



The Messenger of St. Paul's Anglican Parish



TONGUES

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them....Acts 2:3-4

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ken Cooper
Joy Rose
Justin Steward

Steven Landucci

Zee Shelton

Marguerite Biklian

Dorothy Fitzgerald

Kendi Miller
Peggy Whitaker

Harrison Gauthier-Parker
Broden Suadi

Karis Braun
Gerry Yerry

Marilyn Brown

Grace Smith

Dennis Gibson
Jenny Pryor

Carolyn Hall

Don Steward

Garrett Ming

Teddy Hoss
GiGi Fotis-Smith
Conner Nommensen

John Kelly

Missy Chase
Mark Smith

Bob Cloud

John Noland

On June 12th, we will celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost and enter into the longest season of the Church year. For many people, Pentecost is about that strange story of Jesus' disciples speaking in tongues. The significance of the event is not readily clear, and the tongues themselves seem odd, perhaps even frightening.

So what is Pentecost all about?

While there is always more to be said, it seems to me that the key significance of Pentecost is the empowerment of the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. The disciples were gathered in the Upper Room because Jesus told them to wait there until they received the gift of the Father, the Holy Spirit, so that they could then be Jesus' "witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"(Acts 1:8). When they received the gift of tongues, the confusion of Babel was undone and all the nations heard the disciples "declaring the wonders of God" in their own languages.

There is a reason why this season after Pentecost is the longest of the Church year: we exist for this mission! This is our work! We are, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to carry out the mission of making Jesus known to the world. We are to make Him known as we allow the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and show forth the reality that because Jesus died and rose again, we have indeed been set free from sin and are now enabled to live in holiness, righteousness, and love. We are to make Him known as our tongues speak forth the truth that God so loves the world that He sent Jesus to save us. This is our mission.

But this mission can only be carried out as we learn to live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In order to experience the life-transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we must first believe that this is indeed God's will for *us*. This isn't just for the super-saints. This is what God wants for you and me. And if this is what God wants, He will do it – if we let Him. We must let go of the control of our lives and surrender to Him in trusting obedience. When we do that, we allow the Holy Spirit to take control and work in our lives. Sometimes we will experience that as a mighty rushing wind, sometimes we won't feel a thing; but at all times, we will see the fruit of the Spirit, the fruit of a changed life!

As I consider the fruit of a changed life, I am quickly drawn to another aspect of "tongues": our speech. Jesus once said, "Each tree is recognized by its own fruit...for out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks..." (Luke 6:44-45). Along with the rest of our lives, our tongues are meant to be transformed. Or perhaps a bit more accurately, our tongues are meant to reveal the transformation of our hearts. How we speak reveals how much we are surrendering ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit. And the fruit of our tongues can go a long way in either helping or hindering the mission of drawing the world to Jesus. Ours can be a honey tongue used to bless and build up (Ephesians 4:29), or an acid tongue which tears down, hurts and gossips.

Our lives are meant to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit! As we celebrate this Feast of Pentecost and enter more fully into the mission of the Church, we need to ask if our lives, including our "tongues," are rightly "declaring the wonders of God."

Yours in Christ, Fr. Karl+

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School 2011



\$10 per child

Registration Form

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Home Church: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions:



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

June 6th-10th
Preschool-5th Grade 9am-12noon
[Click here to register online](#)

IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Please let the church office know if you or someone you know will be in the hospital. Also, let us know if you need the clergy to visit you or bring you Communion. You are a part of the church family and we want to know if you are ever in need of something.



Thank you to...

... all those who helped make the ACW Rummage Sale a huge success. Thank you to those who sorted and priced items, and those who worked the sale on that Saturday, and all of those who donated their items. Also, many thanks to all who "shopped" on Friday night and Saturday. ACW cleared a little over \$2,500, which will be used to support the work of our congregation and both the local and global community. A heartfelt thanks for everyone's support and help.

