

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: THE WIPES

WHO: The Wipes, a group of parents rocking the Grant Park/Ormewood/EAV community – family style -- since 2006, plays an eclectic mix of rock songs for kids and parents alike. Original members were all parents of children enrolled in Grant Park Cooperative Preschool, but the band since have added other community members.

WHEN: Saturday, May 3 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Graveyard Tavern, 1245 Glenwood Ave., SE, Atlanta, GA 30316, (404) 635-9103

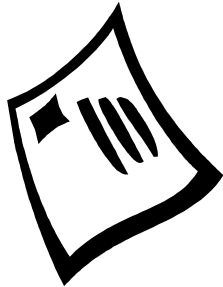
COST: \$8 per person or \$15 for two tickets when ordered online at www.GPCP.org before Friday, May 1. \$10 per person at the door. Kids 12 and under free.



For more information, please visit www.GPCP.org or call (404) 521-0440.



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The Epistle

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A Good Neighbor



Have you ever noticed how many TV shows and movies have been made about time travel? We are very interested in days past and future. What if we could change the outcome of some event in natural, cultural, or personal history? What if we could make sure that something goes exactly the way we think it should in the days to come?

In the Church we have argued for centuries over predictions of the end of days. Some folks believe they can predict by special knowledge or the interpretation of events the exact day and often time when the world will come to a crashing halt. In our personal lives we often go back in our minds to a day or period of time in our lives that we would like to live again, either because it was a particularly glorious event or experience or because we did all wrong the first time and would like to make it write for history's sake.

I remember 2 very important occasions in my life that I play over and over in my mind: September 8, 2001, and December 1, 2008. The first is the day Dave and I were married. It was exciting: we were happy, we were hopeful, everything seemed dreamy, and just about everyone we care about was there to celebrate with us all day. It was wonderful. The second is Joy's birthday. Truthfully, there are many hours of that day that I do not remember thanks to heavy narcotics; but I will NEVER forget the first glimpse I ever had of that baby. Held up under her tiny arms by the doctor, I had about 10 seconds to check her out before they whisked her away to do all those things that nurses do with newborn babies as soon as they are born. I could hear her across the room (people could probably hear her across town!) as they did all sorts of things that freaked her out, and the whole time I lay in shock, unable to believe that I now had a baby.

Would I want to re-live either of those days? There is something nice that memory does for you. It takes the highlights of those big moments and events in life that it knows we will want to re-visit in the future. It smoothes out the rough edges and completes the unfinished sentences so that we are left with a neatly packaged image and experience that we can recall over and over, each time gaining either new insight or new appreciation the important moments of our lives. So, time travel really isn't for me, I suppose. And it's a good thing; I am a procrastinator by nature, so I have a hard enough time keeping up with the packed schedule of my present life; if I threw in re-doing the past or intentionally orienting the future, I would be in way over my head!


Luckily, Jesus assures us that we do not have to worry about time ordering time; God has that all under control. What a relief! We can just live our lives, each day as it comes, enjoying the things that bring us joy and mourning the things that bring us sadness.

Now we need to work on all the other things God has under control at which we would like to try our hands, like passing judgments on each other and thinking we get to decide who is called and loved by God and who is not. Pretty soon we just may have our nights and weekends back.

May peace be with you.

Susan

ST. PAUL NEWS YOU NEED

- **In Christian Sympathy** we share the sorrow of the family of Mrs. Evelyn England, 92, who died March 18th at Bud Terrace. Mrs. England was a member of St. Paul as a young person and she remained faithful and generous to the church throughout her life. St. Paul will miss her. Please remember her family in your prayers.
- **St. Paul Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be a hopping good time! Please join us Saturday, April 11th from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Milledge Fountain in Grant Park. Volunteers are still needed-- please contact Doug Hollis (doug@stpaulgrantpark.org) if you can help. 
- **Volunteer at Oakland Cemetery** with other St. Paulers April 18th from 9am until 12pm. This will be a great way to live out our Good Neighbor claim and to show our gratitude for years of Easter Sunrise services held in the cemetery. If you are available to assist, please contact Jonathan Kidwell at Jonathan@toolbank.org for information on parking and the meeting location.
- **Meal Maker Coordinator Needed** Meal Makers prepare meals for new mothers, the sick, the bereaved, or anyone needing temporary assistance getting meals on the table. If you can serve the church by helping coordinate this ministry, please call the church office.



