

## PRIME TIMERS OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH

April 2025, EASTER NEWSLETTER



### Easter Prayer

(Praying for Our Grandchildren's Salvation)

Lord Jesus,

You are Yeshua, our Savior and Deliverer. Thank You for going to Calvary where You were pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. "The punishment that brought us peace was on You, and by Your wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5, *NIV*).

We approach Your mercy throne this Easter, praying for our grandchildren's salvation. Please impress upon their hearts the Good News that You are Yeshua, and there is no other name by whom they can or will be saved. Please let them repent of their sin, proclaim You as Savior and Lord, and receive the forgiveness, healing, and freedom You graciously offer. We humbly pray You establish them in Your name; anoint and seal them by Your Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### Looking Forward to the Future that is Ours in Christ

We cannot approach Easter biblically unless we are looking forward to eternity. This future is only ours because of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. It is because of Him that we don't have to fear death or judgement (1 Corinthians 15: 55-57). He has set us free and given us a new hope in His blood shed on the cross. This hope is not haphazard, nor is it based on false information. Instead, this hope is a sure promise given to us by Jesus Christ.

Our future in Christ has already begun when we place faith in Him. He has given us abundant life, which is a true blessing (John 10:10). As we reflect on the Lord and this beautiful life, we will be overwhelmed with thankfulness. Easter is the anniversary of Jesus' death and resurrection for us, and we need to use the past, present, and future blessings as an opportunity to praise Him. Every good gift comes from the Father, including the sacrifice of His Son (James 1:17).

This Easter, focus on the Lord and His goodness. Teach these things to our children and grandchildren that they may share in the glory of His sacrifice on the cross for our salvation. Think about the future and all that is yours in Christ Jesus. This can help you approach Easter with a heart of love, worship, and praise this year. The Lord is Risen Indeed!!

**Here are two Easter articles that may be of interest to our Prime-Timer members:**

*Celebrating Easter with Intentionality*, by Sherry Schumann

How do we celebrate Easter without being swept away by colored jellybeans and Easter bunnies? Here is a host of fun, family activities that will help you celebrate Christ's death and resurrection with intentionality with your children and grandchildren. Read more... [Celebrating Easter with Intentionality - Christian Grandparenting Network](#)

*How is Your Life Like a Damascus Steel Knife*, by Olin Phillips

Have you ever seen a knife made from Damascus Steel? While recovering from surgery, and with limited mobility, I came across the television series "Forged in Fire." Several of the shows, based on a competition to forge different metals into permanently bonded Damascus, intrigued me. Read more... [How Is Your Life Like a Damascus Steel Knife? - Christian Grandparenting Network](#)

**Grandparenting Report  
Prime Timers**

Do you know that God has grandparents/seniors here

- ~ in their situation
- ~ in 2025
- ~ in this culture
- ~ in their family

... because He still has a purpose for them?

Yes! In Psalm 78:4, we are told through Moses as he speaks passionately to God's people, the Israelites, "*We will not hide them from our children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that He has done.*"

The "grand" generation is called by God to be His ambassador to the coming generations. The importance of this "grand" role cannot be emphasized enough. Yet, not many grandparents, grand aunts/uncles, seniors know this truth. Instead, many believe their role as defined by our western culture: to retire, step aside and let the next generation step up.

The average age for a first-time grandparent is 47. The average life span in our country is until the age of 77. That means that the average grandparent is in their God-given role for thirty years. Therefore, the average American grandparent spends 40% of their life as a person destined by God to have a powerful spiritual influence over their children and grandchildren. Deuteronomy 4:9 says, "... *make known the things your eyes have seen ... to your children and your children's children.*"

I have found one of the best ways to encourage and equip grandparents is for them to attend GrandCamp. GrandCamp is a fun filled, five-day overnight camping program designed for grandparents and their grandchildren to have fun, meet new friends and develop a closer bond together with God. It is a golden time to build memories between generations that last a lifetime.

Grandchildren, who have completed 1st through 5th grades, are thrilled to enjoy this time with their grandparents. Parents appreciate the break! And grandparents cherish these moments with some of the most special people in their lives. So, Grand Camp is a win/win for everyone.

