

# On the Mark

May 16, 2010  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter:  
The Sunday after Ascension Day

## Get Set...GO!

### Sunday, May 16, 2010

8:00 Cell  
8:45 First Service & Nursery  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 Second Service & Sunday School  
12:15 Prophetic Teams  
12:15 Morgan Celebration  
*Darien Comm. Assoc.*

### Monday, May 17, 2010

### Tuesday, May 18, 2010

9:30 Art Group  
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service  
12:00 Agape Luncheon  
12:30 Staff Meeting  
1:00 Cell  
6:00 Band Rehearsal  
7:00 Healing & Inter. SAVR

### Wednesday, May 19, 2010

9:15 MOPS

### Thursday, May 20, 2010

7:00 Healing & Intercession

### Friday, May 21, 2010

7:30 NCS Cell  
10:00 SP Art Cell  
7:30 Ch. Of Fairfield Cty  
REVIVAL service

### Saturday, May 22, 2010

7:30 Men's CBS  
9:30 Let the Choice Be Mine  
2:30 Grief Recovery

### Sunday, May 23, 2010

#### PENTECOST

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

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

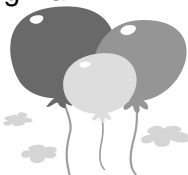
I Samuel 12:19-24 (p. 272)  
Revelation 22:12-20 (p. 1207)  
John 17:20-26 (p. 1049)

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Genesis 11:1-9 (p. 10)  
Acts 2:1-11 (p. 1056)  
John 20:19-23 (p. 1052)

## Celebrate!

Following the 10:30 service today, join us at the Darien Community Association, 274 Middlesex, Darien Ct. for a chance to celebrate the 11 years we have shared with the Morgan family and to anticipate with them the new adventures in store as they follow God's leading to Dale City, Virginia.



## IT IS WELL

In 1871, Horatio Spafford tragically lost his son, and in October of that same year the Great Chicago fire destroyed almost all of the real estate investments he held. Spafford was a wealthy Chicago Lawyer who was a devout Christian man and good friends with D. L. Moody.

In 1873, Spafford sent his family on a trip to Europe for a much needed respite after enduring such tragedy; he would join them later after completing some work. Days later he received word that the ship his family was on had sunk; his four daughters were lost at sea and only his wife survived. As he traveled the long boat journey he penned this song:

#### It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Refrain:** It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:  
If Jordan above me shall roll,  
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life  
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

And Lord haste the day, when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

While I have never experienced tragedy of this magnitude, the recent days have been filled with great sadness as we approach our departure from St Paul's. I think of all that I could say, all that I want to say and this song sums it up well. IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL! No wind, rain, colliding ships, or anything the enemy attempts, can undo what the Lord has planted in me over the past eleven years. Nothing can take away the joy that I have had teaching, challenging and leading you, or the growth that has happened in you over the past eleven years. This is because: "the favour of the Lord God is upon you and His goodness surrounds you like a shield." (Jan Nel).

Psalms 30:5 says: "For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." This is God's promise to us if we will always see him in the storm, if we would choose to trust and follow him through the storm. His favor far outweighs any momentary sorrow. Will you trust Him with me for the future? Will you become a lover of His word and a doer of His will? Will you revel in His joy and peace. If so, you will face any challenge life can throw you with this refrain: "BE IT CHRIST HENCE TO LIVE; IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL!"

Be Blessed,

*Dan*

The Rev. Daniel C. Morgan  
Rector-elect, All Saints Church, Dale City VA.

Week ending	5/9/10	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ (-) than budget
Tithes & Offerings	8,448	214,234	237,500	(23,266)
Expenses	25,265	241,715	237,500	(4,215)
Weekly Goal		12,500	Shortfall	(27,481)

## LET THE CHOICE BE MINE

On Saturday, May 22, 2010, Deacon Novella Lawrence will offer **two** important seminars:

From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm: **Let the Choice Be Mine**. We plan and prepare for most important events in our lifetime (think wedding or the birth of a child) but few of us prepare for the final event – our funeral. The family is left to guess at our wishes, while dealing with their own grief. This seminar, back by popular acclaim!, helps you plan in advance – probably the best gift you can leave your family. There is a \$10 charge for this seminar to cover the cost of materials.

Then from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., **“Coping with Grief”**. The pain of losing a loved one can have physical, emotional, and spiritual effects which impact us for years. Understanding the stages of grief and the manifestations in our lives can be the first step to acceptance.

