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A WORD FROM PAUL WALKER

What is Lent? Lent is the time to call a thing what it is. What do I mean by that odd phrase? I mean that Lent is the time to agree with the Bible's description of your heart – "*deceitful above all else.*" Lent is the time to be honest about yourself.

We're all in this together. That's why at the beginning of each worship service in Lent we hear the Decalogue (10 Commandments). After each command, we respond "*Lord have mercy upon us. Incline our hearts to keep thy Law.*"

In other words, we say, "Yes, Lord, I agree that I have not kept this commandment. Even if I have outwardly obeyed, I have secretly been angry or lustful or envious or selfish. I have not honored my mother and I have put my own interests above You. I act like I am in charge of my life, rather than You. So please have mercy on me. And please make me love what you command. Please change my heart."

As I said, we're all in this together – that's comforting because no one can point any fingers. As Paul says, "*all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*"

The deepest comfort, however, is the assurance that our prayers are heard by a God "*whose property is always to have mercy.*" Jesus came to fulfill the Decalogue for our sake. Because of His life, death and resurrection, the Law no longer has the power to condemn us. The Bible could not be clearer about this: "*therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*"

So as we kneel together during the Sundays of Lent, honest about ourselves before God and one another, we know that God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Ever,
Paul

Don't forget,
Daylight Savings
Time begins
Sunday, March 8.



From Dave Johnson...
Sunday, April 26—Confirmation at
Christ Church

What a privilege it is to serve at Christ Church. On April 26, The Rt. Rev. David Jones, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia, will be at Christ Church for confirmation, reception (if you have been confirmed in another Christian tradition and wish to join the Episcopal Church), and reaffirmation (if you have already been confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church and wish to reaffirm that). The youth will be confirmed at the 9:00 a.m. service and adults at the 11:00 a.m. service. Our youth confirmation is continuing to meet during the Sunday School hour, and will have their retreat on March 6-7.

During the five Wednesday evenings of Lent between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week (March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1) we will have our adult confirmation class, which is open to everyone at Christ Church whether or not you plan on being confirmed on April 26. These evenings will run from 6:00 to 7:15 or so, and each evening we will have a wonderful dinner, followed by teaching on the following topics:

- March 4: Christianity (Paul Walker)
- March 11: Grace in Daily Life (Dave Johnson)
- March 18: Scripture (Justin Holcomb)
- March 25: *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Sacraments (Dave Johnson)
- April 1: The Church and Christ Church (Paul Walker)

Free child care will be provided, and the dinners are free too (although if you'd like to contribute some money, you can do so). Paul, Justin, and I are very excited about these evenings. We will have a great time getting to know you more, and we hope you'll consider joining us. If you would like to register, or if you have any questions, please call the Christ Church office (434-293-2347) or email me (dave@christchurchville.org). Also, if you would like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed on April 26 but are unable to attend the Wednesday evening classes, contact me and we will work something else out.

Yours,

Dave

The Book of Romans and
the 39 Articles of Faith
By Justin Holcomb

I wanted to take this opportunity to mention two wonderful opportunities at Christ Church.

The first is only for the guys. Every Tuesday, between 12-20 men meet to study the book of Romans. We dive into a few verses each week and wrestle to figure out what they say about the Christian faith. Not only is it a great time to study Romans, but it is also a great time of fellowship and encouragement. Men from every age group attend, from university guys on up. Some men are starting out, simply curious to learn about Jesus, some have been Christians for a few years, and some have been Christians for decades. If you are interested, all men are welcome. Please come join us. We meet in Meade Hall. Bagels and coffee are available at 7am and the study lasts from 7:15-8am.

The second is for everyone (and not at 7am!). Paul and I will lead a 5-week class (March 1-29) on the 39 Articles of Faith in the adult education class (10:10-10:50am in the Gibson room). Our historic Christian belief is summarized in the [Apostles Creed](#) and more fully expressed in the 39 Articles (found on pages 867-876 of *The Book of Common Prayer*). These articles express the theological beliefs of the Anglican tradition. They were drawn up by the church in 1563 and were based on the work of Thomas Cranmer (the architect of our prayer book). We will look at the articles on free will, original sin, justification, good works, sacraments, and many others. This will be a great chance to investigate our robust biblical tradition. We hope you'll join us in March.

