

St Paul's Evangelical Church

The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk

I find that there are two elements of the Christian life—know what to do that is pleasing to the LORD and having the strength to do that which is pleasing to the LORD. The first comes through prayer and the Word. Paul prays in Colossians 1, *“we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;¹² giving thanks to the Father.”* We can pray that God would fill us with a knowledge of His will for each and every situation we find ourselves in. Interestingly, Paul says, that this will in turn result in fruitfulness . . . increasing knowledge of God . . . being strengthened and giving thanks. Jesus prayed, in the Garden, “. . . not my will but Thy will be done.” To be filled with the knowledge of God's will for you in every situation brings a peace.

We not only need to know what God would have us do and be, but we need power, strength to do it. I do not find strength in myself. The Bible says, “Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit.” And Jesus said, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and it will enable you to live the life that will bear witness to Me.” Acts 1:8 The things that God has for me and you to do require power that is beyond ourselves.

A few weeks ago, during a snow storm, the power went out at our home. Although we had lights, they would not shine. Though we had a furnace, it would not warm the home. Although we had a stove, we could not cook. The appliances with power are worthless—just as the Christian without God's power is unable to do and to be what we are called to do and be.

We are in the middle of a series on the Holy Spirit, the One that empowers us, equips us, encourages us. Join us as we look at the ministry of the Holy Spirit to us.

January 9—The Promise of the Holy Spirit, John 16

January 16—The Purpose of the Holy Spirit, Acts 1

January 23—The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit, Eph. 3

January 30—The Product of the Holy Spirit, Gal. 5

February 6—The Presents (Gifts) of the Holy Spirit, 1 Cor. 12

February 13—The Prayers of the Holy Spirit, Romans 8, Eph. 6, Jude

I hope you will come and begin to pray that God will give you new insight into this gift He has given to believers to help us to walk with Him and serve Him.

Church Events

Feb. 13th – Communion

Feb. 20th – Family Night/Trivia, 6:00 p.m.

Hosts:

*Ercell and Sharon Wegener

Harold and Mary Haldiman

Norma Porter

Noland and Lisa Porter

Don and Elaine Ernst

Feb. 21st – Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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From Mary Kay

We recently visited our youngest daughter and husband (in the Air Force) in San Angelo, TX. Steve loves to read and picked up a book that Riss had left out—he is convinced that she left it out for him on purpose (or perhaps the Lord had it left out). He began to read the forward and it described much of our spiritual lives—we want to be good Christians, our days get filled with activity. Instead of our relationship with Jesus refreshing us, we are exhausted. This is a portion of that forward from the book Ragged by Gretchen Ronnevik:

I was a wife and mother of three. I taught daily in the little Christian school our church sponsored. Along with all the above, every time the doors of the church were opened, Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night and numerous days of “revival,” when we attended special meetings, our family was there. Our lives were heavily invested in the church, in fellowship and in mutual encouragement. And, I was exhausted. Actually, we were exhausted. I was demanding of my husband and children, and I was angry whenever anyone didn’t live up to my expectations. I feared what would happen if I didn’t control everything around me and if I didn’t do “all the things.” In fact, I remember one Saturday afternoon when I didn’t have any work to do and could have just relaxed. Instead, I decided to sew an outfit for my daughter. About halfway through the project, I looked at Phil and said, “What’s wrong with me? I must be trying to work off some guilt.”

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I was utterly enslaved to the voice of the inner slave driver. Every night when I finally collapsed into bed, I needed to be assured that I had done everything that was required of me or I would make resolutions to “do better tomorrow.” Before my conversion, I had lived a riotous life of shame, and I was determined never to go back, and never to let anyone I loved go there either. . . .

About now you might be expecting me to say that from then on, I put away the disciplines and just lived the way I wanted. But if you assume that, you would be missing the point. And that brings me to my friend Gretchen’s lovely book. What you’re about to discover is that the life of the Christian, the life of the free woman or man, is not a life that’s freed from all the spiritual disciplines. Rather, it’s a life that’s free to do the disciplines—from the position of being beloved, forgiven, and assured of eternal life. It’s because we know that we don’t have to do these things to be loved and welcomed by the Lord that we’re able to do them with the right heart and the right motives—and they will bear the right fruit.

Elyse Fitzpatrick, Author of Worthy: Celebrating the Value of Women

Steve and I are reading through Ragged and enjoying learning to depend upon Jesus rather than to perform to somehow earn His acceptance, approval and love.