**If you want to participate in either of these seminars, please call the Parish Office at 203 655-8773 to register!**

## Children’s Ministry OPEN HOUSE

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 23**

immediately after the 10:30 service.

We want to share new and exciting plans for our Children’s Ministry! This will also be a chance to hear from your child’s teachers and ask any questions you have. A light lunch will be provided. The invitation is extended to **anyone** interested in helping “raise up the next generation” for Jesus! For more info., see Debbie de la Rivera, Kim Stumpf, or Joann Cerretani.

## Joint Revival Service at St. Paul’s May 21, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

Once a month the pastors of a very diverse group of churches throughout Fairfield County meet to pray together. Several times a year, the congregations of these churches come together 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! A group of intercessors from the churches has been meeting and surrounding this event with prayer and we are truly excited at what the Lord will do that evening.

## Mission Possible!

The Spring 2010 Mission Trip to West Virginia was a great success. We spent the entire week at Lucille Mark’s home. We had served her last year. The men on the trip insulated Lucille’s home, put in a new kitchen ceiling, fixed a leaky roof, installed a new sink and replaced a shed roof. Praise God! We also enjoyed fellowship with this faithful lady and strengthened our ties with World Vision and the Clarksburg Mission. - Dick Day

*Hi, Father Christopher:*

*I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior. I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the love that you and the entire St. Paul’s family continuously shows to the men of Pivot Ministries. This latest demonstration was nothing short of amazing. We all had a wonderful time on Saturday, May 1; the graduates, their families and friends all shared an experience that would not have been possible were it not for you. There was nothing but love in that room! I also think that this was our shortest graduation ever. (smile).*

*Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart!*

*Your brother in Christ, David*  
Pastor David B. Smith, Pivot Ministries

## ATTENTION Prayer Teams & Intercessors

We will be having a Prayer Ministries meeting on Sunday, June 6, immediately after the 10:30 service. A light lunch will be served. We are looking forward to a time of fellowship and re-connecting...

*Did you know that every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., a group of prayer warriors gathers in the Prayer Room to pray for us? If you would like to join this time of ministry, please come!*

## St. Paul’s Darien ART SHOW

Featuring paintings, photography, and other work by members and friends of St. Paul’s

Opening **June 6, 2010**

5:30 p.m. – Reception

6:30 p.m. – Service with meditation on art & worship: remarks and reflections from artists and others.

Remember, items for display in the show need to be dropped off in the Parish Office by May 23.

Invitations are available at the Welcome Center. Invite your friends and neighbors! [June 6, 2010 is a First Sunday of the month, so our 6:30 p.m. service will include worship, Holy Eucharist, and healing prayer. Come and pray for a continued outpouring of creativity at St. Paul’s!



## God’s Great Get-together

V.B.S.  
August 16-20,  
2010

Jambo! Habari! [That’s “hi”, “hello” in Swahili] Registration for **Baobab Blast** our 2010 VBS is now Open! Kids four years old and up are invited to join God’s Great Get Together. Those entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade (or higher!) are welcome to sign on as Gamekeepers. From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, **August 16 through 20**, we’ll learn about the African savannah while we also learn to share the Good News, to care for others, and to live as part of a community! And we will end on Friday evening at 5:30 with a “harambi”, a feast, a party, to which *everyone* is invited.

And it is still a bargain. \$45 for the first child in a family; \$40 for the second child; \$35 for the third; \$30 for the fourth, etc. (Scholarships are available; talk to us!) Forms are available at the Welcome Center – or call 203 655-8773 during working hours.



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### Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Gail Paige Bowman The Rev. Novella Lawrence  
The Rev. M. Blake Greenlee The Rev. Roberta Schneider  
**Vestry Sr. Warden** - Dominic Napolitano *Jr Warden* - Joann Cerretani (Christian Formation) *Treasurer* - Roger Knudsen (Bldgs & Grounds) *Clerk* - Adelaide Waring (Hospitality) *Class of 2011*- Pamela Corker (Hospitality & Mercy), Bill Steinfeldt (Buildings & Grounds), Kim Stumpf (Christian Formation) *Class of 2012* - John Donovan (Communications & MiC) Bill Jolly (Anglican Relations) Julia Nichols (Mercy) *Class of 2013* - Robin Alves (Communications), Tony Schell (Evangelism), Polly Verrico (Healing & Intercession).