Holy Week and Easter at St. Paul

Palm Sunday

April 5, 8:30 am and 10:55 am, in the Sanctuary
Experience Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem
and hear again the story of his passion.

Holy Thursday

April 9th, 7:00 pm in Chester Commons
Remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples
and experience the humility of foot washing
at this intimate gathering and love feast.

Good Friday

April 10th, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Walk Jesus' last steps and recall the ultimate
sacrifice he made for all of us.

Easter Sunday

April 12th, 7:00 am , 8:30 am and 10:55 am
Rejoice! He is Risen!

Celebrate Easter Sunrise
in Potter's Field of Oakland Cemetery at 7:00 am,
and Easter Morning Worship
at St. Paul, at 8:30am or 10:55 am.

- Childcare will be provided for all Holy Week services.
- Breakfast will be served at the home of Teresa Davis and Brian McGill after the Easter Sunrise service and the 8:30 am Easter Morning service (385 Glenwood Ave., SE, corner of Glenwood and Oakland).

Easter Lilies

Honor a living or deceased loved one and beautify the Sanctuary for Easter by purchasing an Easter lily from the Worship Committee sale. Lilies are in 6-1/2 inch pots with gold foil covers and can be taken home after Easter Morning Worship. Dedications will be published in a special bulletin insert on Easter Sunday. Submit your dedications along with payment (\$10 per plant) to the office ASAP. Dedications may be emailed to office@stpaulgrantpark.org or submitted on plain paper and placed in the Sunday offering or mailed to the church office. Payment (carefully marked LILIES) may be placed in the Sunday offering or mailed.





April Prayer Calendar

The April Prayer Calendar, "Prayers for God's Creation," is available to download at www.ngumc.org under the "Resources" drop-down menu. Prayer Calendars are the work of our parishioner, Sybil Davidson.

