

# St Paul's Evangelical Church

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## Pastor's Pen

It is interesting how God works in lives. Moniteau Advent, for Christmas, prayerfully selects families to care for during the Christmas season. These are families that are going through hard times and are recommended, some by the schools, some by concerned neighbors, some by agencies. This year, they cared for 9 families. We have tried to follow up with these families.

A few days ago, I received a call from one of the families, wondering if there would be a possibility that they could get some help with a utility bill. There was some money in the Ministerial Alliance fund and after consulting with another pastor it was agreed to help meet part of the need. They had made a partial payment but didn't have enough. We made the additional payment needs and let him know. He was very thankful and appreciative—but then God gave an opportunity. "In the same way that the church paid the debt that you could not, even so, the Lord Jesus paid for the debt we could not pay (remember when we pray the Lord's Prayer we say, 'Forgive us our debts . . .') Sin is a debt that we cannot pay, but Jesus did. When I began to talk about Jesus, Josh became interested in the church. I wonder if that is why it is important to give 'a cup of cold water in the name of the Lord

Jesus.' (Mt. 10:42, 5:14-16). We are to be gracious to others because God has been gracious to us. What a great investment—to reach a family for Jesus, simply by being kind, taking time, sharing of the abundance that God has given us.

Every day we have the opportunity to plant seeds of kindness and truth in the hearts of those around. Some seed will never germinate, but some will. And, we never know which act of kindness, which word of encouragement, which prayer will change a life. The apostle Paul says, "Do not grow weary in well doing for in due season we will reap if we do not faint."

I had some friends in Kansas, which is often very dry—so dry that it is sometimes impossible to 'get the wheat up.' The farmers would 'dust it in.' Normally they would try to put the seed on moisture, but when it is so dry for so long, there is no moisture. I would ask if it would grow—and they would respond, "No, not without moisture." "Then why plant if you can't put it on moisture?" It is really very simple—it will never grow if it is not planted and God will send moisture in His time.

So, be looking for opportunities and always point them to Jesus, giving Him the credit for any acts of kindness you do—and He will cause it to grow.

## Church Events

February 12 – Men's fellowship at Moniteau at 7 pm

Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday Service at Moniteau Evangelical; 7 pm

Feb 18 – Communion

Feb 18– Family Night; 6:00 PM

Dave Ramsey: Sundays 1-3 pm throughout Feb.

### *Family Night:*

February – Ercell and Sharon Wegener, Harold and Mary Haldiman, Noland and Lisa Porter, Ben and Kimberly Marshall, Don and Elaine Ernst, Will and Kirstyn Conley

March – Tony and Trisha Meisenheimer  
Jesse and Kelly Rohrbach  
Barry and Heidi Eschenbrenner  
Barb and Dason Klund  
John and Karen Jones  
Patti VonderHaar

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## What We believe

In our confirmation class, we are working with the young people about what we believe and they are in the process of writing what they believe about:

1. The Bible
2. God
3. Salvation
4. The Christian life

Think about that for a moment and ask yourself, "If someone asked me my view/understanding of the Bible, what would I say?"

Perhaps your answer ought to include where the Bible came from (2 Timothy 3:16-17), how we know it has authority, how we ought to read it (prayerfully, thoughtfully, consistently, obediently and in faith), what the Bible is about (God restoring a broken world to Himself through the Lord Jesus).

Take some time to think about what you believe about the Bible. Do you treat it with the reverence it deserves? Do you seek out the wisdom that God has written like you ought to seek? What does your life say about what you believe about the Bible?

*Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God. 2 Tim. 2:15*

## Where we are going

Moving into a new year, we want to regain our bearings and so we are looking at the attributes of God, that is, "What is God like?" The Scriptures teach us that God is infinite with respect to time (eternal, without beginning or ending), infinite with respect to space (omnipresent), infinite with respect to power (omnipotent) and infinite with respect to knowledge (omniscient). Further, God has revealed that He is perfect in moral character—perfect in truth, justice, righteousness, holiness, graciousness, mercy, love, and goodness. If for some reason you missed a Sunday, you can hear the sermon on one of our websites: [stpauljamestown.org](http://stpauljamestown.org) or [Moniteauchurch.org](http://Moniteauchurch.org).

