



the Beacon

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Nothing of any importance happened today."

Do you ever feel that way? On the first New Testament Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), 120 followers of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus were gathered together in Jerusalem. Suddenly the Spirit of God descended upon the twelve apostles and filled each one of them, marking each one of them with a tongue of fire. On this very day the Church was born. But no historian of the time saw anything significant in this momentous event.

Those 120 disciples were just a handful of rather ordinary men and women: a few fishermen, some housewives, former tax collectors, a few farmers and some servant girls. Yet, through these ordinary people, God gave birth to the Christian Church, which has lasted now for over 2,000 years.

In less than 300 years following that first Pentecost, that small, insignificant Jewish sect became the official religion of the Roman Empire and today the Church of Jesus Christ circles the globe and numbers over one billion members.

On May 27, 2012, the one holy catholic and apostolic church throughout the world will celebrate the Festival of Pentecost, one of the four major festivals of the church year. It is a day for us to celebrate the coming of God's Holy Spirit into our own lives and into the lives of people everywhere; the day we celebrate the birthday of the church.

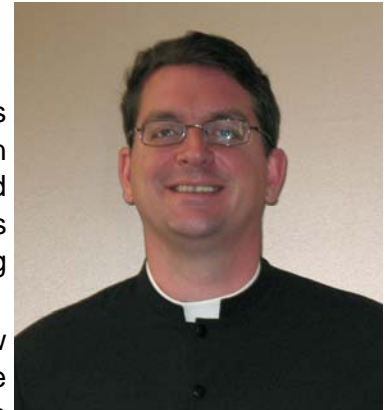
In the world, the Festival of Pentecost doesn't get any real attention the way that Christmas and Easter do, because the world has not found a way to commercialize it or to turn it into a national holiday; so for many people, it goes completely unnoticed.

On the night before our Lord and Savior was crucified, Jesus promised his disciples that he would send to them the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, to continue to lead them into the truth and to convict the world of sin and to bring God's righteousness into the lives of people who have experienced the brokenness of this world.

In John 14: 16-17, our Lord promised: *"I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive; for it doesn't see him, neither knows him. You know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you."*

When God sends forth his Spirit upon us yet today, amazing things still happen. Barriers are broken. Communities are formed. Opposites find a common purpose and a true spirit of unity is established. Diseases are cured. Addictions are broken. Cities are renewed. Races are reconciled. Hope is established and we are blessed as the Holy Spirit continues to bring the life and the love of the Risen Christ upon us to transform the lives of all!

Yours, in Christ,
Father Murphy, SSC



CHURCH LIFE

PENTECOST SUNDAY — MAY 27TH

Pentecost is the feast of the universal Church commemorating the descent of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles fifty days after Easter. Traditionally those who first entered the Church on Easter (the newly baptized) again wear white. The Church and its members are dressed in red representing the tongues of fire that lit upon the Apostles so long ago and the fire in our hearts and souls that burn bright with the love of the Holy Spirit today.



5TH ANNUAL YARD SALE



The time is finally here! The youth will be hosting their community wide Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 5th from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.** There is still a bit of time to clean out your attic, garage or storage space and donate your riches!! Need help bringing a large load or piece of furniture? The youth are willing and able to help move your belongings or if they are too big or cumbersome to remove yourself please email Joseph Harmon at jharmon0310@hotmail.com to schedule a pick-up.

Are yard sales your area of expertise? We encourage anyone with a heart for; moving, sorting, pricing or selling the merchandise to stop by and lend us your help! So tell your friends, neighbors and come yourself to browse the multitude of treasures!

CAMINO REAL

FIRST FRIDAY DINNER is back on target again. First Friday, May 4, 2012 at 6 p.m., we will meet at the Camino Real Mexican Restaurant, 1050 North Jackson Street in Tullahoma. Please call Ed LeBlanc (931) 728-8252 or email rosa_mystica1009@yahoo.com with the number of expected diners. See you there, Marianne



PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION



Boy Scout Troop 303 is having a Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction on **Saturday, May 12th** at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in the parish hall from **7:30 to 10:30 a.m.** Proceeds will go to help offset the cost of Summer Camp for the boys at Camp Boxwell in July. Suggested ticket price is \$5.00. Please contact David Woodfin, Committee Chairman, at 247-1941 to purchase tickets.



