



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWSLETTER

MAY 2015



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The Rector's Desk—Father Bill Oldland

"WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST CAME, THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE. SUDDENLY A SOUND LIKE THE BLOWING OF A VIOLENT WIND CAME FROM HEAVEN AND FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING. THEY SAW WHAT SEEMED TO BE TONGUES OF FIRE THAT SEPARATED AND CAME TO REST ON EACH OF THEM. ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM." NIV ACTS 2:1-4

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are currently in the season of Easter. As you have probably noticed, the Gospel readings on Sunday have been various accounts of the Resurrection and other sightings of Jesus. The retelling of these Resurrection and appearance accounts help us recall the promises Jesus made to his disciples before his arrest, trial and crucifixion. He told them that he would rise again on the third day and that they would see him.

At the end of the month of May we will see another promise of Jesus fulfilled. This promise is the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. We are all familiar with this particular day. It is the day of Pentecost. On this day, the promise that Jesus made to his disciples is fulfilled.

When did Jesus make this promise? In the 24th chapter of the Gospel of Luke, Jesus appears to the disciples in the evening

of the day of the Resurrection. When he appears he greets them by giving them the peace of God. He invites them to touch him to calm their fears. He even eats food in front of them to prove that he is very much alive and real. He also opens their minds to understand the scriptures and how he had to suffer and rise from the dead. He did all these things to help them see and understand the meaning of the crucifixion and the resurrection.

Then he offers them one more promise. First he tells them that they are witnesses of all that has occurred. Then he says, "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Do they understand what this "power from on high" is? We are not sure at this point, but the second chapter of Acts helps us to understand.

The Book of Acts is really the continuation of the Gospel of Luke. In the second chapter we find the disciples in Jerusalem as Jesus has commanded them. It is the day of Pentecost. Pentecost is a Jewish festival called the Feast of Weeks or Shavuot. It is a Jewish harvesting festival that celebrates the giving of the Law on Sinai. It is one of the major festivals of the Jewish year. In Jesus' day the city of Jerusalem would be filled with travelers and pilgrims from all over the Mediterranean to attend this festival. In the year of Jesus' death and resurrection, it was the day when Jesus' promise to his disciples would be upheld. (cont. p 3)

Service Order Change in 10:30 Service

On Sunday mornings we are using the service of Holy Eucharist Rite II at our 10:30 am service. Since my arrival during the season of Epiphany in February, I have noticed that we have been using the form of the Nicene Creed from Rite I during the Rite II service order.

On Pentecost, May 24th, the service order for the 10:30 am Eucharist will reflect the form of the Nicene Creed found in the Book of Common Prayer in Rite II on page 358. This change is being made for two main reasons.

First of all, the rubrics of the Prayer Book state that we are not at liberty to make changes in the various service orders on our own authority. We are called to follow the service orders as they have been written on Sunday mornings for our main services. Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. These exceptions are not intended for corporate services on Sundays. They are intended for various events like Vestry retreats, youth functions, or parish family outings. Secondly, for those



people who are using the Prayer book instead of the bulletin it is very confusing. They are seeing the Nicene Creed in Rite II and yet, we are saying the form of the creed found in Rite I. The words are very different.

Finally, we are a Bible and Prayer book people. The day will come when we will have a new service order. At that time we will need to adapt. We will not make those changes suddenly. They will occur over time and with appropriate teaching. Until that time we are using this Prayer Book and we are called to follow the rubrics within it. I will be happy to answer any questions

anyone might have concerning this minor change in our worship.

Peace,
Father Bill

A Note from the Deacon

Church Projects

I am pleased to report that we have started our acolyte program. We have nine children serving as acolytes. Hopefully, we will be able have them serve at least three Sundays each month. I am grateful to Martha Flowers for helping me start this program and for her willingness to train the children for this ministry. I believe that the children are excited to serve.

Outreach

Presently, I am continuing our outreach to students in Darlington area. We have 10 students enrolled in our SAT classes.