St. Paul UMC April 2009 Planning Calendar

Every Sunday:	Every Wednesday:
8:30a Worship First (Chester Commons) 9:30a Fellowship Breakfast (Huiet Hall) 10:00a Sunday School Classes (Youth and Adult) 10:00-10:45a Children's Sunday School (3rd Floor)	5:30-6p Little Angels (2-4) Choir (3rd Floor); Children's Handbell Group (Chester Commons) 6-6:45p Fellowship Supper (Huiet Hall) 6:30-8p Disciples of the Trinity Youth Group (Youth Room)
10:55a-Noon Morning Worship 5-7:30p Disciple I (Adult Sunday School Room)	6:45-7:15p Little Saints (5-7) Choir/Jr. Saints (8-12) Choir (3rd Floor) 6:45p God Goes Hollywood (Office Conference Room) 6:45-7:30p Joyful Noise (Choir Room) 7:00p Companions in Christ: The Way 7:30p Chancel Choir (Choir)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:30a GAC 2:30-5:30p GPCP meeting (Huiet Hall) 6:30p Worship First Praise Team Rehearsal (Chester)	3	4 2-4:30p Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra (Third Floor) 5p AGE (Huiet Hall)
5 11:15a-11:45a Children's Church (3rd Floor) 12:15p First Sunday Fellowship Lunch (Huiet Hall)	6 12:00p ADOX District Clergy Lunch 6:30p Prayer Group (Office Conference Room)	7 9:30a GAC 7:00p FA (Choir Room)	8	9 9:30a GAC 6:30p Worship First Praise Team Rehearsal (Chester Commons)	10	11 11a-1p Easter Egg Hunt (Milledge Fountain, Grant Park) 2-4:30p Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra (Third Floor)
12	13 6:30p Prayer Group (Office Conference Room) 7:00p Worship Committee	14 9:30a GAC 6:30p Backyard Bible Club (Adult Sunday School Room) 7:00p FA (Choir Room)	15	16 9:30a GAC 6:30p Worship First Praise Team Rehearsal (Chester Commons)	17 5p Sweeny-Burton Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Emory and Henry College (Overnight, 3rd Floor)	18 5p Sweeny-Burton Wedding (Sanctuary) 2-4:30p Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra (Third Floor) Emory and Henry College (Overnight,
19 12:15p Administrative Council	20 6:30p Prayer Group (Office Conference Room)	21 8:30a Staff Meeting (Highland Bakery) 9:30a GAC 7:00p FA (Choir Room)	22	23 9:30a GAC 6:30p Worship First Praise Team Rehearsal (Chester Commons)	24	25 2-4:30p Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra (Third Floor)
26	27 6:30p Prayer Group (Office Conference Room)	28 9:30a GAC 7:00p FA (Choir Room)	29	30 9:30a GAC 6:30p Backyard Bible Club (Adult Sunday School Room) 6:30p Worship First Praise Team Rehearsal (Chester Commons)		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Sam Bangura (Sierra Leone missionary)
 - mother of Greg Barron
 - Betty Bishop (Becky Wellman's mom)
 - Dean Brown and family (Van's uncle, cancer)**
 - Ann Bruester GPCP mom cancer recurrence)
 - Cathy Carlock's aunt Caroline (94)**
 - Katie Merritt's friend Chris (mother has ALS; he has moved in to care for her)
 - Julie Clarkson (changing jobs, moving to Indianapolis, smooth transition, sale of townhouse)
 - Beulah Cockrum (Terry's mother, age 93)
 - Dottie Copeland (Lana Hardy's mother)
 - Greg Copeland (Lana's brother, surgery)**
 - Mabel Couch (Tim's mother)
 - *Patrice and Langston Daniels
 - Mark Crenshaw's parents (father recently hospitalized)**
 - Charles Davis's brother-in law (addiction)
 - Family of Ronnie Davis (Teresa's uncle who passed away)**
 - Helen Eiler (Vanessa J's coworker)
 - Family of Dr. Nancy Eisland (Candler faculty member, colleague of Mark Crenshaw)**
 - Ginella (Gizella Diaz-Williamson's sister, lost her baby)**
 - father of Will Gaines
 - Ramiro Garcia, Sr. (Ramiro's dad, cancer recurrence)
 - Ralph Garner (Bryan's father, lung cancer)
 - *Tom Gazaway
 - *Gracie Gazaway
 - Matthew Thomas Gazaway (Tom's son, redeployed to Iraq)
 - Ed Greene (Kelly's father, prostate cancer)
 - father of Lana Hardy
 - Stella Hardy
 - mother of Joan Hildebrand
 - Carol Howard (Zxelema's mom)
 - Ben Huiet, Jr.
 - Ben Huiet, III (chronic health problems)
 - Irene Jackson (Vanessa's mom)
 - *Vanessa Jackson
 - Rev. Rex Kaney (cancer)
 - Allysa Kropp (Teresa Davis's cousin, deployed to Iraq)
 - Nate, friend of Jonathan Kidwell (deployed to Iraq)
 - Beth Luten (Michelle's friend, cancer)
 - Ed McCoy (Mark Crenshaw's co-worker, prostate cancer, lost job)**
 - Jack McCollough (Candace and Celeste's dad)
 - Jean Moser (Marci Styer's Grammy)**
 - Glenda Nesbitt (Vanessa Jackson's cousin, needs kidney)
 - Jim Nelson (James Palmer's uncle, myopic muscular dystrophy)
 - John Pearce (Cockrums' friend, death of wife)
 - John Peterson's friend's father (kidney transplant, prostate cancer)
 - John's father (sale of house, moving)
 - *David Pettis
 - Pat Phillips (Mark's mother, cancer)
 - Julia Richardson's (recent visitor) brother Ben—deployed to Afghanistan
 - Don and Jane Saliers (breast cancer)**
 - Se'Varius, Se'Vunya and Se'Ven Raines (Vanessa J's nephews)
 - father of Erica Ray
 - Zxelema Reese (Zxelema Howard's aunt)
 - Remesse (Zxelema Howard's friend, hospitalized for duration of pregnancy)**
 - *Lisa and Marshall Roberson and family (house fire)
 - Arlene Smith (Wells' friend, pancreatic cancer, special needs adult child to care for)
 - Max Snyder and family (Warners' premature infant neighbor, Scottish Rite CHOA)**
 - friend of Robin South (tonsil cancer)
 - *Anne Speakman
 - Guin Stanton (Leslie Truman's niece, kidney problems)
 - James Stephens's friend Pat (breast cancer)**
 - Hyde Talbot (20 month old son of Rachel Quartarone's friends, rare, serious blood/kidney disease, facing decisions about surgeries)
 - Amanda Tomlinson (Rachel Wayte's granddaughter)
 - Frances Truman (Leslie's mom)
 - Virginia Vickery
 - Brazilia Walker, husband Ivan, son Robbie (recovering from colon cancer surgery, dementia)
 - *Su Watson and Bob Vermillion
 - Paige Swaim's mother and grandmother
 - Brazilia Walker (elderly cancer patient, friend of Vanessa Jackson)
 - *Becky Wellman
 - Talley Wells's mother
 - Tim Wilson (Jo Nesmith's co-worker, brother murdered)**
 - Rev. John Winn (Lane's dad, broken hip)
 - Myrtle Zappa (Elizabeth's mother, breast cancer)
- General Intercessions:
- For world peace; our national leaders and our troops, especially those in harm's way; those struggling with addiction and depression; all those with cancer; those family and friends separated by physical distance or broken relationships; those seeking work; those suffering the effects of natural disasters; the economy; all children!

