

Ron Barbee



*What do you like best about St. Paul's?*

Without a doubt, the thing I like best about St. Paul's is the "All Are Welcome" attitude. This phrase is not just a sign out front; it defines the culture at St. Paul's. Before joining St. Paul's three years ago, I had been a member of churches representing to three different denominations. I was never really in sync with any of them.

As an Episcopalian and a member of St. Paul's, I have finally found a home. St. Paul's is a community in which we can go about doing the Lord's Work without the unnecessary distraction of exclusivity.

*What are some of your current and past parish ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?*

During all of my three years at St. Paul's I have been:

- Chair of the Finance Committee,
- An usher, and
- A committed member of the Men's Group

*What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church or parish?*

Although I have always considered myself a good Christian, before coming to St. Paul's I was never comfortable being involved in Church activities.

*What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?*

During the next three years, I would like to see St. Paul's (1) find a way to continue expanding its outreach activities, and (2) attract more members, especially young families.

As a member of the Finance Committee, I have seen first-hand that not only are our Parishioners generous with their time and money, but also that the Church is a good steward of those resources. However, as is usually the case, the "needs" exceed the resources, and unfortunately our outreach activities are not at the level most of us would like to see. We have had a renewed focus on outreach this year, and I would certainly like for us to continue this.

Over the past 40 years, Cary has been blessed with an influx of good, well-educated people. I feel certain that the only reason more of our enlightened neighbors are not joining St. Paul's is because they don't know about us! I would like to see us attract more of these good people and we especially need more young families.

Last month, I celebrated the completion of 50 years in the business community: 25 with one of the "big four" national accounting and consulting firms, and 25 years as an officer of a large private company. I am honored to have been nominated for the Vestry, and if I am selected, my primary contribution to St. Paul's would probably be in the financial area.

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*What community groups and events are you involved in?*

Most of my community involvement took place when I was a bit younger. Currently, my most significant community involvement is with ChildTrust, a private foundation that provides substantial funding for organizations in the Triangle Area that serve underprivileged children. I have been an officer of ChildTrust since its founding in 2003 and participate in the grant making process.

In the past, I had leadership positions in a variety of organizations. During the early 1980s I was a board member and a vice chair of Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. I was campaign chair of the United Way of Wake County in 1986 and three years later I was United Way board chair. The following year, I co-chaired the committee that founded the United Way of the Greater Triangle Area.

In 1990 I was Chair of the Rex Hospital Endowment and the following year was Chair of the annual Rex Classic Golf Tournament. In 1991 I was president of Raleigh Little Theatre. I am proud to say that in 1992 I worked with Jim Hunt in his successful gubernatorial campaign; I was his Wake County finance chair.

For six years during the mid-2000s, I was a board member and the treasurer for The Healing Place of Wake County.

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Olivia Delahaye



*What do you like best about St. Paul's?*

Coming from a Syrian Christian background, and raised in the Anglican tradition in England, there was no option other than to join St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, NC, in 1983. My family moved to RTP in September 1998, and became members of St. Paul's in Cary. The continuity of the liturgical tradition, the welcoming attitude to all peoples, the caring and nurturing one feels, are some of the aspects of St. Paul's that I like.

*What are some of your current and past parish ministry involvement and leadership positions at St. Paul's?*

I have just returned from 5 years in England, where my involvement with church ministry was peripheral, although I was a regular attendee in the Dioceses of Rochester and London.

Prior to my sojourn in England, I was very involved in parish life at St. Paul's.

I have taught Sunday school to kindergarten, 3rd grade, and Senior High children from the time I joined St. Paul's, was involved with the bread ministry, and was a lector.

I was on staff as assistant to the minister of music, following several years of volunteer service in the music ministry. In this capacity, was the director of the Epiphany choir and Junior (now Advent). I was a member of the St. Paul's Choir and the Jubilate Choir (now 9 am

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choir). I assisted and then directed Canterbury bells and Jubilate choir and worked closely with various ministers of music, in planning, training, and providing excellent music.

During the course of my tenure as children's' choir director, observing that several choristers were experiencing difficulty in academic areas, I was instrumental in working with the Rev. Dr. Sally Harbold in pioneering a homework help session on Wednesdays, with the help of several volunteers from St. Paul's.

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See above: I have been at St. Paul's since 1998.

*What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?*

I would like to see further development of the children's and youth choirs and more coordinated activities with ongoing youth programs, so that all young people are engaged. Since I have been away for 5 years, there have been changes and I have yet to fully understand where the needs are, and then work to address these.

*What community groups and events are you involved in?*

I have been involved Women in Science mentor, Executive board of the Raleigh Boychoir, Holly Springs Newcomers Club.

