

# May Newsletter

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# Bishop Election

Please continue to pray for wisdom, insight and discernment as we move through the process of electing a new Bishop for Oklahoma.



## Bishop Election Returns Forum

*Sunday, May 6th at 10:10 AM in Dean Willey Hall*

Come and learn the results of the election of the previous day! Those who took part in the election process will give an overview of the day and answer questions you may have about the election.

### The Candidates:

- The Very Rev. James Mark Goodman - Diocese of South Carolina
- The Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny - Diocese of Colorado
- The Rev. James C. Nelson - Diocese of Texas
- The Rev. Dr. Ronald Dennis Pogue - Diocese of Texas
- The Rev. Dr. J. Wesley Smith - Diocese of Atlanta
- The Rev. Beverly Bradley - Diocese of Oklahoma

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# Music

## Brightmusic presents Merry Pranks

*Tuesday, May 15th at 7:30 PM*

Chamber music in the Cathedral, including the following:

- *Benny's Gig* for clarinet and double bass - Morton Gould
- *Till Eulenspiegel* - Richard Strauss  
(version for violin, cello, bass, clarinet and horn)
- *Septet, Op. 20* - Beethoven (violin, viola, cello, bass, clarinet, bassoon, horn)



## EvenMoreSong

*Sunday, May 20th at 5:00 PM*

Special Service of Compline featuring:

- Plainsong and polyphonic motets
- Singers from St. Stephen's United Methodist Church (Norman) and St. Paul's conducted by D. Jason Bishop

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# Friday Fellowship

Friday, May 11th at 6:00 PM at Chelino's on May & NW 58th St.

Friday Fellowship offers a chance for anyone in their 20s and 30s to meet and mingle in a relaxed atmosphere.

Friday Fellows will meet at Chelino's in Oklahoma City at 6:00 PM for excellent Mexican food and great company.

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# Oakerhater Vacation Bible School

Oakerhater Vacation Bible School for the children of Watonga is coming soon. Everyone is invited to help with the planning starting Sunday, May 13th in the Parlor at 10:15 AM. Our theme this year will be the same as Camp Cathedral—*Live in Peace*. We will be working with the new Indian Missioner this summer, The Rev. Jim Kee-Rees. St. Paul's Cathedral VBS will be June 20–22 (Wednesday through Friday). We expect to hold the VBS in the new Oakerhater Center.

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# Calling All Grads!

If you or a family member is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this spring, please call the church office at 235-3436 or email us at [spcoffice@stpaulsokc.org](mailto:spcoffice@stpaulsokc.org) and let us know. We will be recognizing graduates on Sunday, May 20th at the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Thank you for helping us share the celebration.



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# May is Name Tag Month

Wear a nametag and greet those around you; helpful for those whose memory needs refreshing!

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# Church School News

The Church School year ends on May 20, when we will recognize our faithful children's ministry team at both 9:00 and 11:00 services. Refreshments will be served in the undercroft between services, and all are invited to join us.

The following Sunday morning, May 27, will be "clean-up day"; all families are encouraged to come to your child's classroom at the 10:10 time. We will be dismantling the rooms for the summer, and "tackling" the storage/catch-all room. This is also the Day of Pentecost, and weather-permitting, the children will enjoy the breeze in the garden with some UFO's.

Anyone with ideas for children's summer programming ideas/activities for the 10:10 time is encouraged to contact Karen at [kjarvis@stpaulsokc.org](mailto:kjarvis@stpaulsokc.org). Willingness to participate is also welcome!

## Camp Cathedral: Live In Peace

Our new evening, followed by morning, format will run the week of July 15! Sessions:

**Evening Camp:** Sunday, July 15–Tuesday, July 17

**Morning Camp:** Wednesday, July 18–Friday, July 20

All are invited to the picnic in DWH on Friday at 11:30, and to sing Camp Songs at the 9:00 service on Sunday, July 22. Camp Director Patti Morgan is now recruiting volunteers for one or both sessions. Sign-up by calling her directly, or by emailing [kjarvis@stpaulsokc.org](mailto:kjarvis@stpaulsokc.org).