APRIL WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	Altar Guild	Ushers	L: Liturgist C: Children's Time A: Acolytes	Nursery	Sound Board
1st Sunday, April 5th Palm Sunday	David Scott	Don Wallace (Head Usher); Bob Vermillion; Robin South; Louis Lindic	L: Tim Hill C: Jenny Stevens A: Donna Mayer Todd and CollinSeymour	Laura Wells, Jenny Stevens, Talley Wells	Don Wallace/A.J. Seymour
2nd Sunday, April 12th Easter	Bill Ericson	Bryan Russell (Head Usher); Jim Mason; Susan Johnson; Bill Ericson	L: Paige Matthews C: Doug Hollis A: Bryan and Joel Garner	Alex Diaz-Williamson, Greg Bley, Donna Mayer Todd	John Peterson/Collin Seymour
3rd Sunday, April 19th Easter +1	Paul Gardner	David Hardy (Head Usher); Rob MacGregor; Collin Seymour, Melissa Mason	L: Rebecca Wallace C: Paige Matthews A: David and Spencer Scott	Bryan Russell, Angela Russell, Tori Lutkowski	Tom Sweeny/Langston Daniels
4th Sunday April 26th Easter +2	Langston Daniels	Marc Gowan (Head Usher); Talley Wells; Marcus Merritt; USHER NEEDED	L: Paige Swaim C: Bryan Russell A: Amir, Cathy and David Carlock	Sybil Davidson, Alex Diaz Williamson, Rachel Quartarone	Tom Sweeny/A.J. Seymour

United Methodist Apportionments The Black College Fund

In our continuing series on apportionments, the funds that United Methodist congregations share with the larger church to support various missions and the general church budget, this month's profile is The Black College Fund.

Since 1972, the Black College Fund has supported the programs and ministries of 11 historically Black colleges and universities. It is nurtured and funded by United Methodists through the Black College Fund apportionment. This apportioned fund supports departmental research, libraries, operations and physical plant maintenance. It also supports capital expenditures such as new buildings, major remodeling projects and endowments.

The importance of this apportioned fund is how it affects the lives of students. These 11 historically Black colleges and universities provide opportunities for many students of promise who otherwise might be excluded from the educational process. They provide a high-quality education and produce many African-American leaders in the United States and in the church.



The 11 historically Black colleges related to The United Methodist Church had humble beginnings. Many held their first classes in the basements of Methodist churches, offering elementary, secondary and vocational courses to newly freed slaves after the Civil War. Over the years, however, they have forged a proud

legacy of survival and achievements that today thrives in ambitious students, successful alumni and innovative academic programs.

Rooted in the church, these students have for the past century produced visionary leadership to serve throughout the denomination and society. The Black College Fund apportionment, supported by your local church apportionments and gifts, helps ensure this tradition of excellence and commitment will continue.

Following the Civil War, the former Methodist Episcopal Church organized the Freedmen's Aid Society to help educate Black people newly freed from slavery. Between 1866 and 1882, the society established more than 70 schools in the U.S. South and Southwest. Today, 11 colleges from that group—some created by mergers with other institutions—continue to educate people from all backgrounds.

How do I....?