... the members of the Fellowship Committee, to Tom Calahan, and all the volunteers who helped make the Parish BBQ such a wonderful event.

Condolences to...

... family and friends of Alice Farr, who died on April 21st, John Breyer, who died on May 7th, and Dave Longbottom, who died on April 29th.

Congratulations to...



... all of our graduates!

McKenna Holmes is graduating from Centennial H.S. and will be attending Cal State, Monterey Bay. Alex & Charlie Knight are graduating from Liberty H.S. and will be attending U.C. San Diego, and Gregory Merrill is graduating from Bakersfield Christian H.S. and will be attending Texas A & M. as a National Merit Finalist.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Memorial Day—Labor Day

During the summers months things quiet down in our church office. Because of inactivity and to save on utilities, the office will be closed at noon on Fridays beginning Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend.

FAMILY MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

Special Summer Events

Game Night June 15th (7pm at the Church)

Party June 29th (time & location TBA)

SUNDAY SCHOOL (10 AM)

On Break for the Summer

SUNDAY SUMMER

ACTIVITY TIME (10 AM)

Children from PS to 3rd Grade are invited to join in an activity time in the Forum during the first half of the 10 AM service.

ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Men's Bible Study

Will resume on September 7th



Thursday Bible Study

Will resume on September 1st

Choir Rehearsals

Will resume on September 7th



Handbell Rehearsal

Will resume on September 8th

ACW

Will resume on August 18th



DHC

Will resume on August 18th

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To be announced

COMING EVENTS

CAMP H2O

**Awake, O Sleeper,
and Arise From the Dead**

July 17th-24th, 2011

Cost: \$350

- A week long camp for teenagers between ages 13-19
- An opportunity for young people to meet God in a powerful way
- Study God's Word and learn to apply it
- Hear from exciting speakers on the power of God
- Meet fellow Christians and participate in community

Application Deadline: June 15th.

Contact the church office or

Email: camp2011@gmail.com for more info.

God Willing

*The Right Reverend John-David Schofield
Bishop of San Joaquin
will ordain*

Randall Messick

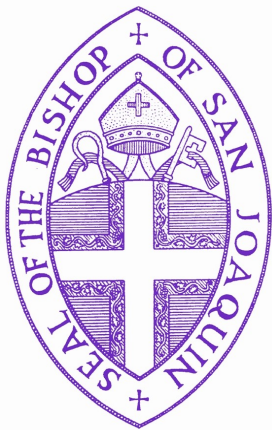
*to the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's Holy Catholic Church*

*Saturday, the 4th of June
at Four o'clock in the afternoon*

*Saint Mark's
295 Beech Avenue
Shafter, California*

Your prayers and presence are requested.

CLERGY: RED STOLES RECEPTION FOLLOWING



Gathered in prayer and
worship, the delegates and
clergy of the Diocese of
San Joaquin have elected

The Rev. Dr. Eric Menees

as our Vth Bishop

*Fr. Menees will be presented to the
College of Bishops of the Anglican
Church in North America later this
month for their approval.*



**WEAR
RED**

June 12th is Pentecost. At St. Paul's, we traditionally wear red clothing to church on that Sunday. So go through your closets and find that special red outfit. It's very impressive to see all that red in the pews.

BAPTISM



Holy Baptism is scheduled for June 12th, which is Pentecost. If you or someone you know are interested in being baptized, please call Fr. Karl at 861-6020

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

Rite I - 8 a.m.
Rite II - 10 a.m.
1928 Service - 12 noon

Thursday

Healing Eucharist
10 a.m. in the Chapel



Our Clergy

The Rev. Karl E. Dietze, Rector
The Rev. John M. Wilcox, Retired
The Rev. John LaMar, Deacon
The Rev. Mark Hall, Associate

Our Staff

Sue Wagner, Director of Music
Tara Michaels, Office Manager
Kendi Miller, Bookkeeper
Sheri Sorkhi, MOM's Preschool Director

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