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Bill Gautier



*What do you like best about St. Paul's?*

- People are interested, and committed. Our church walks the talk. All are Welcome – a real sense of community. Involved Leadership. Most enduring impression of good leadership: Our children happily processing out of the Church to attend Sunday School, Acolytes during service, active and giving EYC, active participation by HS Seniors and Juniors. Men's club: Lobsterfest, Pancake Supper, Beach Week. Involvement of all ages.
  - George's sermons, like that he faces the congregation. Clergy that add so much, Carr, Cathy, Sarah, Javier, Candy, Tony.
  - Outreach projects, young adults going to the mountains to help others. The congregation putting together food bags to give to Urban Ministry for additional distribution.
  - Continuing education by clergy in the Chapel, and by speakers with CHH, and with the senior ministry.
  - Well organized coffee after 9am service.
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- Member Adult Education Committee (past)
- Member Senior Ministry Organizing Committee (past)
- Member Giving Board (current)
- Member Endowment Board (current)
- Member CHH program committee, CHH presenter

*What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church or parish?*

- Shipboard lay reader, US Navy Ships
- Parrish Council, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Rockville, Md.

*What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?*

- Promote welcoming culture and community
- Continue support CHH program committee.
- Continue to lead CHH seminars
- Capital Campaign Well Underway

*What community groups and events are you involved in?*

US Naval Academy Alumni Association, Triangle Chapter, Past President  
Scholarship presentation by USNA AA to Cary H.S.  
North Carolina Symphony Orchestra

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Paul Sanders



*What do you like best about St. Paul's?*

I love the dedication to timeless truth in our particular context. We are committed to the historic Christian creeds and beliefs, joining with countless believers over the centuries. Rather than using these beliefs to hedge out all those different from us, we focus outward, on showing the love of God in word and deed to those in our community.

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Currently I have the privilege of working on the Fellowship Events Team, working on needed basis for hospitality, special events, and coffee hour.

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I have served in a variety of positions in my two previous church parishes. I've served in the Audio / Visual group, Hospitality Ministry, College Ministry and young adult ministry. I've had the privilege of teaching scripture, mentoring young men in their faith, and organizing the Sunday services. In each of these capacities, I've been stretched and challenged to love others as Christ would.

*What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?*

I would like to see more focus on one on one discipleship and growth of new leaders in our parish. We should encourage every Christian to feast on solid food and meat, rather than the milk of the faith.

*What community groups and events are you involved in?*

I am involved heavily with the social events and activities of my workplace. I work on the "SocialITes" activity committee, working to foster friendships between coworkers of different ethnicities and backgrounds.

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Victor Talbird



*What do you like best about St. Paul's?*

My favorite thing about St. Paul's is the parishioners. It is extremely uplifting to see people with such a broad range of backgrounds, interests, and experiences who have their hands in so many areas and ministries of the church. Everyone I have been fortunate enough to cross paths with at the church has been warm, compassionate, and genuine. It seems that no matter which ministries people are involved in, their goals remain the same: to create a fulfilling and healthy environment through uplifting and improving the church. This type of attitude keeps me engaged and makes me want to continue to increase my involvement with St. Paul's.

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I currently am a member of the Youth Planning Committee as well as a very active volunteer with EYC. I am also active with St. Paul's preschool as my two daughters both have attended for the past three years. I have been involved with other ministries such as the Stay At Home Parents group and Faith On Tap. In addition, I enjoy volunteering for big events put on by other ministries such as Stop Hunger Now and Vacation Bible School.

*What are some of your past ministry involvement and leadership positions at your former church or parish?*

Growing up as the son of an Episcopal priest based at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lookout Mountain, TN, I have previously been involved in a lot of different ministries. Some examples include participation in both the youth and adult choirs, the acolyte guild as a

participant and a trainer, the offertory guild, an usher, a lector, and EYC as a youth and an advisor. I also previously and currently have supported the Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti in a volunteer capacity, financially, and in an official capacity as the on-site director in Haiti for 14 months. CNP was founded by a parishioner of Good Shepherd, so my previous parish has been active with it since its inception.

*What would you most like to see accomplished during your three years of service on the Vestry?*

Balance seems to be a very important concept when I think about St. Paul's. Each year brings on a host of new changes with each individual, with the needs of the church, and with society as a whole. In order to keep up with the changes, we must constantly be learning and adapting to the evolving situations around us. However, change can sometimes be overwhelming, scary, and unpleasant in many ways. How can we balance the need for change while we continue to protect the traditions of the past? We must be constantly reaching out to others as we search for new members of the parish who can be valuable members of our community. We must balance that with continuing to protect and nourish the current members of the parish who have continued to make St. Paul's such an amazing place. We must continue to find new ministries and outreach to fill needs that are currently unmet while balancing that with the support of our already numerous ministries often as budgetary constraints loom in the background. I don't have the solutions for these challenges, but I am absolutely ready to be a part of the group that attempts to work together through these multi-faceted, complex decisions. I would like to help continue the growth and opportunities to support current ministries, outreach, and social outlets while finding new avenues to create even more. Most of all, I would like to continue my love of our church and help others to maintain, rediscover, or find the same satisfaction in our community.

*What community groups and events are you involved in?*

I am a member with the Museum of Life and Science as well as the Contemporary Art Museum in Raleigh. I am a member of the Alumni Association of the College of Education at NC State, where I did my graduate studies. I volunteer with Cure CADASIL, which my wife is an associate trustee with. I also play in several tennis leagues through the Western Wake Tennis Association. Previously, I was also on the board of my HOA.

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