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"Lil' Red Wagon Collection"
Sundays, July 1, August 5 and September 2, are collection Sundays for the Pee Dee Coalition. Thank you!!!

"FLC on the Third"
The Third Sunday of each month, the DOK will collect cleaning supplies, paper products and gift cards for Family Literacy. Our next collections will be July 15 and August 19

Social Saints
We are always in need of Social Saints! If you would be willing to help with the refreshments after the 10:00 service, please contact Vicky Armes or the office at 479-2252 or stpaulepisch@sc.metrocast.net

St. Paul's Prayer Chain
Please call Edith Furman (497-2304) with your prayer requests!
Edith will start the prayer chain in motion.
Prayer requests for the Bulletin
Please call the office to add or remove prayer requests from the bulletin.

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Dear People of God,

(Friday, June 29 Sts. Peter and Paul)

"In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are Ambassadors for Christ" (2Cor.5:19-20a)

Have you ever thought about what it means to be an "Ambassador for Christ"? Well, it seems to me that one of the things an Ambassador does, is to establish the presence of his Kingdom in foreign lands. So, when the King gives his Ambassador the responsibilities of her job and sends her out to her posting, it is with the understanding that the land to which the Ambassador is going is very different from the home country. And the Ambassador is OK with that. Living in a new environment, an environment which doesn't exactly match-up with his own life, well that's just part of the job of being an Ambassador.

So this man or woman who is establishing the presence of his King's hand in foreign lands shouldn't be surprised, or dismayed, or discouraged to be different from the people in the land to which they have been sent. That's just part of being an Ambassador. The Ambassador expects to be viewed as different by those around her. She doesn't expect to be just accepted as "one of the crowd." The Ambassador sure doesn't go around changing what he does, or what he thinks, or how he acts in order to blend in with the people in this foreign land where he finds himself. That kind of compromise would be a betrayal of his office as a loyal servant to her King. No, the Ambassador accepts the post, knowing full well that there will be days and nights when she feels very different, even excluded from the populace of the foreign country. But that's just part of what it means to truly be a faithful Ambassador.

One more responsibility that falls to the King's Ambassador is to represent his Kingdom to the world. Because the Ambassador knows that lots of people are going to be looking to her as an example of how life is lived in the Kingdom from where she comes.

If you and I are to be Ambassadors for Christ in this world, doesn't that mean that we really believe the things that we profess here in church on Sunday morning? And if we say that, "With God, all things are possible" (see Mt.19:26); if we really believe that God loves us so much he will never ever forsake us" (see Heb.13:5); if we are honestly convinced that God will give us whatever we ask for in the name of our Lord (Jn.5:14-15; Jn.14:13), then shouldn't we be living out our lives without shaking in our shoes, no matter what life throws at us?

So, in the days ahead, let us face the storms of the world as examples of the quiet confidence that God loves us and will never let us drown. Let us live our lives as mature Christians. Let us truly be Ambassadors for Christ.

James T

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Special Activities and Meetings upcoming for St. Paul's

- July 4 & 5** Salkahatchie Salad lunch - volunteers needed - call Trisha Collins
- July 8** Jeff Wallace will be preaching
- July 8 - 14** James and Donna will be away
- August 6 - 10** Carolyn will be away
- August 15** Jackson Scholarship applications due

ECW News

- Check out the newly hung ECW bulletin board for meeting minutes, ECW newsletters, and pictures of recent past activities. It is hung just outside the side double doors of the Sanctuary in the hallway.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talents to setting up, preparing food, serving, and cleaning up the meal for the family of David Montrose. Many hands make light work.
- A grateful thank you to Dody Kendall, who donated her "infamous" Hershey Bar Chocolate cake for the ECW Cake Raffle held Sunday, June 24. Thank you also to all who sold or bought tickets. A total of 167 tickets were sold and turned in to go into the drawing! Congratulations to Paddy Bundy whose ticket was drawn to be the winner. The cake was delivered in time for her Sunday family dinner.
- **ECW volunteers will be setting up and serving the salad bar for the Salkahatchie Summer Service project participants on Wednesday and Thursday, July 4th & 5th at the 1st United Methodist Church Family Life Center. If you can help serve either day (from about 11:00 AM until about 1:30 PM) please call or email Trisha Collins ([479-3146](tel:479-3146) or mimipopcollins@bellsouth.net).**
- The ECW is planning to have a yard/bake/raffle sale some time this fall. Please keep this in mind as you do your summer cleaning, rearranging, and re-organizing. The date of the sale to be announced.

