



St. Paul's Epistle

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GENERATION GAPS: PART II

This is the second in a series of articles exploring how a "multi-generational" vision of the church can be helpful in the process of visioning our future at St. Paul's.

The Baby Boomers are generally acknowledged as those born between the years of 1946 and 1964. Today they are becoming the new largest generational group in the church as their Builder parents settle into the advanced stages of retirement.

Boomers experienced the American landscape while they were growing up in general upheaval. The Cold War, assassinations, the civil rights movement, Vietnam, Kent State, rock-and-roll, the birth-control pill, illegal drugs, legalized abortion, Watergate, court rulings against prayer in school, and the collapse of "blue laws" which had made it illegal to buy and sell on Sunday—all these introduced Boomers to a rapidly changing world that seemed to be a "freefall." If Builders had said, "Wow!" to the first television set, Boomers were saying "Wow!" to the potential of computers to change the world.

Because they seemed no longer willing to sacrifice as their parents had for the "common good" of the community, Boomers became quickly known as the "me" generation. They acknowledged a massive shift in gender roles with the rise of the Equal Rights Amendment push for women. If they married, both worked, and they were not willing to make the same sacrifices of their Boomer parents to hold their marriages together. Boomer divorce rates escalated in the 1970's and 1980's. Day care centers began to dot the landscape. If their Builder parents had lived to work, Boomers tended to work to live. Boomers worked hard so they could play hard. The "buy now, pay later" mentality supported their acquisition of more toys, amenities, comforts, security and pleasure options—all the things that now seem to keep yard sales and flea markets afloat.

Boomers will often say that they were "made to go to church." While they suspected that the institutions of government, church and industry were not relevant or reliable measures of truth or reality, many returned to church for help with their children. Boomers were actually the first generation in American history to flirt seriously with eastern religions and philosophy, but statistics show that only 3% of Boomers are now actively engaged in religions other than Christianity. This is three times less than the generational group that will follow.

Next time we'll look closer at the Buster generation and how they are changing the landscape of both our society and churches.

Still proud to be your pastor,

PHIL

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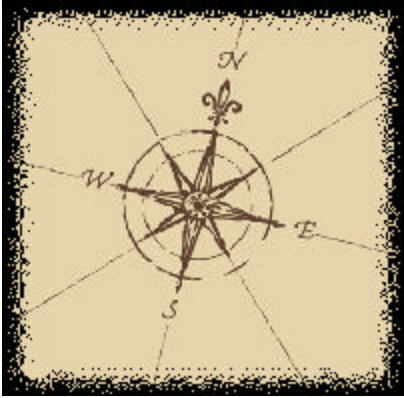
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Travel Stories

St. Paul's All-Church Retreat August 13-15, 2010 Camp Caroline

You have stayed long enough at this mountain. Resume your journey, and go into the hill country of the Amorites as well as into the neighboring regions... See, I have set the land before you. Deuteronomy 1:6-8

Join your St. Paul's family for a special weekend of fun, worship, fellowship and spiritual growth as we share our faith journeys with one another.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Please mark the number attending in each category:

Age Group	Time Attending	Cost	Number Attending
Child under age 2		FREE	
Youth (Grade 12 & under)	Full Retreat (Fri. – Sun.)	\$35	
Youth	Sat. & Sun. only	\$25	
Youth	Sat. only	\$15	
Adult	Full Retreat (Fri. – Sun.)	\$65	
Adult	Sat. & Sun. only	\$45	
Adult	Sat. only	\$20	
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

Scholarships available as needed. Please contact Diane or Sonya Reid if you would like to request or provide financial assistance. We want everyone to attend the retreat regardless of funds!

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All-Church Retreat Form (cont'd.)

