
St. Paul's Red Door Chronicle

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From the Priest-in-Charge:

January promises to be a busy month, as you will no doubt notice while glancing through this edition of the Red Door Chronicle. What strikes me about a number of this month's offerings, is that so many of them provide an opportunity for education in one way or another.

On Monday the 25th we will have a celebration for the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. This will be a joint venture with our "sister parish" in Newport, but all of the festivities will take place here in Batesville. After a solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with guest preacher Father Russ Snapp, we will have a catered dinner and a lecture from the Father George Yandell, a priest from Calvary Church in Memphis who has done some interesting work in Pauline scholarship. All this will begin at 5:45 that evening, so please mark your calendars now.

Our parish meeting, after church on the 31st, will accomplish some important business (e.g. electing new vestry members), but it will also provide an opportunity for parishioners to learn more about the various ministries of St. Paul's. I always get excited when I think about everything that goes on here at St. Paul's, and I forget that not everybody has the benefit of seeing it all as it's happening. The annual meeting is a fantastic way to learn more about *your* parish.

Finally, I will begin Confirmation classes starting the last Sunday of the month. Actually, there will be two options: one primarily intended for those ages twelve to seventeen, beginning at 3PM on Sundays beginning January 31st; and one for those who are eighteen and older, beginning at 5:15 PM on Tuesdays beginning February 2nd. Classes will run for eight weeks, and those unable to make the sessions intended for their age group may certainly attend the other meeting.

Those unable to make either session in any given week may make up the class by a private tutoring session, and those who have already been confirmed or received in this church are welcome to attend meetings if they wish. The date of the next visit from the bishop is as yet unclear, but those going through the Confirmation process will want to clear their calendars when that date is announced. Please call me if you have any questions.

Of course, all of this is in addition to the Christian education already offered on Sunday mornings. I hope we'll all take advantage of one or more of these opportunities to grow in our understanding of the faith. Christianity is not only a religion of the affect, but of the intellect, and each is called to love the Lord not only with all one's heart and all one's soul, but also with all one's *mind*. Taking opportunities to learn about God is one way we "love Him with our mind", and we are fortunate to have so many opportunities in the near future to do just that.

Yours in service to the Gospel,
John+

REMOVING CHURCH DECORATIONS

SUNDAY, January 3, 2010
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
10:30 AM SERVICE

It is never as much fun to take down decorations as it is to put them up, but it is faster! And, your help will make it even faster.


Happy New Year!



DIRECTORY UPDATES & CORRECTIONS

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PARISH MEETING

St. Paul's Annual Parish Meeting will be on Sunday, January 31st. Immediately following the 10:30 am Celebration of Holy Eucharist, we will move to Anglican Hall to hear reports on our ministries and to elect new Vestry members. There are **no absentee ballots** for the election. After the meeting, we will share a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. Please plan to be with us.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

**Average Cost Per Week
to Operate St. Paul's: \$4,645.19**

Pledge/Plate Giving Per Week:
Nov 22-28 \$2055.40
Nov 29-Dec 5 \$4412.40
Dec 6-12 \$4310.15
Dec 13-19 \$4888.15
Dec 20-26 \$2867.40

Average Giving Per Week: \$3706.70

Request for Annual Reports



REQUEST FOR ANNUAL REPORTS

Reports from all groups in the parish are needed for our Annual Parish Meeting. Please submit your reports no later than January 15th. Reports are needed from the following groups/persons/activities.

Senior Warden	Music/Choir
Junior Warden	Christian Education
Treasurer	Endowment Fund
Memorial Fund	Altar Guild
Rector	Youth
Stewardship Committee	Outreach Ministries
UTO	

Please note: If you wish to send your report via email, it is best to save it as a "Word" document and send it as an "attachment". The email address to use is stpaulsbatesville@att.net.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Our nominations committee, which is compromised of members rotating off the Vestry—Alan Bufford, Anthony Milam, and Carol Crosby—has been hard at work gathering candidates for the Vestry class 2013. We have three nominees for Vestry thus far - Susie Farris, Jo Cargill, and Byron Skinner. Additional nominations may be submitted to the church office. Forms for nomination by petition can be picked up in the church office. Please note that 3 nominators are needed to make a nomination by petition.