Respectfully submitted,
John Foster, III, *Deacon*

Attendance for Worship Services from March 23rd through April 22nd

03/25	HE/healing	10:00	10	
03/29	HE I	8:00	8	Palm Sunday
	HE I	10:30	70	
04/01	HE/healing	10:00	5	Wednesday in Holy Week
04/02	HE I	6:30	32	Maundy Thursday
04/03	Good Friday	12:00	42	
04/05	HE I	8:00	13	Easter
	HE II	10:30	130	Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt
04/08	HE/healing	10:00	5	
04/12	HE I	8:00	13	Easter 2
	HE II	10:30	68	Breakfast
04/14	HE/healing	6:00 pm	8	
04/15	HE/healing	10:00	6	
04/19	HE I	8:00	11	Easter 3
	HE II	10:30	81	
04/21	HE II	6:30 pm	98	Institution Service
04/22	HE/ healing	10:00	4	
04/26	HE I	8:00	14	Easter 4
	HE II	10:30	49	

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The Rector's Desk, cont.

So we find the disciples in Jerusalem. As we read in the scriptures above the disciples were gathered together in one room. Suddenly they hear the sound of a rushing wind. Wind is often a symbol of the Holy Spirit in the scriptures. In Genesis, the Holy Spirit of God is said to hover over the waters of creation. The waters at the separation of the Red sea were said to be held back by a mighty wind. In addition to this wind, flame, like tongues of fire, also appears. The tongues of fire separate and move over the heads of the disciples present in the room. Flame is also a symbol of God's presence in the Holy Spirit. Remember that during the exodus God led the people with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Fire is a strong symbol of the Holy Spirit. As the tongues of fire settle over each disciple something amazing occurs.

Each disciple is amazed because they begin to speak in tongues, in various languages, that they do not know. They are so filled with excitement that the room can no longer contain them. They burst out of the room and into the streets proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in many languages and dialects. The promise has been fulfilled. They have received "power from on high."

Furthermore, we know the purpose of this power. The purpose is to empower the disciples to go into the world and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Will they take this language they have learned with them? Is that why they received the gift of this tongue they speak that day? To interpret this event in that way would be a little too literal. They have been empowered to go wherever God leads them and spread the Gospel.

In addition, they take other gifts with them. The first gift they take is the ever present gift of the Holy Spirit. No matter where God leads them; no matter where they go, God's Spirit will be with them. In fact, if they are paying real close attention the Holy Spirit will be their guide. Secondly, whenever they are sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit will help others to hear, to see and to understand. The people in the crowds that day would not have understood the disciples in their native tongues. The power of the Holy Spirit that day allowed the disciples to help others hear the Good News. Once again, no matter where the disciples go, the Holy Spirit will help others to hear and understand. It is not the disciples' language or abilities of eloquent speech orators that brings about belief and acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior. It is the presence and power of the Holy Spirit working through them and within the people to whom they speak that brings understanding and belief.

On Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the coming of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us, to empower us, and to encourage us. It is not only each one of us as individuals. No, it is all of us as the Body of Christ moving in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit to share God's love in Christ to the world. It is indeed the first day, the birthday, of the Body of Christ, the Church in the world. I pray we are all humble enough, and yet bold enough, to step out in faith and share with others the blessings we have received from God in our lives.

In His Holy Name,
Father Bill+

Christian Education Offerings

Teachers for Christian Education Needed

The Christian Education Commission would like to thank everyone who has been involved in educating children and youth for the last year. We are also seeking additional individuals who have a desire to share their faith and who have a love for children and youth. It is our desire to build a comprehensive education program for members of St. Bartholomew's for all ages. A part of this program is the development of team teaching which requires additional teachers. The program will include Sunday School every Sunday morning and a Youth Program for 6th through 12th grades. The Commission is already beginning the process of seeking curriculum and materials. We need the assistance of those individuals to whom God has given the gifts of education for children. If you are interested please call Elizabeth (Beth) Guttry at 843-917-4460, or Father Bill.