Jan. 7	The Goodness of God, Ps. 136
Jan. 14	The Wisdom of God, Rom. 11:33-36
Jan. 21	The Holiness of God, Isa 6
Jan. 28	The Sovereignty of God, Isa. 46
Feb. 4	The Justice of God, Gen. 18
Feb. 11	The Love of God
Feb. 18	The Faithfulness of God

In our Tuesday evening Bible study we will be doing an overview of the Bible, geographically, historically and doctrinally. We invite you to come and join us as we 'Put the Pieces Together.' It began Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> and will finish in February.

## Notes from Mary Kay

*Our son Seth and Pastor Steve have agreed to preach and are working together on a sermon series of God's character. This past week, Seth preached on the topic of God's Holiness. He practices his sermons in front of a camera, so he is able to watch and learn from this before he delivers the final sermon to his church congregation. It is my good fortune to be able to get in on these practice sessions via YouTube. Seth defined God's holiness in this way: God is different--set apart from and completely different from His created mankind as it is possible for Him to be, yet still having made us in His own image. This caught my attention and stuck with me. Because, in part, throughout my lifetime, I have felt I am greatly different and often don't "fit". Yet, the older I get, the more comfortable I am that it is "OK", even "right" that I do not "fit-in". I am also reading the book of Matthew (the Message). Jesus' teachings in chapter 5 speak to this very thing. The Beatitudes tell us we are blessed in every circumstance we find ourselves in, which the world would tell us is bad. Matthew 5:13 tells us we are exactly where we live to be salt-seasoning...an enhancement that brings out "God-flavors" of the earth. 5:14-16 tells us we are on this earth to be light in darkness, to bring out the "God-colors" in our world. God calls His people to be a sharp contrast to their world...to live every day counter-culturally, so that we may show "our world" (whoever is in your world)...Jesus...GOD with us.*

*The closer we walk with God, the more we know Him--through His Word, through His Son, through His Spirit working in us--the greater our resemblance to Him will be, and the less we will look like or "fit" into the world and its mold.*

## February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Chris Baker	3
4	5 Michelle Phillips	6 Bible study, 7-8 pm Hailey Croy	7 WWJD 6:50-7:45 am; Teen Youth group 6:30-8:15; Confirmation 7:30-8:15 pm Byron Haldiman	8 Janet Reimler	9	10 Addison Marshall
11 Jenny Cain	12 Church board meeting, 6 p.m.	13 Bible study, 7-8 pm	14 WWJD 6:50-7:45 am Ash Wednesday Service at Moniteau, 7 pm Nancy Haldiman	15 Brooke Imhoff, Hannah Marshall, Clark Rohrbach, Charles Schoenthal, Judy Wittenberger, Kathy Reimler	16	17
18 Communion Family Night, 6 pm	19	20 Bible study, 7-8 pm	21 WWJD 6:50-7:45 am; Teen Youth group 6:30-8:15; Confirmation 7:30-8:15 pm	22	23	24 Goldie Marshall
25 Lyndsey Stauffer	26	27 Bible study, 7-8 pm Terisa Knierim, Valerianna Gentsch	28 WWJD 6:50-7:45 am; Teen Youth group 6:30-8:15; Confirmation 7:30-8:15 pm Deborah Brennan, Robyn Eschenbrenner			

### To the Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church:

Thank you so much for your support of our Shoes to Share Fundraiser to benefit CPI's California Mural Project. With your help, we were able to collect 150 bags of shoes (3,750 pairs!). CPI expects to receive about \$1500 from the shoes, and that should pay for

all of the paint needed for the first mural to be painted in 2018. At the same time, the shoes will be used by men and women in developing countries to build micro-businesses that help to support their families. Working together, we can accomplish much to benefit the community and others.

Gratefully, California Progress, Inc.

