

Frankly Speaking

June 2007

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St Paul's Episcopal Church, Woodville, TX

Break Down the Walls; Come, Know Jesus (Holy Ghost Power)

JAMMIN' WITH JESUS

If you haven't heard, starting June 10th, we're Jammin' With Jesus at 11:00.

This is an *additional* service, part of our outreach and evangelism action, a non-traditional service designed to appeal to folks who have never been part of or have rejected the traditional church.

Jammin' With Jesus **does not replace** the 9:00 service.

The 9:00 service will continue as our primary focus of worship.

Fr. Steve's primary responsibility will continue to be the **9:00 service.**

Ok, so what is Jammin' With Jesus?



Frank misses the kids already!

Jammin' With Jesus is designed to appeal to those who do not attend church, who have questions about the Christian faith, or who are unhappy with the faith background they were raised in. It may also appeal to some who find it difficult to get up before 10 a.m. ;-))

The Jammin' With Jesus service is patterned on the prayer book but more free-flowing. It will be similar to the Wednesday night service by being led by a lay person who does the reading, leads the prayers, and periodically will do the teaching on the reading or other questions about God, Jesus, Christianity and the Church.

Fr. Steve's primary sermon will be at 9:00, but he will sometimes do the 11:00 teaching. He will also do an instructive style of Communion, .

While we sometimes do some dialogue during the 9:00 service, at the 11:00 service, there will be even more. Sometimes the sermon might be a Q&A or dialogue. The prayers will be literally "the prayers of the people," in that the people will offer their own prayers, led (sort of "emceed") by the lay leader.

This should be an interesting year, as we see how the Lord leads us in this new venture. Please, keep St Paul's & all its ministries in your prayers, and please pray especially for the

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FR STEVE'S SCHEDULE

Fr Steve will be out-of-town for a family wedding

Wed., June 20 - Mon., June 25

The Tyler County United Christians week-long revival begins on Monday, June 25 and continues nightly all week. Fr Steve will not be preaching this year because of his family obligation (he was scheduled for Monday night), but he would like to see a good show of attendance from St Paul's.

WHAZZUP? Upcoming Events

June 3: Trinity Sunday

June 5: Training for worship leaders for Jammin' With Jesus

June 6: Taize service, 6 p.m.

June 10: Jammin' With Jesus starts, 11 a.m.

June 13: 6 pm Healing Service
NOTE: this is the only Healing Service this month

June 14: 6 p.m Stations of the Cross in support of Cursillo 216
and

June 14-17: Cursillo 216

June 17: Fathers Day

June 20 - 25: Fr. Steve gone

June 22: 7 p.m. Ultreya at St Paul's

June 27: no Healing Service at St Paul's, to encourage attendance at the Revival

June 25 - 29: 2nd Annual Tyler County United Christians Revival

June 25 - July 3: Fr Steve's mother is visiting.

June 29: Rotary Installation Dinner at Parish Hall

July

Submit your information on upcoming events to be included in the next newsletter!

ASK FR. STEVE

Q: Why are you moving the service time and changing the style of worship with this "Jammin' With Jesus" thing?

A: Dear ones, there seem to be some misconceptions and misunderstandings about our new 11 a.m. service.

It is NOT intended to replace the 9 a.m. service. The 9 a.m. Eucharist will continue to be our main focus of worship at St. Paul's. We will use music from the 1982 hymnal, the "Aggie" book (Songs for Celebration), inserts from Lift Every Voice and Sing II, and other sources.

The Bishop's Committee received a letter of resignation from Jackie Fultz, and we wish her well in her new endeavors, but our 9:00 service will continue as is, with only a few changes.

Darby Kethan will play the processional and recessional on the organ and Wayne Sanderson will play the Gospel Procession, offertory and communion hymns on the piano. When we have a choir singing (they are off for the summer now), the organ will accompany choral anthems. My main focus and responsibility will be the 9 a.m. service.

The 11 a.m. Jammin' With Jesus is intended for the unchurched and young people who might not be comfortable in a traditional service.

Please pray for all our worship offerings and for the growth of St. Paul's.

In Christ,
Fr. Steve

TYLER COUNTY UNITED CHRISTIANS REVIVAL

The Second Annual Revival will be held from Monday, June 25, through Friday, June 29. The theme of this year's revival is "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

The Tyler County United Christians Association has been formed to keep the vision for Christian Unity in our area. We invite lay people and clergy from all denominations to be part of our group which meets each month on the third Saturday. We do a lot of singing, and there is always a teaching, and prayers for our witness to Jesus' prayer that we all be one in Him.