Wednesday Bible and Book Studies

The Wednesday Class is meeting again and continuing its studies of Proverbs. The class meets in the library immediately after the 10:00 am service of Holy Eucharist. Please mark Wednesday on your calendar and bring a friend to the class.

Adult Sunday School

There are two adult classes meeting at St. Bartholomew's on Sundays. One class meets in the Parish Hall and we are studying one of the lessons from the Sunday lectionary at this time. The other class meets in the library. They are using material from Christianity Rediscovered. Deacon Foster is leading this adult class for our young adults. Both classes begin at 9:15.

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Two new classes have begun for the younger members of our congregation. Alice Rumpf is teaching the youngest members of the class using the Sunday lessons in the Godly Play room. Our older youth of acolyte age will begin to meet with Martha Flowers in the Canterbury Room. At this time we are revamping the program for our middle and high school students. Stay tuned for news as we develop this aspect of our Christian education program.

Prayer Needs

Please remember to keep in your daily prayers all of the following members of our church family and our community:

Margaret Coker
Garrison Murph
Rhonda Shere
Michael Starling
Charlie Griffin
Joy Rambo

Shelia Colclough
Anna Rogers
Warrington Williams
David Plyle
Kathryn Farrow

Geri Jarrot
Willie Saleeby
Joyce Holt Barcher
Hollis Youngner
Tonya Rainey

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Ed Saleeby

Col. George Gering, Jr., father of
Katrina Rorie

Skip Gering

PASTORAL CARE – If you know of any member of St. Bartholomew's with a special need at any time such as illness, birth, death of a family member, or any emotional or spiritual need, please call the rector (843-910-3875) or the office (843-332-8765).

Parish Pictures



Easter Sunday

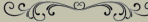



Celebration of a New Ministry



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 Easter 4 8:00 HE I 9:15 Sunday School 9:45 Choir Practice 10:30 HE II	27 9-12 pm Learn & Play	28 9-12 pm Learn & Play 6:00 pm Healing Service	29 9-12 pm Learn & Play 10 HE I 11 Bible Study (library) 6 pm Choir Practice	30 9-12 pm Learn & Play 11:00 Morningside Resurrection Surfside Evangelism Conference	1 Office Closed	2
3 Easter 5 8:00 HE I 9:15 Sunday School 9:45 Choir Practice 10:30 HE II 11:45 Coffee/Fellowship	4 9-12 pm Learn & Play	5 9-12 pm Learn & Play 10:00 am Alzheimer's Support Group (Library) 4:30 pm DOK (Parish Hall) 6:00 pm Healing Service	6 9-12 pm Learn & Play 10 HE I 11 Bible Study (library) 4 pm SAT Prep w/John 6 pm Choir Practice	7 National Day of Prayer 9-12 pm Learn & Play 12:00 pm Jubilate 12:00 pm Prayer @ Centennial Park	8 Office Closed	9 9-1 pm Hartsville Good Living Market
10 Easter 6 8:00 HE I 9:15 Sunday School 9:45 Choir Practice 10:30 HE II 11:45 Coffee/Fellowship	11 9-12 pm Learn & Play	12 9-12 pm Learn & Play 6:00 pm Healing Service	13 9-12 pm Learn & Play 10 HE I 11 Bible Study (library) 4 pm SAT Prep w/John 6 pm Choir Practice	14 Ascension Day 9-12 pm Learn & Play 11:00 am Morningside 6:00 pm Service	15 Office Closed	16 Armed Forces Day
17 Easter 7 Mother's Day <i>John Foster—Off</i> 8:00 HE I 9:15 Sunday School 9:45 Choir Practice 10:30 HE II 11:45 Coffee/Fellowship	18 7:00 pm Book Club	19 6:00 pm Healing Service	20 10 HE I 11 Bible Study (library) 4 pm SAT Prep w/John 6 pm Choir Practice	21 12:00 pm Scotia Village 6:00 pm Fostering Families Dinner	22 Office Closed	23
24 Pentecost 8:00 HE I 9:15 Sunday School 9:45 Choir Practice 10:30 HE II 11:45 Coffee/Fellowship 12:00 pm Vestry mtg	25 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i>	26 6:00 pm Healing Service	27 10 HE I 11 Bible Study (library) 4 pm SAT Prep w/John 6 pm Choir Practice	28 Elizabeth—Off 10:30 Deanery meeting	29 Office Closed	30 6:00 pm Foyer Groups "End of Year" Dinner
31 Trinity Sunday 8:00 am HE I 9:15 Sunday School 9:45 Choir Practice 10:30 HE II 11:45 Coffee/Fellowship	1 9-12 pm Learn & Play	2 9-12 pm Learn & Play 10:00 am Alzheimer's Support Group (Library) 4:30 pm DOK (Parish Hall)	3 9-12 pm Learn & Play 10 HE I 11 Bible Study (library) 6 pm Choir Practice	4 9-12 pm Learn & Play 12:00 pm Jubilate	5 Office Closed	6