Special dietary needs or other helpful info for retreat planners:

I am willing to volunteer for the following:

- Lifeguard (certified only)
- Boating (taking people out on sailboats, canoes, etc...)
- Music Team and/or Song leader
- Campfire Builder
- Lead young children during small group time
- Lead Interest Group - We will have one hour on Saturday where people can sign up for 'interest groups' to learn about or do various activities/hobbies/crafts. If you have an idea for a group you'd like to lead (dancing, knitting, gardening, playing guitar, karate...the possibilities are endless!), let us know! You will need to provide any materials needed (a small budget may be available to assist). Please list your interest group topic:

Other:

**Registration forms & fees due to the church office
by Monday, August 2.**

E vangelism

On June 26th Kathy & David Osborne and Elaine & Steve Wiercioch met the needs of those attending the Shop Local Raleigh Seaboard Festival by furnishing them a St. Paul's bottle of cold water! Sixty-five bottles were sold and the proceeds will go to Alliance Medical Ministry. Thanks to our own Mark Weldon, who is on the Board of the Greater Raleigh Merchants Association, St. Paul's is the first (and at this writing the only) church featured at ShopLocalRaleigh.org. Check it out!



Membership

Just a note of thanks to all of you who sign the Friendship Pad each Sunday. It's hard to remember 120 faces without some written record of your presence - and it gives you a chance to learn the names of others and to greet our visitors!



Acknowledgements

Dear Church Family:

Zach and I would like to thank you for your very generous contributions towards global ministry and our upcoming mission trip to Costa Rica. We will be leaving on June 26th and returning on July 3rd. During our time there, we will be building a Habitat home and teaching VBS while also refurbishing an elementary school. The home we are helping to build belongs to a young family with a new baby.

I'm looking forward to sharing a presentation about our trip when I return. We appreciate your prayers for a safe journey. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Price

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you for the prayers you offered on our behalf. I felt them working in me. The visits in the hospital and here at home, the delicious food, phone calls, cards and flowers cheered us. The card with the sanctuary flowers made me feel especially blessed. I had not seen that message before.

I thank God for you and pray He will continue to use us all to further His kingdom.

*Mr. & Mrs. Herman Sanders
(Sandy & Ada)*



Children & Youth Page



Nashville, Here We Come!

Eleven youth and four adults from St. Paul's are in Nashville this week, working hard and seeking God's presence in new ways! Look for some great stories about the trip when they return. Work plans include cleaning debris along the river's watershed, serving food with Mobile Loaves & Fishes, and helping in a home damaged by the flood.

Even though groups plan to go on mission trips to make a difference for others, the real change usually happens in the hearts of the people who go on the trip.

Youth celebrated the end of the school year with boating & a cookout at Bond Park in Cary. Canoes, paddle boats and sailboats carried everyone across the lake, frisbees flew through the air, and marshmallows roasted over the fire. It was a fun afternoon for youth and parents after a very busy year of serving, studying and praying together.



Youth enjoying the paddle boats at Bond Park

Coming Attractions



JUNE 28-JULY 2:

Mission Trip to Nashville!



JULY 4-9: Sailing, Arts & Stars Camp



JULY 18-24: Created to Be Me Camp



AUGUST 13-15: All-Church Retreat

THANK YOU

To all our wonderful Sunday School teachers for a year of loving service to the children of St. Paul's!

New teachers are welcome for next year - contact Sonya Reid to sign up!

Remember in Prayer



Members and Friends: Terry Britt; Cathy Cralle Jones; Jackie Deaton; Jim McRight; Chelsea Mooney; Alex Stephenson; and Roy Spencer.

Family of Members: Fred Moore, father of Julie Mullin; Morene Kimball, mother of Linda DuRant; Romaine Franceschini, sister of Bess Albert; LaNora "Sis" Price, sister of Bess Albert; Peggy Ellis, mother of Vicki Smith; John Fox, brother-in-law of Judy Caves; Grandmother of Meghan Aubel and Katie Ewing; Chip English, brother of Wanda Mauney; Mother of Sandy Wenger; Grandfather of Chris Sinodis; "Fats" Franceschini, brother-in-law of Bess Albert; Iris Henderson, mother of Bill Albert; Karyn Knoke, daughter of Diana Lambeth; and Steve VanHoy, son-in-law of Dot & Sam Banks.

Friends of Members: Rev. James Hull (LaGrange, NC); Carol Jean Hersch (Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital); Meghan Aubel's friend, Bridgette's mom; Fay Lankford, friend of Jane Randolph; Grace Boshamer, friend of Thurs. Bible Study; Theresa Kessler, wife of Ken Kessler; JoAnn Galloway & Melissa Millane, friends of Sean Ewing; Carol McClellan, friend of Lucy Kindsvatter; Jennifer Orendain; and Jeff Krueger and Janelle Spence, friends of Mark & Amy Hamilton Weldon.