CHURCH LIFE

Few times in my life have I completed a project and, looking back, been able to say I was completely satisfied with the results. With the conclusion of the service and concert last Sunday night, I don't believe the Jean Gray-Mary Noble Bennett organ rebuild, and the dedication service could possibly have gone better. From the first note played on the organ to the conclusion of the magnificent reception, it was a perfect night, all done in traditional St. Barnabas style.

First of all, the organ was a fine instrument in its own right, and now with the improvements and additions that have been added, it is an almost unbelievable addition to our music program. By the conclusion of Dr. Miller's recital, I don't think there was a doubt in anyone's mind that there is a fine organ in St. Barnabas Episcopal Church -- one that will be serving this parish for decades to come.

The choir was an honor for me to conduct. The sound of those voices still echoes in my mind. It was like being in one of the great European Cathedrals.

Having said all the above, the thing that touched me the most was watching Mary Noble. She did not miss a note. Her eyes stayed focused on the organ console that she played for so many years. She was completely absorbed in the music. Imagine the memories that service brought back to her.

What a wonderful way to honor Jean Gray and Mary Noble Bennett. Well done, Church Family! Thank you for letting me be a part of the music ministry of St. Barnabas.

Evans Baird

OUR LEANING SIDE

Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old fellow who always prayed, 'Lord, prop us up on our leaning side.' After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently.

He answered, 'Well sir, you see, it's like this.... I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time; it's withstood a lot of weather; it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years. It's still standing. But one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn't fall.

Then I got to thinking about that and how much I was like that old barn.. I've been around a long time. I've withstood a lot of life's storms. I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I've withstood a lot of hard times, and I'm still standing too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our leaning side, 'cause I figure a lot of us get to leaning at times. Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn't . So we need to pray, 'Lord, prop us up on our leaning side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.'

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WE HONOR OUR GRADUATE!

May 20th is sure to be an amazing day for the Williamson family. After a long, tough but rewarding four years, Sierra will be graduating from St. Andrew's School – Sewanee!

During her high school career, Sierra had a packed schedule. Sierra has been involved with the softball team for all four years playing 1st base. She had a very successful softball career. Adding to her schedule, St. Andrew's requires all their students to complete 90 hours of community service. Sierra went over and beyond their requirements. She is a very caring person who loves to give back to others. Also filling up her time were; yearbook, Global Outreach, FCA, and Big Brothers and Sisters. Even a busy schedule didn't stop her from achieving honor roll her whole high school career.



It comes as no surprise with her accomplishments that she would be accepted by fantastic colleges. With so many colleges to choose from many students would feel lost. For Sierra this was not true, she fell in love with one right off the bat. She said that she felt at home at this college. It has such a beautiful campus with mossy trees surrounding it. It feels warm and cozy like you are in a protective bubble, she says. For these and other reasons, Sierra has chosen Jacksonville University in Florida. She is contemplating majoring in Chemistry focusing on going pre med or even becoming an orthodontist. She said if not those then it would have to be something that deals with kids because she has such a love for them.



One thing is clear, no matter what Sierra goes into she will be successful. Sierra is a bright, beautiful girl with a wonderful future ahead of her. Congratulations Sierra! We are so very proud of you. We hope everyone will join us on May 27th as we celebrate Sierra's achievement during the 10:30am Sunday service.

*Mrs. Milly Ellis
was Honored at the
Girl Scouts 100
Birthday Party as the
Oldest Registered Girl
Scout in Tennessee*





2012 DAUGHTERS OF THE KING INSTALLATION OF JAN MESA



A new pastor moved into town and went out one Saturday to visit his parishioners. All went well until he came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after he had knocked several times. Finally, he took out his card, wrote on the back "Revelation 3:20" and stuck it in the door. (Revelation 3:20 reads: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he will with me.")