## Folks Needing Our Prayers:

Mary Kay Watson, Gary Schoenthal, Gary Taggart, Larry Reynolds, Elaine Ernst, Billy Porter, David Knierim, Natoma Elliot, Truman and Hilda Schoenthal, Norma Wood, Grayden Gatlin, Abraham Baepler, Jeff Stroup, All Our Military Serving Our Homeland, Our Country, and Our Friends and Neighbors in Nursing Homes and Hospitals, WWJD, and JCYG.

## WWJD

Wednesdays With Jesus Devotionals got off to a great (if cold) start in the New Year. Total enrollment has increased to 45 as we have welcomed some new students to our WWJD family in January.

The study of Bible verses continues. On Jan. 3, the first day back after break, Pastor Steve led with a review of things learned during the first semester, including Bible verses "A-J" and ways in which we can be whole-hearted followers of Jesus. During the next two sessions, the children continued reviewing and also discussed the new "*K is for Kingdom*" Bible verse: "*We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, so let us be thankful, and worship God.*" Heb. 12:28. On Jan. 24, Pastor Dennis Maxwell of New Hope Baptist church introduced the new "*M is for Magnify*" Bible verse: "*O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!*" Psalms 34:3. The children sang "Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children" accompanied by Pastor Dennis on his harmonica.

Each week in January the children have also enjoyed additional singing as part of their worship. Pastor Steve leads the children in singing *If I were a Butterfly Song*, with the refrain, "I just thank you Father for making me....me." The children have been encouraged to realize that God made each one of us special and that we should treat each other with respect because everyone you meet is made by God.

If you are not already assisting with this amazing children's ministry, please think and pray about volunteering. It takes several workers in both the kitchen and activity areas. Please call 660-849-2188 to see how you can make a difference for the children in our community.

## Ladies

*Living Proof Live*, July 13-14<sup>th</sup>  
at the Mizzou Arena in Columbia, MO

Experience the powerful biblical teaching of best-selling author Beth Moore at a *Living Proof Live!*

- Experience a unique message - no two are the same.
- Invest in a weekend that will encourage, challenge, and change you.
- Hear a unique message specifically prepared for your city.
- Worship with Dove Award-winning worship leader Travis Cottrell.
- Laugh, pray, and study scripture with thousands of women from all walks of life.
- Leave with a renewed sense of calling, purpose, and love for Christ.

To check it out go to <https://vimeo.com/228060993>

We want to order tickets at the best price (by the group and early). Please contact Mary Kay (319-640-7500 or Lisa Porter if you would like more information or would like to reserve your place.

## From Our Missionaries— **Nick and Erica**

Happy new year! It's been exciting for us to see how God's been providing for us while we finish putting together our ministry team to move overseas. After bouncing around staying with different friends and traveling, God provided missions housing in November for us to be in our own place! It's been such a blessing, and allowed us and our girls to get into a more normal rhythm of life. We're getting close to completing our ministry team; we're currently at 92%, and are praying to be finished by February 1 so that we can move in early March. Please pray with us that God would complete our team and go before us in all of the moving arrangements. It has been a bit of a struggle emotionally being so close, and hearing about the amazing things God is doing, yet having to wait. We know that Lord's timing is perfect, and He is growing us in patience and trust in Him. We so appreciate all of you and your prayers, and pray that God would guide your church and your hearts in 2018!

## Camp Aurora Dates

Camp Aurora has posted these 2018 dates for church camps on their Facebook page. Get the dates on your calendars now if you have someone interested in attending:

Senior High: July 8-14  
Junior High: July 15-20  
Junior: July 22-27  
Primary: July 22-25  
Family Camp: Aug 10-12

## Teen Times

We are currently in the middle of the series "Shaken" by Tim Tebow and I believe the youth have enjoyed listening to the testimony of someone younger and relatable. Tim has been through many ups and downs in his life. He won 2 National Collegiate Champion-

ships with the University of Florida (2006, 2008) and won the Heisman trophy in 2007. He was also cut from 3 teams and traded once during his short NFL career that started promising. Tim can really speak to holding a firm foundation with Christ during the highs and lows of life.

Kelly Cobb (middle daughter of Russell Cobb) has been helping with the youth group this semester. She has been a great addition and fits in very well with the group. Please pray for her as she connects with the youth of Jamestown (especially the girls).

