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Pray for Vestry Members Daily.

"Lil' Red Wagon Collection"

The First Sunday of each month!

October 7 and November 4 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 September 16 and October 21.

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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 stpaulsch@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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September 1, 2012 (David Pendleton Oakerhater, Missionary to the Cheyenne)

Dear People of God,

So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" (Jn. 6:30 – NRSV)

This was the phrase that so many people asked Jesus when He walked among us. People were constantly asking Our Lord for signs to prove that He was who and what He claimed to be. I've been wondering recently how we might respond if the Christ turned the tables and asked that question of us. What signs might we show to prove that we are children of God?

Now, I'm not talking about salvation works. It is a true and deeply held conviction of the Protestant Reformation that we cannot work our way into heaven. But we also believe that if we are truly God's people, we are to bear much fruit for His kingdom (see Jn. 15:5). From time to time I think it's probably a good idea for us to sit back and take stock of exactly how much fruit our lives are producing for God's harvest.

It has become rather fashionable today for people to get tattoos. These indelible signs mark an individual and identify that man or woman as associating with a particular person or cause. Are we willing as Christians to wear our identity as Christ's followers in just as clear and fearless a manner?

In the latest book in the George R. R. Martin series *A Song of Ice and Fire*, Tyrion the dwarf is talking to a young nobleman, and the dwarf says, "Let me give you some advice: Never forget what you are, for the rest of the world will surely not. You should wear what you are like armor, for all the world to see. That way it can never be used against you."

Are we willing to do that? Are we willing to put on Christ and wear the full armor of God for all the world to see? (see Eph. 6:10-18) For that is what is required if we are truly to be known as God's people.

Be strong, stand firm and wear the full identity of a Christian for all the world to see. And then, yes, it's true. People really will know we are Christians by our love.

God's peace,

James T

**Special Activities and Meetings
upcoming for St. Paul's**

- September 8 - ECW YARD/BAKE SALE
- September 9 - Jeff Wallace will be preaching
- September 3-11 - James will be away
- September 29 - 2:00 p.m. Service for Alexa Kerr

Help needed!!

St. Paul's will be assisting the family of Alexa Kerr, by providing a meal, just after the service on Saturday, September 29.

If you can help provide food for this and/or help set up and serve—Please call Ella Reese Hinson or the church



**ECW Yard & Bake Sale
Saturday September 8.
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Set up begins on Friday at 5:00.

Please bring all items for Yard Sale and Bake Sale, between 5:00 and 7:00 for grouping and pricing.

NEEDED; Extra card tables, boxes, grocery bags, coolers, and ice.

Large items may be delivered before Friday if needed. Please contact the office to set that up.

Please call Trisha Collins or Bonnie Winburn with any questions about set up.

Please call Anselma Franco with questions about contributions to the Bake Sale portion of the event.



The Lydia chapter has plans to begin a training session for those interested in becoming a Daughter of the King.

And just what is the purpose of the Order? Evangelism or to encourage in others and ourselves a deeper relationship with our Lord Christ Jesus.

Being a member of the Order enables us to continually renew our interior spiritual life as we live out our baptismal vows to follow Jesus, to work, to pray, to witness, and to give for the spread of His kingdom.

Definite days/times will be decided by those who are interested in growing toward Christ together. Ella Reese, Kathryn, and Vicky await your word!

**Healing Eucharist & Bible Study
Resume Wednesday
September 19
9:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Bible Study**

**James will be away September 3
through September 11**

**The deadline for news for the next
Parable is Monday, October 22**



**Those in Need of Prayer
Parishioners**

Carla Horry, Mary Hope Douglas, Breta Montrose, Chris Montrose, Frank Townsend, Harriet Gibson, Dot Rogers

Family and Friends of the Parish in Need of Prayer

Hayden Bunch (Harry and Renee's nephew), Duncan Collins (Woody and Trisha's grandchild), 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), Jan West, Ashley Moore Hart, Timmy Stubbs and family (friend of Chris'), Beth Rubio (friend of Carla's), Patricia Lowery (friend of the Collins), Gilbert McLaurin, 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 and in Need of Prayer

*Helen Gibbs and family upon the loss of her sister, Nancy Walton Pringle
Carolyn Andrews and family upon the loss of her father, Wade Oldham Johnson
"May their souls and the souls of the departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

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.

Altar Flowers: There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, for placing flowers on the Altar. Won't you be willing to help with this one Sunday? You may provide flowers yourself, or may charge them to the church, and reimburse the church, if you go through the Ivy Shop. To do this, contact the Ivy Shop to order flowers for the week you have signed up. Please confirm cost with them directly so you can reimburse the church promptly. Make sure they have your name and advise them to charge it to St. Paul's. Please remember to write a check to the church for the amount and note that it is for Altar flowers. *If you are giving the flowers in honor or in memory of someone and want that noted in the bulletin, please make sure to call or email the office by the Tuesday before your Sunday.*

Family Literacy has a new home!

The Family Literacy offices have been moved to the High School. They can be reached through the main number, 479-5900. Currently, they are in need of infant diapers and fragrance free wipes.

