

On the Mark

August 22, 2010
The Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, August 22, 2010

8:00 Cell
8:45 First Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 Second Service – Bless
This Backpack!
12:15 Prophetic Teams

Monday, August 23, 2010

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

9:30 Art Group *fellowship room*
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:00 Agape Luncheon
6:00 Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

Thursday, August 26, 2010

7:00 Healing & Intercession
Prayer Time

Friday, August 27, 2010

7:00 Christian 12-Step

Saturday, August 28, 2010

7:30 Men's CBS

Sunday, August 29, 2010

8:00 Cell
8:45 First Service & Nursery
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 Second Service & Sunday
School for those 5 & under
12:15 Prophetic Team

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Isaiah 28:14-22 (p. 688)
Revelation 3:7-13 (1193)
Luke 13:10-17 (p.1011)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Psalms 112 (p. 595)
Revelation 3:14-22 (1194)
Luke 14:1, 7-14 (p.1012)

Look What's Coming!

August 29 and September 5 –
Pre-registration for 2010-11
Sunday School for all kids,
Infants through high school.

Sept. 1 – 9:30 a.m. – MOPS
(Mothers Of Pre-Schoolers)
will have an Open House

Sept. 12 – Sunday School
2010-11 begins!

Sept. 15 – Billy Graham
Telephone Ministry

Sept. 16 – Community Bible
Study returns at 9:30 am.
This year begins with a
study of JAMES.

And for to come...

In October Jim Leach will be
offering the Streams course,
The Art of Hearing God.
Stay tuned for dates and
times – registration will be
through the Streams web site,
not St. Paul's

God and You are a Majority

Today we are blessing the backpacks of students during the 10:30 service. Why? Because since it is time to go back to school we want to pray for each student and their upcoming school year.

There are many challenges associated with going to school. There are joys that can come with learning. Who children choose to associate with will lead to decisions that will build or tear down character for a lifetime.

In addition, when students go into a situation with the blessing of God they are not alone. Do you know that when you walk into a room, **four** people walk in: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit go with you. With God, you are a majority! Jesus said, *“Let your light so shine before all people, that they may see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven.”* [Matthew 5:16].

Have a blessed coming school year!
Your brother in Christ,

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector

Children

How many Bible verses can you think of, off hand, which talk about children: *“Teach them [the things your eyes have seen] to your children and your children’s children”* [Deuteronomy 4:9]; *“From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise”* [Psalm 8:2]; *“Turn the hearts of the fathers to their children”* [Malachi 4:6] *“Let the little ones come to me and forbid them not”* Matthew 14:19. There are lots of them because children are a very important part of the family of God.

Here at St. Paul's we have spent the last month ministering to – and being ministered to by – children!

For three weeks Camp Mighty Mind held sway. This camp was designed for children with difficulty in learning or focusing who were falling behind in school because of it. Each morning we held a “chapel” service for the kids: Fr. Christopher gave a brief homily, Janet taught them a song, and then we laid hands on the children and prayed for them individually and specifically. One thing in particular we prayed was that the children would show “demonstrable improvement” – and they did!

We have lots of stories, but they might be summed up in a letter we received from the parents of one child:

“Dear Father Christopher:

Thank you so much for sharing your facility and community with our children for Camp Mighty Minds. It has been an amazing three weeks for Luis and I. Luis has moved more fluidly and talked more comprehensively than ever before. His afternoon therapists have all commented that this is the best they have seen him. He heads off happily every day, works hard, has fun and comes home singing lovely new songs. Thank you for helping to make this much needed camp happen. Thanks to all the parishioners we have met. They have been wonderfully welcoming.”

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Week ending	8/15//10	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ (-) than budget
Tithes & Offerings	7,897	350,576	412,500	(61,924)
Expenses	3,900	399,900	400,000	12,600
	Weekly Goal	12,500	Shortfall	(49,324)

Then it was on to a full week of Vacation Bible School.



was, indeed, a blast!

We ended up with almost 136 children and a fluid number of teen and adult helpers totally about another 30-40 each day: roughly 175 people each morning at St. Paul's!

It would be almost impossible to name everyone who made this VBS such a success (although we will try next week!) We would particularly single out Debbie de la Rivera who coordinated the entire effort.



The time has come to return your M&M tubes full of quarters! SEPTEMBER 15 is the date by which we need to return the money. (Lost your M&M tube? Your quarters were fed to the laudromat or the parking meter? It's okay you can give us bills...or checks payable to "Feed My Starving Children", with this number on the memo line: #1010-42.) Many of our VBS campers had filled their tubes and brought them back for FMSC and we are proud of them.

We need this advance money in order to fund preparing, packing, and shipping the meals, which last year proved such a blessing in Haiti.

If you know of a business owner in Darien who may want to donate (with public acknowledgement) please let Deacon Roberta know. E-mail rks.sent@yahoo.com.

The schedule for packing will be available shortly, so save time on October 1, 2 or 3, so you can participate – as an individual, a family, or a church group. Stay tuned!



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