The next day, as he was counting the offering he found his card in the collection plate. Below his message was a notation "Genesis 3:10" ("And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked.").

CHURCH LIFE

New Glass Doors Installed for Parish Offices!



This Month in Church History

May 1 - On this day in 1976, Edmond Lee Browning was elected Bishop of Hawaii at a special convention of the diocese. Browning later became the 24th Presiding Bishop.

May 8 - On this day in 1559, The Act of Uniformity receives Queen Elizabeth I's royal assent, reinstating the forms of worship Henry VIII had ordered and mandating the use of the Book of Common Prayer (1552).

May 18 - On this day in 1692, Joseph Butler, English bishop, theologian, apologist, and philosopher, was born in Wantage in the English county of Berkshire (now Oxfordshire). Butler is most famous for his Fifteen Sermons on Human Nature (1726) and Analogy of Religion, Natural and Revealed (1736). The Analogy is an important work of Christian apologetics in the history of the controversies over Deism.

May 20 - On this day in 1754, Columbia University was chartered as King's College in New York City under the Church of England.

May 30 - On this day in 1819, Reginald Heber, Bishop of Calcutta, wrote the famous missionary hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Barnes	May 1	Jim Stubbs	May 18	Howard Frederick	May 24
Perian Bennett	May 1	John David Mackersie	May 19	Sandra Johnson	May 26
Karen Baker	May 2	Bill Sherborne, Jr	May 19	Mickey Crutcher	May 27
Sharon Woo Robinson	May 7	Rick Crutcher	May 20	Georgia Mahan	May 27
Donna Sanders	May 8	Linda Slovis	May 20	Mary Richards	May 27
Bonnie Fletcher	May 11	Teri Anderson	May 21	Nancy Eagan	May 28
Megan Adkins	May 12	Carol Rose	May 21	Caleb Harmon	May 28
Lacey Biles	May 12	David Thomas	May 22	Rick Gerwe	May 29
Chip Robison	May 12	Tom Ashton	May 22	Elizabeth Duncan	May 29
Erica Murphy	May 14	Jim Gray	May 22	Cathy Rasnick	May 29
Andrew Robison	May 15	Kellie Harmon	May 23	Claire Valine	May 31
Don Gray	May 18	Crawford Parrish, Sr.	May 23		

Watch over thy children O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Chip and Laura Robison — May 1	Steven and Amy Duncan — May 27
Pat and Nancy Eagan — May 5	Roger and Alicia Clark — May 30
Jonathan and Belinda Ivins — May 9	Dennis and Angel Utt — May 30
John and Wendy Colvin — May 18	Crawford and Fran Parrish — May 30
Bill and Barbie Robinson — May 23	Frank and Taffee Hightower — May 31

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CHURCH LIFE

ST. DUNSTAN OF CANTERBURY MONK AND ARCHBISHOP MAY 19, 988

Dunstan was born near Glastonbury in the southwest of England about the year 909, ten years after the death of King Alfred. During the Viking invasions of the ninth century, monasteries had been favorite targets of the invaders, and by Dunstan's time English monasticism had been wiped out. In its restoration in the tenth century, Dunstan played the leading role. He was born of an upper-class family, and sent to court, where he did not fit in. At the urging of his uncle, the Bishop of Westminster, he became a monk and a priest, and returned to Glastonbury, where he built a hut near the ruins of the old monastery, and devoted himself to study, music, metal working (particularly the art of casting church bells, an art which he is said to have advanced considerably), and painting. A manuscript illuminated by him is in the British Museum. He returned to court and was again asked to leave; but then King Edmund had a narrow escape from death while hunting, and in gratitude recalled Dunstan and in 943 commissioned him to re-establish monastic life at Glastonbury. (Glastonbury is one of the oldest



Christian sites in England, and is associated in legend with King Arthur and his Court, with Joseph of Arimathea, and with other worthies. It has been said that the Holy Grail, the chalice of the Last Supper, is hidden somewhere near Glastonbury.) Under Dunstan's direction, Glastonbury became an important center both of monasticism and of learning. The next king, Edred, adopted Dunstan's ideas for various reforms of the clergy (including the control of many cathedrals by monastic chapters) and for relations with the Danish settlers. These policies made Dunstan popular in the North of England, but unpopular in the South.