Going forward, we are looking into some different series that discuss how science and God relate, where they conflict, and what we should & shouldn't believe. Much of the youth will soon be in college and many of their beliefs may be challenged by professors and/or other students. I think this series will be beneficial for the youth and help them answer some of the difficult questions they will be faced with after high school.

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### St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting January 8, 2018

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, January 8, 2018. Present were Don Gerlach, Lisa Porter, Ted Rohrbach, Susan Borts, Kim Marshall, Barb Oerly and Pastor Steve Watson. President Don Gerlach called the meeting to order and Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's report: The secretary's report from the December 18, 2017, meeting was reviewed. Kim made a motion to approve the minutes and Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Ted gave all board members a copy of the treasurer's report for the month ending December 31, 2017. There was discussion on where the disbursement for buddy pack payment should be shown in the budget. Ted will update the budget based on the discussion. Barb made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as amended and Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### Old Business:

- PA System in basement – It was determined there is no problem with the system or speakers. Pastor Steve suggested it would be nice to have a CD player that attached to the system.
- PA System cabinet in Sanctuary – Cabinet is fixed.
- Confirmation class update – Pastor Steve reports it is going well and a good group of young people. Within the confirmands there will need to be three baptisms performed. A date for presentation of the confirmands was discussed and Pastor Steve will reach out to the families about the potential date.
- Evangelical Council Meeting on January 14, 2018, @ 4:00 PM @ St. Paul's – President of the Evangelical Council will be a member of the St. Paul's board this year. The board discussed a possible candidate for the position. The agenda for the meeting will be provided by the current council president.

- Pastor Evaluation/with Moniteau – Barb received comments from Cindy Wieberg from the Moniteau Advent board to be incorporated into the evaluation form. Barb sent back to Cindy asking for clarification on a couple items. When Cindy replies the form will be updated and sent to all board members in preparation for the meeting on Sunday when we will share with Pastor Steve. The evaluation period is February 2017 through January 2018.
- Beth Moore Conference, July 13 and 14, 2018 – We will discuss in detail at the February meeting. We need to move forward with getting tickets after that meeting and we can determine who is interested in going. Lisa is going to do a write up for the February messenger and a link to the conference will be placed on the website.
- Church Security Committee – Pastor Steve shared that Paul Fennewald is putting together a program on church security. The program will require a four-hour training. Ted said there is interest from some church members to serve on a security committee. Ted is planning to attend the crime watch meeting this evening after the board meeting where church security will be a topic.
- Refrigerator – Barb will send a thank you to Imhoff Appliance for repairing the refrigerator at no cost.

New Business:

- Approval of bills – Ted wanted to verify what the limits are for payment of bills that can be done without the board’s approval. The board agreed if the bill is included in the budget it should be paid. If it is not in the budget and over \$500 it needs to be approved by the board.
- Bathroom Stools – Susan is going to purchase stools for the basement bathrooms to be put in the stalls for use by the children.
- Family Night – The board discussed activities for February and April family nights. Ted is going to talk with Sandee Eschenbrenner about doing trivia in February. Michael Butterworth will be contacted about coming in April.
- Elevator Inspection – The elevator has to be inspected every two years and we received a letter regarding the inspection. MO Stairway Lift is a certified elevator inspection company. They will contact Don when a date/time can be set with the state inspector to complete the inspection.
- Easter Sunrise Service – Next month the board will discuss the Easter Sunrise Service in detail. St. Paul’s is the host church this year. Pastor Steve will talk to other pastor’s about the service.

Discussion items with Pastor Steve:

- Mileage and pastor’s report – No report.

Next board meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

There being no other business Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barb Oerly  
Secretary

Dates to Remember:

January 14, 2018 – Communion  
January 14, 2018 – Evangelical Council Meeting at St. Paul’s, 4:00 PM  
February 14, 2018 – Ash Wednesday Service at Moniteau Evangelical; 7:00 PM  
February 18, 2018 – Communion  
February 18, 2018 – Family Night; 6:00 PM