The Revival this year promises to be bigger than last year's inaugural event. Preachers include Duncan Parish, James Edwards, Isadore Hunt, Paul Felton and James Mitchell. The Gray Pantherrs will be singing on Tuesday night, June 26. The male chorus from West Emanuel Baptist Church in Beaumont will sing on Wednesday, June 27.

Paul Felton, Thursday night's preacher, was formerly at Church of the Redeemer, Houston, and is a good friend of David and Eugenia Rust and Roger Harding. Please make a special effort to attend on Thursday night and show him our support.

There will be a Praise Team of youth representing several churches performing every night, and a community mass choir.

Let's have a really good turnout from St. Paul's in support of this important event.

SMILE FOR THE DAY

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what on earth happened.

THOSE CRAZY EPISCOPALIANS!

Why do they do that?

Why do some Episcopal churches ring bells in the middle of the service?

The use of bells dates back the early Church.

The ringing of church bells is a signal to be silent and reverent, to pay attention to the great Mystery confronting us.

Each Sunday, we ring the bell outside (since we have no steeple) to signal the beginning of church, calling people to worship.

Traditionally, church bells are rung to signal joy, as in a wedding, and sorrow, as in the tolling of the bell at a funeral. Many churches toll their bells at 11 a.m on Nov. 11 in remembrance of Armistice Day.

When we ring the hand-held bells in the

middle of the service, we are also calling people to be aware, silent and reverent

Those bells are the Sanctus bells, rung during the "Holy, Holy, Holy" at the beginning of the Eucharist.

The gong is sounded when the priest elevates (holds up) the bread and the cup of wine and also at the Great Amen at the end of the consecration of the elements (the bread and wine). It signifies the mysterious change that God makes in the elements and in us, as well.

Some people say the bells are distracting. But, let's be honest, we all are susceptible to daydreaming at times. The point of the bells *is* to say "hey, wake up and pay attention to something really important."

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Dear Lord, I thank You for this day.

I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning.

I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God.

You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me.

Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to you.

I ask now for Your forgiveness.

Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You. Please broaden my mind that I can accept all things. Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. And it's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart.

Continue to use me to do Your will. Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I

may help the weak... Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others.

I pray for those who are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those who are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately.

I pray for those that don't believe. But I thank you that I believe. I believe that God changes people and God changes things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers, for each and every family member in their households.

I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes, that they are out of debt and all their needs are met. I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of everyone who sees it.

God I love you
and I need you,
Come into my heart, please.

WHAZZUP? Upcoming Events 2

Cursillo

Upcoming Cursillo dates in 2007 are June 14-17, August 2-5 and November 1-4.

If you are interested in attending, please see Fr Steve or anyone who has already attended. Cursillo.

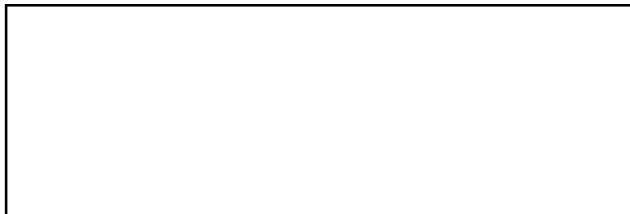
Your Event Here

If you are part of or planning an upcoming church event, please provide the information so that it can be included in the newsletter! Just put your information in the newsletter mailbox in the parish hall, or email it to Fr. Steve at <frstephen@sbcglobal.net> or to Nancy at <nksecaur@yahoo.com>

If you have information for the newsletter, please get it in by the **22nd of the month** so we can get the newsletter out as close to the first of the month as possible.

If you would like to write something for the newsletter, whether regularly or one time only, please let Fr Steve or Nancy know.

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Quick Peek at Upcoming...

June 6: Taize service, 6 pm

June 10: Kickoff of Jammin'
With Jesus, 11 am

June 13: Healing Service, 6
pm

June 14: Stations of the Cross,
6 pm

June 14 - 16: Cursillo

June 25-29: Tyler County
United Christians, Second
Annual Revival

WISDOM IN A FEW WORDS

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

One : Don't miss the boat.

Two : Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three : Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four : Stay fit When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five : Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six : Build your future on high ground.

Seven : For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight : Speed isn't always an advantage. After all, the snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine : When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten : Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven : No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.