Edred was succeeded by his sixteen-year-old nephew Edwy, whom Dunstan openly rebuked for unchastity. The furious Edwy drove Dunstan into exile, but the North rose in rebellion on his behalf. When the dust settled, Edwy was dead, his brother Edgar was king, and Dunstan was Archbishop of Canterbury. The coronation service which Dunstan compiled for Edgar is the earliest English coronation service of which the full text survives, and is the basis for all such services since, down to the present. With the active support of King Edgar, Dunstan re-established monastic communities at Malmesbury, Westminster, Bath, Exeter, and many other places. Around 970 he presided at a conference of bishops, abbots, and abbesses, which drew up a national code of monastic observance, the Regularis Concordia. It followed Benedictine lines, but under it the monasteries were actively involved in the life of the surrounding community. For centuries thereafter the Archbishop of Canterbury was always a monk.

Dunstan took an active role in politics under Edgar and his successor Edward, but under the next king, Ethelred, he retired from politics and concentrated on running the Canterbury cathedral school for boys, where he was apparently successful in raising the academic standards while reducing the incidence of corporal punishment. On Ascension Day in 988, he told the congregation that he was near to death, and died two days later.

O God of truth and beauty, who didst richly endow thy bishop Dunstan with skill in music and the working of metals, and with gifts of administration and reforming zeal: Teach us, we beseech thee, to see in thee the source of all our talents, and move us to offer them for the adornment of worship and the advancement of true religion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

HOW GOOD IT IS THAT GOD ABOVE HAS NEVER GONE ON STRIKE -

If only once He'd given up on us and said, "That's it, I'm through, I've had enough of you on earth, so this is what I'll do."

"I'll give My orders to the sun, cut off the heat supply, And to the moon give no more light and run the oceans dry. Then just to make things really rough and put the pressure on, Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone."

You know He would be justified, if fairness were the game. For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain Than God, and He carries on, supplying you and me With all the favors of His grace, and everything for free.

Folks say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go, But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe. We don't care who we hurt to gain the things we like, But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

THOSE WHO SERVE

VESTRY

Evans Baird	931-728-3818
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Marge Henderson	931-455-7205
Jim Jolliffe	931-393-2552
Liz Jolliffe, Treasurer	931-393-2552
Denis Root	931-808-0876
David Thomas	931-454-1285
Mark Williamson, Jr. Warden	931-393-2502

STAFF

Verger	Crawford Parrish, Sr.
Organist	Nelda Lowrance/Marjorie Collier
Choir Director	Evans Baird
Youth Director	Ginni Bagsby
Nursery	Yvonne Gilliam
Parish Secretary	Tricia Blowers
Sexton	Steve Whitaker

QUESTIONS ABOUT . . .

Acolytes	Crawford Parrish	393-3225
Altar Guild	Anne Hightower	455-5127
Beacon/Website	Fr. Murphy	455-3170
Chancel Choir	Evans Baird	728-3818
Christian Education	Fr. Murphy	455-3170
Daughters of the King	Fran Parrish	393-3225
	Marianne Cavett	461-9062
Evangelism	Rick Crutcher	455-9619
	Erica Murphy	461-9566
ECW	Linda Rittenhouse	695-5494
	Georgia Mahan	455-2913
EYC	Ginni Bagsby	637-2252
Fellowship	Mickey Crutcher	455-9619
Greeters	Lee/Marianne Cavett	461-9062
Knitting Guild	Pat Rhudy	434-2369
History of St. Barnabas	Marjorie Collier	455-4186
Lay Readers/ Chalice Bearers	Crawford Parrish	393-3225
Lydia Guild	Mickey Crutcher	455-9619
Outreach	Robbie Williamson	393-2502
Recycling	Elaine Doxey	952-0798
Ushers	Jim Enos	455-5080
Use of the Church	Fr. Murphy	455-3170