Military: Brandon Lane, nephew of Greg Laughinghouse, stationed at Kandahar; Marcus McDonnell, nephew of Vernon Moore, in Afghanistan; Mike Skinkle, husband of James Corbett's niece; Travis Barker; Gerald Lane, nephew-in-law of Terry Britt; and Jeff Johnson, nephew of Dawn Mooney.

Adult Sunday School Class Studies

E cclesia	Class Members
<i>"E xploring Our Passions"</i>	
E lective	<i>will not meet in July</i>
Koinonia/Library Class	T om Law & Bill Rouse
<i>"Colossians"</i>	

Special Care

James Corbett
Margaret Early
Wilma Green
Cecil Hamrick
Sue Montague
Anna Payne
Wrey Watkins
Roma Williams

PHONES IN CHURCH

A man in Topeka, KS decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco and working east from there. Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes. He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall and was intrigued with a sign, which read "Calls: \$10,000 a minute." Seeking out the pastor he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to heaven and if he pays the price he can talk directly to GOD. The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way. As he continued to visit churches in WA, CO, MN, MO, IL, and around the US, he found more phones with the same sign, with the same answer from each pastor.

Finally, he arrived in Georgia. Upon entering a church in Griffin he saw the usual golden telephone. This time, the sign read "Calls: 35 cents." Fascinated, he asked to talk to the pastor, "Reverend, I've been in cities all across the country and in each church I've found this golden telephone and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to GOD, but in the other churches the cost was \$10,000 a minute. Your sign reads only 35 cents a call. Why?" The pastor, smiling benignly, replied, "Son, you're in the South now, you're in God's Country."

"It's a local call."

Stewardship MAY 2010

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 38,486.83
Less Expenses	<u>\$ 24,437.09</u>
Difference	\$ 14,049.74

JULY — SCHEDULED TO SERVE

Trustee

Bob Wolfe

Elders

Cheryl Fairchild &
Jim Fairchild

Greeters

4—Sonya Reid
11—Matt & Laura Murray
18—Laura Maynard
25—Cindy Oster

Diaconate

Joe Sinodis, Betty Harrison, Paul Jarrett,
Fritz Kindsvatter, Thomas Sinodis, Glun Siu
P/S: Wanda Mauney & Cindy Oster

Worship Leaders

4—Evan Ragland
11—Meghan Aubel
18—David Osborne
25—Geoff Mullin

Acolytes

4—Jordan Brady & Mary Grace Stephenson
11—Lua Rocham & Erica Myers
18—Isabel Ferguson & Emmi Brady
25—Karyn Reid & Jackson Klauke

Flower Delivery: Elders—1st & 3rd Sundays
Diaconate—2nd & 4th Sundays

Elder on Call

6/27-7/03: Mary Talbert
7/04-7/10: Jim Fairchild
7/11-7/17: Cheryl Fairchild
7/18-7/24: Lucy Kindsvatter
7/25-8/01: Bob Wolfe

Happy Anniversary



July 1 Ben & Ginger Ragland Miller
July 4 Ray & Dell Tims
July 5 Michael & Laura Klauke
July 6 Kurt & Dena Davis
July 7 Sean & Katie Ewing
July 11 Kevin & Bess Shirley
July 12 Gale & Joyce Barefoot
July 15 Tim & Kathy Boulden
July 16 Herman & Ada Sanders
July 30 Breck & Cheri Barker

July

July 1	Lib Bailey, Susan Glendenning, Neh Siu
July 7	Leon Jordan
July 8	Ada Sanders
July 9	Bob Wolfe
July 11	Lua Rocham
July 12	Travis Barker, Jeri Bourne, Connie Warren
July 14	Clarence Moore
July 18	Boe Green, David Reid
July 21	Carolyn Ellis, Roy Spencer
July 22	Judy Caves
July 25	Katie Crowe, Ann Messick
July 26	Peter Bermel
July 28	Geoff Mullin
July 30	Jonna Birtcher, Joe Sinodis, Sandy Wenger
July 31	Dot Banks