## St. Crispin's Summer Camp Brochures

are once more available at the reception desk, or by contacting Camp Director Georgia Henry at [gatageorge@aol.com](mailto:gatageorge@aol.com).

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# St. Paul's Co-ed Softball

Spring is here

Softball season is near.

St. Paul's Angel's Co-ed Softball Team,

Family fun and Fellowship to be seen.

If interested contact Casey Richards (919-6500) or Rick Hill (524-4224).



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# Birthdays



## May 1

Carrie Carter  
Thomas Howard  
Judith Hunt  
Nga Mast  
Victoria Rogez

## May 2

John Harrison  
Joanne Henrickson

## May 3

Dean George Back  
Carolina Pardo  
Carl Stover, Jr.

## May 4

Rodney Cook  
Sandra Matula  
Jerry Milligan

## May 5

Emma Hutchison

## May 6

Zach Good  
Nick Martin  
Kali Toahy

## May 7

Henry Weathers

## May 8

Bodie Welsh

## May 9

Tony Aunquoe-Tonemah  
Frank Finley  
Freddy Shoemake  
Alan Spence

## May 10

Ruby Bailey  
Jackie Blake

## May 11

Don Boyles  
Nathaniel Branscum  
Magnolia Siler

## May 13

Mel Miller

## May 14

Barbara Atwood  
Nicholas Davis  
Roger Davis  
Joan Gilmore  
Ryan Leonard

## May 15

Eric Ashong  
Elizabeth Williams  
Steele Willison  
Julie Wolf

## May 16

Jane Derrick  
Keely Dooley  
Virginia Edwards

## May 17

Cole Champion  
Ann Herring  
Bobbie Lindsey

## May 19

Sarita Redd  
Geoffrey Turvey  
Evan Walter

## May 20

Phylesia Dailey  
Addison Hagan

## May 21

Kendall Hagan  
Marideth Miller  
Lucy Richmond

## May 22

Robert Danielsen

## May 23

Phyllis Graham

## May 24

Ethan White

## May 25

Tim Booher  
Loreece Dennis  
Joseph McFerron  
Devon Shoemake  
Tom Stanfill

## May 26

Augusta Cox  
John Turman  
Sara Welsh

## May 27

Wade Carter

## May 29

David Gipson  
Barbara Harrison

## May 30

Jim Eldridge  
Mandy Highsaw  
James Roquemore

## May 31

Kelly Barnett  
Barbara Fretwell

If you have a birthday in May and your birthday is not listed, please let us know! (235-3436)

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# Memorials & Contributions

## ST. GEORGE'S GUILD

In memory: *Warren K. "Doc" Jordan*

Donor: Ms. Patricia Lester

In memory: *Delos Nye*

Donor: Mr. & Mrs. William J. Holloway, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy G. Pool  
Mr. & Mrs. James Ike Bennett  
Mr. Henry Thomas Moran, II

In memory: *Shirley Bross*

Donor: Mr. Eugene R. Downs  
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In memory: *Richard Johnson*

Donor: The Rev. & Mrs. Paul C. Ostrander

In memory: *Isla Paschal*

Donor: Mr. Frank Dennis

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# Forums in May

## A New Bishop for Oklahoma

*Sunday, May 6 at 10:10 AM in Dean Willey Hall*

The day after the May 5 election of a new bishop! Come and learn the results of the election on the first Sunday in May. Those who took part in the election process will give an overview of the day and answer questions you may have about the election.



## The 10th Street Corridor

*Sunday, May 13 at 10:10 AM in Dean Willey Hall*

Learn about what is going on in Mid-Town. Miles Tolbert and George McQuistion will inform us all about exciting developments that will impact our city, especially the mid-town area in which the Cathedral is located.

## Education for Ministry

*Sunday, May 20 at 10:10 AM in Dean Willey Hall*

Each year, a new small group forms for the purpose of intensive study of our Biblical Heritage. Education for Ministry is for those who wish to commit to a four year program which will teach you how to reflect theologically. Come to the Forum and/or call John Dunn for more information.

## UTO Forum

*Sunday, May 27 at 10:10 AM in Dean Willey Hall*

What is the United Thank Offering? Why has it helped so many? What is the history of UTO? Find the answers to these questions and more at this Forum.