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Position	May 6 5th Easter	May 13 6th Easter	May 21 7th Easter	May 27 Pentecost
Service Time	8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
Lector/Chalice	Pat Eagan	Richard Doxey	Crawford Parrish	Jeff Emmett
Service Time	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector 1	Joseph Harmon	Denis Root	James Jolliffe	Joseph Harmon
Lector 2	Lee Cavett	Ed LeBlanc	Virginia Boyd	James Jolliffe
Prayers of the People	James Jolliffe	June Debatin	Crawford Parrish	Marianne Cavett
Chalice 1	Tom Bagsby Sr	Lee Cavett	Denis Root	Marge Henderson
Chalice 2	Crawford Parrish	Tom Bagsby Sr	Crawford Parrish	Crawford Parrish
Usher 1	J. C. Duncan	Hugh Killingsworth	Marianne Cavett	Mark Williamson
Usher 2	Wilma Lynn	Rick Crutcher	Lee Cavett	René Cavett
Greeter 1	Claire Zisk	Marianne Cavett	Mickey Crutcher	Shelia Rudge
Greeter 2	Ed LeBlanc	Lee Cavett	Rick Crutcher	James Jolliffe

MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles 5:00 p Cub Scouts Troop 360 6:00 p Theology Night 7:00 p H. E. Rite I	2 5:45 p Outreach Mtg 6-8 p EYC Mtg 7:00 p Chancel Choir	3 6:00 p Knitting Guild	4 6:00 p First Friday Diners meet at Camino Real	5 Yard Sale 7 a.m.—1 p.m.
6 5th Easter 8:00 a H. E. Rite I 9:30 a Christian Education 10:30 a H. E. Rite II 11:30 a Fellowship Hour 12:15 p Hand Bell Rehearsal	7 5:30 p Evangelism Committee Mtg 7:00 p BS Troop 303	8 5:00 p Cub Scouts Troop 360 6:00 p Theology Night	9 7:00 p Chancel Choir	10 6:00 p Knitting Guild	11	12 7:30—10:30 a Boy Scout Troop 303 Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction
13 6h Easter 8:00 a H. E. Rite I 9:30 a Christian Education 10:30 a H. E. Rite II 11:30 a Fellowship Hour 12:00 n Daughters of the King 12:15 p Hand Bell Rehearsal	14 7:00 p BS Troop 303 BEACON Deadline	15 12:00 n Staff Meeting 5:00 p Cub Scouts Troop 360 6:00 p Theology Night	16 6-8 p EYC Mtg 7:00 p Chancel Choir	17 6:00 p Knitting Guild 7:00 p Vestry Meeting	18	19
20 7th Easter 8:00 a H. E. Rite I 9:30 a Christian Education 10:30 a H. E. Rite II 11:30 a Fellowship Hour 12:15 p Hand Bell Rehearsal	21 5:30 p Evangelism Committee Mtg 7:00 p BS Troop 303	22 5:00 p Cub Scouts Troop 360 6:00 p Theology Night	23 7:00 p Chancel Choir	24 6:00 p Knitting Guild	25	26
27 Pentecost 8:00 a H. E. Rite I 9:30 a Christian Education 10:30 a H. E. Rite II 11:30 a Fellowship Hour 12:15 p Hand Bell Rehearsal	28 Memorial Day Parish Office Closed 7:00 p BS Troop 303	29 5:00 p Cub Scouts Troop 360 6:00 p Theology Night	30 Ember Day 6-8 p EYC Mtg 7:00 p Chancel Choir	31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:00 p Knitting Guild 7:00 p H. E. Rite I		

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Christian Education*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

*Child care is provided on Sundays for ages five and under

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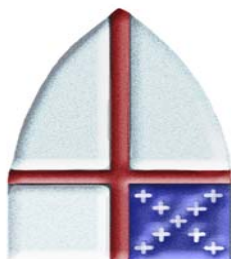
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