9:30 MOPS prayer Group  
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing  
11:30 Art Group  
12:00 Agape Luncheon  
1:00 Cell  
6:00 Band Rehearsal

### Wednesday, April 21, 2010

9:00 MOPS Tea & Testimony  
7:00 Billy Graham Telephone  
Ministry

### Thursday, April 22, 2010

9:00 Community Bible Study  
7:00 Healing & Intercession

### Friday, April 23, 2010

7:30 NCS Cell  
4:30 Chen/Hutton Wedding  
Rehearsal  
7:30 Christian 12 Step

### Saturday, April 24, 2010

7:30 Men's CBS  
2:00 Chen/Hutton Wedding

### Sunday, April 25, 2010

8:00 Cell  
8:45 First Service & Nursery  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 Second Service & Sunday  
School, Holy Baptism  
12:15 Prophetic Teams

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Jeremiah 32:36-41 (p. 770)  
Acts 9:1-19a (p. 1065)  
John 21:1-14 (p. 1053)

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Numbers 27:12-23 (p. 160)  
Acts 13:15-39 (p. 1070)  
John 21:15-25 (p. 1053)

## Visual Artists Take Note!

Calling all Visual Artists in our Community: we would love your participation in the St. Paul's Art Show, which opens June 6, 2010.

You are invited to submit one piece, framed and ready for exhibit, by Sunday May 23. Works should be given to Meg Newton or Susannah Swanson, and should be labeled with the following information: title, date, medium, and your name and contact information.

## First Things First

The origin of this phrase is self-evident. Have you ever run aground, or scraped bottom, as a result of letting other things crowd out that which is of first importance? Jesus, our Master, spoke so eloquently about keeping first things first, when He said, *Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*" [Matthew 6:33 KJV]

What are the things that you need to place first in your life? How are you keeping those first things as priority one? Do you believe that God is even more committed to you keeping first things first than you yourself are?

For instance, the first commandment tells us to worship God above all, and to have no other gods or conflicting allegiances. In Jesus' summary of the law, He says the first commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength. If you have placed Jesus first in your life, it means that He lives in your heart. His Spirit is at work in you, helping you to keep first things first.

St. Paul's Church will keep the priority of knowing Christ and making Him known, no matter what happens. We face the future with confidence because we place first things first.

Your brother in Christ,

**Christopher**

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton  
Rector

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

## Annual Ladies Silver Tea & Luncheon Sunday, May 2 (right after the 10:30 service)

We love our lovely senior servants and want to honor and thank them for their service to the Lord and to St. Paul's. Our invitation is extended to all those ladies willing to admit they are 65 years or older. Please let us know if you have not heard from us! We do not want to miss you. If you would like to help with this event (and then be able to attend and enjoy these lovely ladies) please contact Susan Jolly at 203 502-8080.

## Save the Date!

...for the next Parent-Teacher Children's Ministry Open House **Sunday, May 16** directly after the 10:30 service. We are eager to share with you about the new and exciting plans for our Children's Ministry. **We are shifting the Paradigm**... This will also be an opportunity to hear from your child's teachers and ask them any questions you might have. A light lunch will be provided. The invitation is open to **anyone** who is interested in helping to "raise up the next generation" for Jesus' kingdom. For more information do not hesitate to contact Debbie de la Rivera, Kim Stumpf, or Joann Cerretani. See you there!

Week ending	4/11/10	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ (-) than budget
Tithes & Offerings	9,950	181,911	187,500	(5,589)
Expenses	17,082	192,600	187,500	(5,100)
	Weekly Goal	13,750	Shortfall	(10,689)

## Feed My Starving Children

Last year churches and civic groups, families and individuals came together in Darien to prepare and ship several hundred thousand scientifically balanced meals for starving children around the globe. In fact, the Darien packages ended up in Haiti, and were there, ready for use, when the earthquake hit.

As Darien plans and prepares for another packing event this fall for the "Feed My Starving Children" ministry, we want to be sure to undergird our participation with prayer. There will be a monthly Prayer Meeting for FMSC and St. Paul's is hosting the first of these on **Monday, April 19 from 8:00 to 9:00**. Please plan to join us! [Want more information about the FMSC endeavor in Darien? Talk to Deacon Roberta Schneider.]

### A benefit concert with

#### The Todd Schneider Band

Dave Anderson, bass; Thierry Arppino, drums; Steve Moran, sax & keyboards; Todd Schneider, guitar, plus special guests. **Sunday, April 18, 4:00 p.m.** at the **Ben Franklin Theatre, Bayview Ave. & Hillside St., S. Norwalk**. For more info call 203-524-4090. Proceeds will assist with medical tests & treatment for Todd.

### Mission Trip Donation

Please prayerfully consider making a donation of any amount to the St. Paul's Men's Mission trip to Clarksburg, WV, May 2-8, 2010. We will be serving God and the poor with building projects, relationship forming, and ministry in the Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Donated monies will be used to sponsor Pivot Ministry men (and possibly some from the Bridgeport Rescue Mission) as well as to provide for the families we serve. Checks can be sent directly to World Vision Appalachia. Mark the check "St. Paul's Mission". For more information contact Dick Day at 203 698.2978 or, by e-mail, [rday55@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rday55@sbcglobal.net). Send checks to: **World Vision Appalachia,**  
PO Box 162,  
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### Let the Choice Be Mine

We plan and prepare for most events in our lifetime, yet few of us prepare for the final event of our lives: our funeral. Deacon Novella Lawrence is ready to facilitate this simple course again if enough people are interested. Please call the Parish Office at 655-8773 and let us know.

### Church of Fairfield County Joint "Revival" Service May 21, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

Several times a year, an eclectic group of churches (of which we are one) meets jointly to praise God and pray for Revival to ignite in Fairfield County. St. Paul's is hosting the next such revival service, on Friday, May 21. If you yearn for the Lord to touch the hearts of your neighbors, we urge you to join us that evening!



**God's Great Get-together**  
Vacation Bible School  
August 16-20, 2010

Can YOU help? Call 655-8773

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, our friends from PIVOT will hold their graduation banquet here at St. Paul's. Please pray for these men who have turned their lives over to the Lord and thus been turned from lives of addiction and despair to new life in Him.

The Billy Graham Telephone Ministry will be answering calls from around the country here at St. Paul's next Wednesday night, April 21<sup>st</sup>. As Sr. Jean Kresge who leads this group says, "All God has is you and the wonderful Holy Spirit that He has given you!"



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**To Know Christ  
And to  
Make Him Known**