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# A Eucharist From The Early Church

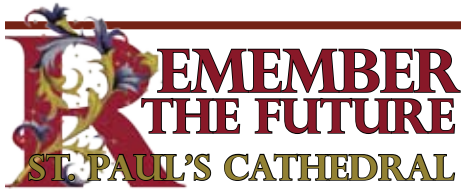
*Friday, May 25th at 6:00 PM, at 1414 N. Hudson*

*You are invited to an experience of the early church's Eucharistic rite.*

In the pre-Nicene period congregations gathered in the home of one of their members. There were no fixed texts, no vestments, and very few ceremonial actions. Christians of this period brought bread and wine from their homes for the celebration and the Agape meal which followed.

The address of the house church is 1414 North Hudson (six blocks north and two blocks west of the cathedral.) We will gather at 6:00 PM.

This was a time of martyrdom so enter quickly and quietly, men going to left and women to the right keeping your offering with you until the Deacon collects it. St. Genesius Guild and St. Paul's Cathedral clergy look forward to sharing this experience with you.



## The Benefits of Endowment

By Heather Leonard

Common to universities, endowments have provided funds for professorships and scholarships since the early 14th century. In recent years, museums, charitable organizations and even churches, like St. Paul's, have enjoyed the benefits of this type of investment by establishing endowments to fund special projects and cover gaps in operating costs.

Giving through an endowment is extremely powerful because the funds given are invested and the interest earned, not the principal, is spent—creating a source of income for the endowed organization. Typically, organizations spend a small amount, about five percent, of the endowment's investment earnings each year. This allows the gift to have a greater impact than if it were spent all at once, thanks to compound interest!

A church with a strong endowment is a church that overcomes the all too common hurdle of shortsightedness, and successfully plans for the future. Churches with this permanency mind-set are here to stay, and they utilize endowments to provide income for today's mission while leaving an inheritance for the work to be done by future generations.

As an endowed church, St. Paul's is growing its endowment through contributions to the *Remember the Future* campaign, and creating an even stronger legacy for others to build upon.

*"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon." 1 Corinthians 3:10*

## Broken Crosses and Lapel Pins

We have recently ordered 40 more 2007 St. Paul's Broken Crosses and 50 lapel pins, as well. If you're interested, please contact Kimberly Suiters by email at [suiters@cox.net](mailto:suiters@cox.net).



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# Fiscally Fit Congregation

Our congregation is growing stronger—monetarily. This year's Financial Peace University class wrapped up the Wednesday before Easter with some amazing totals. While in the process of learning sound and Godly financial principles the class of 12 families, over the course of 13 weeks, retired \$185,000 in debt and put back \$215,000 in savings for a total financial improvement of just over \$400,000! Great job guys!

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## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop

### THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

The Right Reverend Robert M. Moody

### CATHEDRAL OFFICERS

Stephen Parker, Senior Warden

Tom Steiner, Junior Warden

Rick Hill, Treasurer

Rachel Pringle, Clerk

### ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. George H. Back, Dean

The Rev. Canon Susan Colley Joplin

The Rev. Canon Carol M. Hampton

The Rev. Canon Nathaniel Luke Back

The Rev. Canon Margôt L. Nesbitt

### VESTRY

2007

Laurie Jones

Karl Rysted

Carol Howard

James Collins

2008

Robert Dennis

Kimberly Suiters

John Koons

Fran Derrick

2009

Hank Bowen

Dian Everett

Patti Morgan

Sheryl Sullivan

### CATHEDRAL STAFF

H. Scott Raab, Canon Musician

David Ponstein, Facilities Coordinator

Michael Vogt, Information Coordinator

Marilyn Robertson, Parish Nurse

Anne Kueteman, Cathedral Ministries Coordinator

Karen Jarvis, Christian Education Coordinator

Ann Bonsteel, Bookkeeper

Sherilyn Herndon, Childcare

Nic Garrison, Youth Leader

Tommy Shoemake, Sexton

Eric Ashong, Assistant Sexton

Gail Dyer, Kitchen Staff

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# LIVE. LOCAL. BREAD-BREAKING.