1. Reserve a room for my church meeting? Call or email Ginny Pavey in the church office.
2. Paint my Sunday School, nursery, or other meeting room? This needs to go through the Board of Trustees. This year's chair is Don Wallace.
3. Have a party or meeting at the church unrelated to a church function? Call Ginny Pavey in the church office. There is a fee for facility usage and a form which must be completed. Approval must be given by Trustees.
4. Serve alcohol at the church? You can't under any circumstances.
5. Book at wedding at St. Paul? Call Ginny Pavey in the church office. St. Paul has a wedding policy and she will get you all the information you need.
6. Plan a clean-up day? This must go through the Board of Trustees.
7. Borrow tables or chairs from the church? Allowed on a limited basis. Contact Ginny.
8. Get reimbursed for church expenses? Complete a reimbursement form available through CTS Member Connect or available in the church office. This must be approved by the head of the committee under which the expenses fall. You can choose to not be reimbursed and show this as an addition to your giving. However, don't spend money with the expectation of reimbursement unless this has been discussed with the committee head!
9. Make an announcement in church? Announcements must go through Ginny Pavey in the office. She will prepare a list for the liturgist on Sunday. A limited number of announcements by someone other than the liturgist must go through Ginny.
10. Add someone to the prayer list? Call Ginny.
11. Let someone know about my concern/complaint/compliment/ideas about church staff? This should be addressed to the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Talley Wells is head of this committee this year.
12. Give a suggestion about the worship service(s)? This should be addressed to the Worship Committee. This year's chair is Laura Magistro Wells.
13. Get involved in the Missions Program? Jonathan Kidwell is Missions Chair this year and he would be delighted with your involvement.
14. Make a reservation for Wednesday night supper? Call or e-mail the church office before noon on Tuesdays.
15. Let someone know of a need (death, meals, hospital, etc.)? Call or e-mail the church office or Pastor Susan.

—Brenda Brown



April Birthdays and Anniversaries



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| 1 Karen Merritt | 20 Woody Woodworth |
| 3 Ann Speakman | Courtney Goto |
| Anita McLees | 22 Ralph Chester |
| Allison Justice Belt | 23 Coby Brandli |
| 4 Casey Kelly | 25 Keith Hartman |
| Amy Rush | 26 Sybil & Jim |
| 5 Janice Wayte | Davidson |
| 6 Bryan Garner | 27 Julia Allison |
| Juliet Lambert | Magistro Wells |
| 8 Annette Wawerna | 28 Jane Bresler |
| Gene & Donna | 29 Susan Allen Grady |
| Mayer Todd | Amir Carlock |
| 9 Michelle Newcome | LeAnne Browning |
| Christopher Lee | Will Gaines |
| Sarah Camp | Brian Combs |
| Irene Riley | Wayne Fleischer |
| 10 Skyler Lawes | Chris Mayer & Guy |
| 11 Jim Davidson | Seymour |
| 14 Shannon Carter | |
| Dave Butler | |
| 16 David Hardy | |
| 17 Frank Steele | |
| 18 Larry & Susan | |
| Johnson | |



Neighborhood Vacation Bible School

The Education Committee has big plans for its 2009 Vacation Bible School (VBS) programs. Volunteers will offer two exciting new Vacation Bible School opportunities during the first two weeks in June.

The first opportunity for VBS kicks off on June 1 with Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience + Discover God Everywhere. Camp E.D.G.E. is an extreme adventure camp taking kids on exciting Bible treks to experience and discover God everywhere, every day. This camp for children only, ages 2 through 5th grade, runs from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Monday, June 1 through Friday, June 5. Each day's Bible trek is filled with exciting science activities, songs, crafts, games, and snacks.



The excitement builds with an evening opportunity for the second week of VBS. "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" is a program designed for children and their families, teens, and adults. Each evening, from Sunday, June 7 through Thursday, June 11, participants begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m. and end activities at 8:30 p.m. St. Paul's version of Mr. Rogers and his friends lead exploration into a different neighborhood topic each night. There are opportunities to participate in music, skits, games, arts and crafts, discussion groups about our neighborhood and our commitments, and lots of just plain fun. If you are parents with children 3 and over, a teenager or a teenager at heart, a single adult, or an adult couple, St. Paul has a place for you at evening VBS.



Mark your calendars now for either Vacation Bible School opportunity. Register directly on our website, www.stpaulgrantpark.org. You may also look for brochures and registration forms at the St. Paul side entrance. You may also contact Jessica Gaines to register for Camp E.D.G.E. by email, jessgaines@gmail.com, or by calling 404-222-0242. To register for "Won't You Be My Neighbor," contact Suzanne Stevens at 404-641-9776 or sstevens@gmail.com.

Email office@stpaulgrantpark.org to receive a paperless copy of the Epistle.

Our Goals for 2009

1. Develop and implement a renewed mission emphasis and enthusiasm for 2009.
2. Develop and implement a plan for renewed focus on stewardship of our prayers, presence, gifts, service & witness.
3. Develop and implement a plan for membership growth and

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