Have a great summer.

RODERICK H. JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Roderick H. Jackson Scholarship are available in the parish office and MUST be submitted no later than **AUGUST 15**, with the scholarship being awarded in early September to the recipient. This scholarship is awarded annually to a St. Paul's parishioner who is either a recent high school graduate, a current college student, or post-graduate student.

**James will be on vacation
July 8 through July 14**

**Carolyn will be on vacation
August 6 through August 10**

**Good news!
Mary Caroline Rogers is back in her
apartment at Scotia Village!**

**There will be no Healing Eucharist,
Bible Study or Collect Hour during
the summer.**

**The deadline for news for the next
Parable is Monday, August 20**

**JULY BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES !!**

- Wilma Dupre - 2
- Luther Page - 3
- Bonnie Winburn - 5
- Tracie Norton - 5
- John & Kathryn Jackson - 12
- Harry Hollis - 15
- Mike and Bonnie Winburn - 25
- Jayne Lee - 28
- David Graham - 29
- Harriett Drake - 30

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

- David & Kathy Lynch - 7
- Margaret Clark - 9
- Jim Armes - 11
- Billy & Ella Reese Hinson - 12
- Billy Hinson - 16
- Deborah Wimberly - 28
- Edith Furman - 30
- Frank Townsend - 31



**Those in Need of Prayer
Parishioners**

Chris Montrose, Frank Townsend, Janet Sherbine, Harriet Gibson, Dot Rogers

Family and Friends of the Parish in Need of Prayer

Duncan Collins (Woody and Trisha's grandchild), Janelle Warthen (Woody's sister), Martha Pettigrew (Edith's sister), Tom Wimberly (Deborah's husband), Laurel Yates (Carla's sister), Manuel Vasquez (Anselma's son), Bart West and family, Georgia Satterfield (Shawna Collins' step-mother), Jo Evans (Woody's Aunt), Allen Rogers, Fred Rogers, Theren and Regenia Nester (Sandra's parents), Lia Kennerly, Jan West, Ashley Moore Hart, Nancy Baucom, Timmy Stubbs and family (friend of Chris'), Beth Rubio (friend of Carla's), Patricia Lowery (friend of the Collins), Gilbert McLaurin, Christy Hagen and family, Collins Elizabeth Coffey, Rick Archer (Dick Archer's son), Leroy & Betty Manlove, Marlboro County Family Literacy Program, The Pee Dee Coalition and victims of domestic abuse, & Marlboro County Schools

Church Staff and Leaders

James Barnhill, Sandra Widejko, Carolyn Andrews, Deborah Wimberly, Lyle Miller, Helen Gibbs, Ella Reese Hinson, Mike Winburn, and Trisha Collins

Special Prayer Request for our Diocese

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence and The Rt. Rev. Julio Holguin
Rev. Tabitha Wang, Diocesan Missionary to The Peoples Republic of China

**Those who have lost loved ones
*The family of David Montrose***

The Prayer list is prayed over daily and is cared for with extreme love and compassion. If you have made a request and it is time to remove that name, please let the office know. Thank you.

Baptism pictures for Mary 27, 2012



Left - Newly Baptized Rihanna Petra Vargas, Yanelise DeJesus, and Cristal Covington, with sponsors Rachel Villamarzo and Anselma Franco



Right - The Baptism of Kayia Marie Goodman with Sponsor Carla Horry



Above - The Baptism of Troy Eric Rogers with Sponsor Manuel Vasquez