## Vestry Meeting Review:

### Home for Easter

Vestry accepted a proposal from TAP Architecture and Hans Butzer to revisit the design for a columbarium. Construction costs for original proposals were in the \$320k range; Vestry would like to cut that number. We are even looking at Easter of 2008 as target date to have a columbarium in place.

### New Order of the Cross

All 120 St. Paul's 2007 crosses were sold or reserved for special occasions such as bishops' retirements and bishops' installation. We have placed a new order for 40 crosses and 50 lapel pins. A neighboring church produced a greeting card with an eloquent summary that could apply to our cross: "The Lord takes broken pieces and by His love makes us whole."

### Heated Debate

We have had chronic difficulties with our HVAC system since 1997. Final payments on the construction project were withheld pending stable and satisfactory operation. St. Paul's compiled a lengthy document detailing these difficulties. Stay tuned. Stay cool.

### Of Service and Savings

Allen Christ & Andrew Haralson have volunteered to weed, trim, and tend the Cathedral grounds this summer, for a savings to our budget of more than \$4k. Karen Ressler has also joined our nursery staff as a non-stipendiary nursery staff member.

### Giving Wholly

Vestry authorized a \$200 donation from the Outreach budget to go to the Holy Land.

### Hotel Cathedral

A group of Colorado Habitat for Humanity volunteers needed a place to rest as they served those in need during the Gulf Coast recovery. All the inns, stables and mangers in Oklahoma were full, but St. Paul's was open. The thank-you note read: "Your church was truly a 'beacon of light' for some weary travelers."

### Zagat Zest

From bean soup to bread pudding, someone call Zagat's restaurant guide and inform them that Charles and his staff can whip up top-notch Lenten suppers for bargain-basement prices. Vestry approved a commendation for Sir Charles' efforts.

### Move Over NYC

Sixteen Macy's balloons will lead the largest parade in Oklahoma history through downtown on October 14th, ending on 8th & Broadway. The Centennial Commission parade coordinator encourages all churches to sponsor services and cookouts before the parade. Consider the grill fired!

# BACK TALK

Dear Friends,

Imagine if you were a pastor in pre-Nazi Germany and you received in the mail a large book called *Jewish Imperialism*. Supposing a group outside your church dedicated to 're-forming' your church was mailing these out in bulk.

I recently received a large book called *Islamic Imperialism*. It was sent by an institute first funded by a billionaire and still receiving most income from right-wing political foundations. Its efforts include media warfare on the scholars and leaders of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches. These churches have been judged as straying from this institute's conception of 'Christian orthodoxy'.

The institute professes a religious righteousness many of our founders crossed the ocean to escape. Centuries of devastating violence within and among nations over religious entanglement with politics had taught a painful truth. The founders of our democracy sought a government for generic humanity, not one based on someone's particular creed or orthodoxy. They did not want any control by religion or over religion.

A treaty initiated under George Washington and signed under Adams with Tripoli of Barbary included "and as the said States never have entered into ally war or act of hostility against any Mehomitan [Muslim] nation, it is declared by the parties that no pretext arising from religious opinions shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries." These founders made it clear, with unanimous Senate ratification, that they did not want to continue the chronic history of religious warfare between Christian and Muslim countries.

One could write a book about 'Anglican Imperialism' if one took Anglicans active in the formation of the British Empire as an expression of Anglican spirituality. The same could be done for numerous places from Japan to the Vatican. Ego and economics have led many belligerents to hide behind religious pretexts for their aggressive and oppressive actions.

There is money and power fostering a belief in an Armageddon confrontation between Islam and Christianity. I look at my grandchildren and tremble to think that their lives could be subjected to the conceits of such ideologues. Churches providing beautiful worship, education, pastoral care, community accountability and outreach to the poor have few resources to compete against the opinion-foundations that spend all their mega-bucks on negative media campaigns.

Our nation's founders manifested faith-trust in God, not belief-certainty for religious opinions. Now is the time for true patriots to rally in support of the democratic processes our founders placed in both their country and their churches.

Faithfully,

*Gene H. Back*