This year GrandCamp is **June 16 – 20, 2025** at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon's Island, Georgia. Information, registration and personal testimonies can be found on our Diocesan website [adosc@gmail.com](mailto:adosc@gmail.com), under "Grandparenting Ministry". And of course, I'd welcome any questions. You can email me at [cathyjacobs4@gmail.com](mailto:cathyjacobs4@gmail.com).

Read more about [GrandCamp here](#).

### **Upcoming Prime-Timers and St Paul's Church events:**

#### **Important Dates of Holy Days and Easter:**

**Palm Sunday** – April 13, 2025, 9am Egg Hunt,

**Sunday service:** 7:45am, Church Building, 10:15am, Church Building and Doar Hall following Liturgy of the Palms on the Plaza

**Holy Week** – April 13 – April 19, 2025, 12pm services in the Church Building

**Maundy Thursday** -April 17, 2025, 6:30pm, Church Building

**Good Friday** – April 18, 2025, Noon in the Church Building, 6:30pm Doar Hall

**Holy Saturday** – April 19, 2025, 6:30pm in the Church Building

**Easter Sunday**-April 20, 2025, 7:45am, 10:15am, in the Church Building, 10:15am Doar Hall



**To the Prime-Timer members of St Paul's Summerville, THANK YOU!!!** With great gratitude, Thank you for the generosity of your time, energy, prayers, spirituality, and your Giving Hearts! You were the oil that kept our Annual Tea Room running smoothly! Your generous gifts of time, baking, serving, smiles, kindness, and blessed fellowship made this year's Tea Room a Success!! Thank you for your dedication! God Bless you all and Thank You again!

**Prime-Timers Book Club:** Facilitator is Dawn Schaeperkoetter, meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, from 10:30-12pm, in Room #5 in Skardon Hall. We will meet in April and May. The book for April is *The Phoenix Crown*, by Kate Quinn. The book for May is *The Lost Bookshop*, by Evie Woods. We will break for summer during June and July and reconvene in August.

**Save the Date-June 6-8:** Minister and author Kamal Saleem is joining St Paul's during Pentecost week. More details to come.

**Vacation Bible Study coming in July:** Registration for "On the Case" is officially open! VBS is open for rising

4K - 5th grade, and will run July 21 - 24, 2025 from 5:30 - 8pm. Dinner will be served nightly, and registration is FREE! We will need plenty of help from youth and adults alike; we need a minimum of 60 volunteers each evening to make this event a success.

[Click Here](#) to register your Detectives-in-Training or to Volunteer. If you can't physically help, but would like to be involved, you can [donate items](#) to VBS.

**Soothing Spiritual Music with Scripture:** The music on the link below is the music I use when I teach my Pilates classes. The young man, **Tim Oladeru**, who produces the videos is also known as **DappyTKeys**. I hope this music will be a blessing to you as it has been for me and many of my students. Enjoy the scriptures and soothing music Tim creates for others to live in serenity and worship throughout the day.

<https://www.youtube.com/@DappyTKeysOfficial/videos>

### **YouTube Sunday Services at St Paul's Summerville livestream videos:**

**Church Building**, 10:15am Sunday, Traditional Service:

[https://www.youtube.com/live/oRshlnL3uyM?si=XR7h\\_bfJTyb8okWI](https://www.youtube.com/live/oRshlnL3uyM?si=XR7h_bfJTyb8okWI)

**Doar Hall**, 10:15am Sunday, Contemporary Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/SKque-cmWZg?si=dLI-YL6yntJyO6kv>

### **ST PHILLIP's TEA ROOM 2025:**

St Phillip's Parish Hall and Lawn, 154 Church Street, Charleston, SC 29401

**May 5-9 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** for a lowcountry lunch! Enjoy their famous okra soup, chicken salad sandwiches, ham biscuits, shrimp salad, and more! The historic sanctuary will be open for prayer, and docents will be available in the narthex to offer information and answer questions.

Lunch is served daily in the St. Philip's Parish House and courtyard for one week in the spring. Proceeds support the mission and ministry of St. Philip's Church.

**Biblical Guidance:** Ecclesiastes 3:1: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

**Mission Statement:** To offer fellowship, service, and discipleship opportunities that help the adult membership within the St. Paul's Anglican Church of Summerville congregation and surrounding Summerville community to live the autumn season of life to their fullest, with God's help.