In Christ, No East or West?

March 29-May 10 (no class on Easter Sunday)

Erin Wells will lead this class from 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. in the Donovan room. This study will examine the early Christian church, originally one body, and how it divided into Eastern and Western branches. It will also look at the influence this had as missionaries from both groups travelled widely to other lands and peoples. Subtle changes occurred as Eastern or Western ideas were incorporated into existing cultures. Both groups claim to base beliefs and practices on Scripture, and yet a body that began as one still cannot resolve differences that keep it apart.



Palm Sunday Services, April 5

- 7:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion
 8:50 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion
 10:40 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion
 4:00 p.m. Evensong
 5:00 p.m. Holy Communion Rite I

Wednesday, April 8

- 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 9

- 7:00 p.m. Instructional Eucharist/
 Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 10

- Noon Good Friday Liturgy
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 11

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion for Altar
 Guild

Easter Sunday, April 12

- 7:45 a.m. The Day of the Resurrection:
 Holy Communion Rite I
 9:00 a.m. The Day of the Resurrection:
 Holy Communion Rite II
 11:00 a.m. The Day of the Resurrection:
 Holy Communion Rite I
 5:00 p.m. The Day of the Resurrection
 Holy Communion Rite I

Christ Church Women's Retreat—2009

The Women's Retreat on Feb. 20 & 21 was a rousing success. Approximately 60 women attended Friday night and 90 on Saturday. Christie Walker and Stephanie Johnson gave inspiring talks about God's unconditional love and the way he addresses our unbelief and doubt through mercy, not merit. Many thanks to Donna Murray for the delicious food, to Deborah McAndrews for the table arrangements, and to all those who helped to make the retreat such a warm and meaningful experience. P.S. Have you heard about the three comical ladies who showed up at the retreat? Ask someone who attended!



Our Visit with the Hornsby Family in Uruguay by Kemp Hill

Hilary Walker, my family and I have just traveled over 10,000 miles, experienced a South American culture and re-connected with beloved friends – all without a single glitch. Today it is easy for me to believe Psalm 121:8 that hangs in our family room “The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.” I will never know the ways in which God protected us, but I can delight in the countless experiences He provided.

The Hornsby’s life in Uruguay is quite different from ours here in Charlottesville. My once a week calls with Paige made me aware of their 30 minute bus ride to church and the late night dining. I had no idea, however, that waiting for a bus and eating at midnight changes your entire relationship with time! I knew we were in a new culture when the pilot’s successful landing in Montevideo produced spontaneous applause from the passengers ... and when the customs official spoke no English at all.

So how are the Hornsby’s faring in their faraway home in Uruguay? Wonderfully! Paige’s “can do” spirit means she is undaunted by negotiating in Spanish with taxis, shopping on foot, and helping to start an “Alpha” course. Jonathan’s wholehearted integration into their new community is evident by his work with several churches including hospital visitations and ministering to the homeless. Following a Sunday service at Holy Trinity we were wandering the somewhat deserted downtown streets of Montevideo. A man huddled in a damp, dark corner saw Jonathan and his eyes lit up. He was clearly fond of Jonathan and greeted him by name.

While we were there Paige and Jonathan hosted an asado, the Uruguayan version of a barbeque. A typical asado lasts 4-5 hours and might not get started until 10 at night! The Hornsby guests did not stay quite that long, but the leisurely conversation provided a glimpse into the lives of 3 missionary families. We learned that Uruguay is known as the “graveyard of missionaries”. The highly secular culture has one of the highest level of suicide in South America. We learned of mental malaise and resistance to the Gospel. Thankfully the Good News of Christ is being preached, but fruit is slow in coming. In this environment the mutual encouragement that the missionaries provide one another and receive from home churches seems essential.

When we attended the service at the Anglican church the priest spoke of how happiness begins with a touch – the touch of Christ. The Hornsby’s have experienced that touch and I can attest to the fact that they are, in turn, touching many others in Uruguay.

Please remember to pray for Jonathan, Paige, Emily, Jane and Nathan in Uruguay, and Charlotte, who is attending school in the U.S.