	Week 1—May 3	Week 2—May 10	Week 3—May 17	Week 4—May 24	Week 5—May 31
 <i>Sunday</i> <i>Serving</i> <i>Schedules</i> 	Alter Servers	Le Flowers Floyd Finch	Tom Neville Marie Neville	Floyd Finch Bene Brockman	Le Flowers TBA
	Lector	Bobby McGee	Brianna Douglas	Wayne Guttry	Carol Ann Godwin
	Crucifer	Emma Graham	Mac Guttry	Will Guttry	Paul Lucas Ward
	Acolytes	Charlie Graham McCanless Pennington	McKendrie Douglas Sarah Cate Henderson	Sams Guttry McCanless Pennington	McKendrie Douglas Sarah Cate Henderson
	Cross Bearer	Mary Clare Pennington			
	Ushers	Keith Williamson Wayne Guttry	Le Flowers Donnie Rainey	Bobby McGee Tim Anthony	James Ward & Sons George Garbade Wade O'Kelley

SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES IN MAY

Apr 30th - May 2nd – **Evangelism Conference** at Resurrection, Surfside. This conference is designed to help congregations train their members and equip them to be evangelists. It encourages us to simply be who we are and use the gifts we already have to share with others the Gospel. Pre-registration for the conference is recommended. Contact resurrection surfside on their webpage for the registration form.

May 7th – 12 noon – **Service for the National Day of Prayer** at Centennial Park.

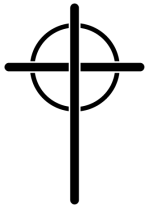
May 14th – 6:00 pm, Thursday evening, **Ascension Day** – This day is one of the seven **Principal Feast** days of the Church as designated in the Book of Common Prayer, p. 15. On this day we celebrate Christ's Ascension to the heavenly realm from which he will come again. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend the service celebrating this major festival day.

May 16th – **Coker Graduation**. Father Bill will be participating offering the Invocation and the Benediction.

May 24th – **Pentecost** – Pentecost is considered by many denominations to be the birthday of the Church. Everyone is invited to wear red to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit upon all disciples of Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited to stay for some birthday cake after the service.

May 30th - 5:00 pm – **Closing gathering for the Foyer Groups** and any who would like to know more about what a Foyer Group does and is. More details will be available concerning the menu and the place. Check your e-mail and the church bulletins for details.

May 31st - **Trinity Sunday** – This Sunday is a wonderful day to celebrate how God has revealed God's self as Father, Son and Holy Spirit to us. We would like to give everyone a chance to share a story about how they have been touched by God in their lives. We will collect each person's story and place them in a booklet to be shared with all. The stories should be brief in length. Please e-mail your stories to the church office if possible. Please remember, everyone can write a story and participate. Some should write a story and participate. No one is required to participate. It is completely acceptable to submit a story and sign it *Anonymous*.



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