Holy Trinity Anglican Church



Virginia, Kemp, Edward & Tommy Hill. Paige Emily and Jane Hornsby.

Prayer Requests

Pray for your fellow parishioners: Louise Taylor, Kay Orrick, Frank Thomasson, Wally Tymoff, Ruth & Emma Snyder, Helen Wick.

Pray for friends and relatives of parishioners: (Unless requested, remain on list for 1 month.)

Judy Taylor (Tricia Witherow’s mother), Hazel King (Caroline Wilhelm’s mother), Edward Forrester (Carol Innes’ father), Allison Sotir (niece of Carrie Wellman), Robert Hancock (Katherine Hancock’s son).

Pray for our leaders: Barack, our President; Tim, our Governor and David, the Mayor of our city.

Pray for those on the Active Duty list: Ensign Matthew Warnecke, U.S. Navy (Karen & John Warnecke’s son); Jason Morris and Ed Ledford (sons-in-law of Eugene & Lanier Bogen).

Pray for the bereaved: Linda MacIlwaine (mother, Kathryn Wilson- Jan.); Hallie & Bob Garland (friend, Jack Blackburn-Jan.); Sam Miller (mother, Frances Miller); Margaret Embree Davies (friend, Maureen Conroy); *New Policy for 2009—we will list the bereaved for 6 months along with the deceased, if we know the name.*

Please make your requests for prayer known to us: 100 W. Jefferson St. / Charlottesville, VA 22902;

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Charlottesville Health Access

Charlottesville Health Access (CHA) is a new organization working to make the healthcare system more accessible to the homeless and undeserved population in Charlottesville. . We have clinics located at various churches in Charlottesville, in collaboration with PACEM (People and Churches Engaged in Ministry), to try to create a one-stop access point to existing healthcare services through assistance with paperwork and navigating health systems. Our volunteers are trained to help the patients make appointments, determine what health care is available for them in the community (fill out medical forms and financial screening forms), and escort them to appointments if they need assistance.

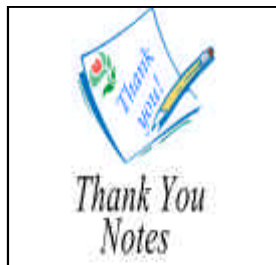
We currently need more physician volunteers in the clinics to serve as "gap care" for the patients, to see to their complaints that need to be addressed acutely, and to advise our navigators on what services might be most helpful to our clients. We also have nursing students that give out flu shots to patients, so we need a physician present in order to do this.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact Jessica Scriver, our volunteer coordinator (jessica.scriver@gmail.com).

Wednesdays at Christ Church

Communion with Healing	First Wed. of the month 10 a.m. in St. Anne’s Chapel
Westminster Canterbury	Last Wed. of the month 11:15 a.m. Communion

We are so touched by and appreciative of the many dinners, cards, gifts, and encouragement after the birth of Sophia Grace. Everyone has been very generous and we feel so loved by you all. We are grateful to be in such a supportive church family.



Love,
Justin, Lindsey, and Sophia

If you’re a mother with a baby or young child, and you’d like to get together with other mothers and their children, contact Lindsey Holcomb at: lindseyholcomb@gmail.com.



Calling All Mothers

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 10:10 Adult Education 11 Holy Communion Rite I 5 PM Holy Communion 6 PM Dinner</p>	<p>2 Lyn Gunwales on vacation. Back in the office on March 9th.</p>	<p>3 Noon Loaves & Fishes</p>	<p>4 10 Holy Communion with Healing 6 Lenten Supper</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 10:10 Christian Education 11 Morning Prayer w/ Holy Communion 5 PM Holy Communion 6 PM Dinner</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Noon Loaves & Fishes 4 Executive Committee Meets</p>	<p>11 10 Shawl Ministry 4 Finance Committee 6 Lenten Supper</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 10:10 Christian Education 11 Holy Communion Rite I 5 PM Holy Communion 6 PM Dinner</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Vestry Meets</p>	<p>18 Messenger Deadline 6 Lenten Supper</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 10:10 Christian Education 11 Morning Prayer w/ Holy Communion 5 PM Holy Communion 6 PM Dinner</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Noon Loaves & Fishes</p>	<p>25 10 Shawl Ministry 11:15 Holy Communion at WCBR 6 Lenten Supper 6:15 M&O Comm</p>	<p>26 Messenger Mailing 8:30 Bob Dylan Discussion Group</p>	<p>27 1—Festival of the Book</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 10:10 Christian Education 11 Holy Communion Rite I 5 PM Holy Communion 6 PM Dinner</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Noon Loaves & Fishes</p>	<p>Bible Studies at Christ Church Tues. at 7:15 a.m.— Men's Bible Study in Meade Hall Thurs. at 9 a.m.— Women's Bible Study in the Gibson Room.</p>	<p>Ongoing Weeknight Class: God and Scripture Tuesday, 7:30-10pm (Feb 3 to May 12) Led by Justin Holcomb in the Gibson Room</p>	<p>Bell Choir Rehearsal Time: Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Adult Choir Rehearsal Time: Tuesdays 7:30 to 9 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal Time: Wednesdays 4 to 5 pm</p>



Breakaway 2009



Although we rolled into the parking lot yesterday afternoon (2/16) completely exhausted, it was the best kind of exhausted- as we'd all had a full, wonderful weekend. We got to share beautiful Rockbridge Young Life Camp with about 450 students from the Falls Church, and we got to experience God in so many powerful ways together. The gospel was presented through the words & rap of Fred Lynch, the stories & visuals of Jim Byrne, the music of The War, and filmed testimonies of several Falls Church leaders. And the love of Christ was manifest in countless ways- such as the service of the volunteers who fed us, the deep, honest conversations we had during cabin time, and the incomparable beauty of the setting of the camp. Each one of us came away from the weekend feeling like we had been there far longer than only 2 1/2 full days (as we had taken in so much!), and wishing we got to stay for more like 2 1/2 full weeks. There were times- such as the 30 seconds of silence we spent in a room full of about 600 people- when God's presence was so tangible and undeniable that we couldn't help but talk about it afterward. There were messages of our identity as God's children- loved, forgiven, and made new in Jesus- which encouraged us all to be



ourselves and to seek more of what Jesus has in relationship with Himself. There were reminders of the reality of a living, present God who leaves us not unto our own efforts & devices, but walks with us to comfort, guide, and bring us peace. And many kids stood up at the final group meeting to express their gratitude for God's work in their lives, and to share how they wanted to continue growing closer to Jesus. And all that, on top of completely excellent fun such as the 'screamer swing,' the rock wall, endless Frisbee golf, ping pong, pool, bball, volleyball, soccer, and group games. I couldn't have dreamed up a better weekend, and I am so glad that each kid who came was able to! We'll be looking forward to it again for next year...



Up & Coming:

March 6-7: Confirmation Retreat at Wintergreen

March 21: 1-6pm MS Laser Tag in Richmond

*June 14-20: HS Mission Trip to Jacksonville- please pray for our upcoming trip!

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Handbell Choir has officially begun!
If you would like to join the fun,
rehearsals take place on Tuesdays
in the Choir Room from
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Vestry Highlights—February 17, 2009

Music

Paul Walker and Ginny Chilton were introduced. The adult choir has high attendance. Ms. Chilton is also excited about beginning her work with the Junior Choir and Handbell Choir.

Treasurer's Report

Dale Varga reported that 237 units have pledged \$922,183 for 2009. 52 are new pledging units. The 2009 budget was originally based upon pledge projections of \$841,000. 2009 has started with a solid cash position. While caution is in order, this early indicator suggests that cash flow should run smoothly this coming year. Discussion also focused upon payment of outstanding obligations.

Clergy Reports

Programs are being well attended with a wide array of offerings – fellows, Holy Communion adult education, the Doctrine in Scripture course, small groups, Lenten confirmation dinners, young Mom's group – to name just a few. Clergy meet regularly with individuals and with groups. Special attention is being made to visit those who are unable to attend services.

Profile Committee

The committee is continuing its work hoping to finalize questions shortly.

New Business

The condition of the church bathrooms and absence of handicapped access was brought up for attention.