Memory Verse for February

Be working on this important verse from Gal. 5:16

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings

Our Missionaries— Healing House Ministries

Friends and family of Amanda Sims celebrated her commencement from The Healing House and New Beginnings 12-month recovery program on Saturday, November 6, at House of Prayer Family Church. Following prayer and opening comments, Executive Director, Heather Gieck, released this scripture over Amanda's life, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take care of me. Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies." Ps 27:10-11 She added, "There is an enemy of our soul. When we start coming out of that life and into the real life that God has for us, then there are enemies of our soul that will try to drag us back into the life we are actually exiting." She encouraged Amanda to look to God, not man, to meet her emotional needs and shared practical advice for staying on the spiritual recovery path. Several of Amanda's fellow program participants and family shared their sentiments about her transformation. Many described Amanda's beginning months as having a lot of rough patches. But they each also emphasized that she had come so far, specifically in the last few months, where it was said she had made a complete turn-around. Amanda's sister spoke, "You have come a long way and we are very proud of you. This House has done amazing things for you. Because 8 years ago you went down a totally different path and we were no longer on the same page. I'm very glad to see you back and living your best life and being the person you need to be for your nieces and nephew. They are so grateful to have you. We love you." When Amanda addressed the group, she began, "I started out rough because I made it rough on myself, not because anybody in the House did. The first 6 months at The Healing House went by so slow and a lot of things started to work through me. I started to realize that I wasn't going to make it if I kept rebelling against the true understanding of why I was there." The scripture Amanda has clung to through every step of her journey is Isaiah 41:13 CEV "I am the Lord your God and I am holding your hand so don't be afraid. I am here to help you." This made clear to Amanda that she needed to rely more on the Lord than she had

her entire life. Amanda shared the miracle of having her sisters, nieces and nephew back in her life. After reciting the Serenity Prayer in memory of her mother, Amanda thanked everyone, especially The Healing House leaders. "Even though we've been through struggles and I didn't want to listen and I wanted to rebel, I had to realize and understand that my life was unmanageable without my Greater Power, the Lord, being there.

In the coming year, The Healing House and New Beginnings will begin working with Broken & Beautiful, a Christian discipleship ministry for incarcerated women that shares God's grace, love and healing power through a program using the book, "God's Healing Path." The ministry helps women find safe housing and build a Christian support community for when they are released. Broken & Beautiful has been serving the Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic Correctional Center (WERDCC) in Vandalia since 2014. The ministry conducts weekly services and biannual seminars. In 2019, the ministry started a pen pal program called Pen2Pen where each enrolled woman is paired with a Christian woman pen pal for support and encouragement. Please visit their web site, www.brokennbeautiful.org for information about this ministry with whom we share common goals. The Healing House and New Beginnings Executive Director, Heather Gieck, has been ministering to women at WERDCC as a Volunteer in Corrections for several years. She and Program coordinator, Tricia Roberts, look to participate in the Broken & Beautiful ministry services at the prison and invite other Christian women to consider becoming a pen pal with the Pen2Pen program. Recovery housing offered by The Healing House and New Beginnings will provide another connection for success that Broken & Beautiful seeks for the women they support. We ask for your prayers that the Lord guide and draw many close to Him through these efforts.

Share the Gospel—

(We ran this last month and want to add a few thoughts)

Someone has observed, "No one will talk to men about the LORD if they have not first talked to the LORD about men." The beginning of sharing with those around us is to realize two things:

1) Everyone will spend eternity either in heaven with the Lord Jesus or in hell, eternally separated from Jesus.

2) There is limited time and opportunity. Just like a farmer knows that if he doesn't get the soil prepared

and the seed in the ground within a certain window of time, he will not have a harvest; even so, we understand that by our prayers, lives and care of others we are preparing the soil for the transforming Word of God. But there is a window of opportunity for each person.

That is why, all ministry, especially the ministry of sharing the Word of Salvation must be begun on our knees, praying to the Father about the men, women and children around us who need to hear the Gospel message. You will, most likely, never share the Gospel with anyone you have not prayed for—so, begin to pray for the souls of men.

How do you pray for people when you want to share the Good News of Salvation through Jesus? We must pray for ourselves and for them. The place to begin is to pray for yourself. Prayers like: “Lord give me a heart for those that do not know You . . . Lord, open my eyes to see those that need to come to saving faith . . . Lord, fill me with spiritual knowledge and wisdom so that I might know how to minister to those that do not know You . . . Lord, give me opportunity to tell someone what You have done for me and what You can do for them . . . Lord, give me courage to speak, knowing that the enemy will do everything possible to keep me quiet.”

Take these prayers and begin to pray on a consistent basis to be sensitive to the spiritual needs of those around you, to have wisdom to know how to speak to them so they desire to come to know Jesus, to have courage to speak when God gives the opportunity.



St. Paul's Evangelical Board Meeting

Monday, January 17, 2021

Ben Marshall, Lucas Heimericks, Mark Oerly, Kathy Reimler, Nancy Haldiman and Pastor Steve were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Ben, opened in prayer by Pastor Steve.

The Secretary's report was read. Lucas moved to accept, Nancy seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kathy. Two CDs are coming due and it was moved by Nancy to consolidate them at the time of renewal. Mark seconded; the motion passed. Mark moved that the report be accepted, Nancy seconded; motion passed.

A Little Church History

This is my second article about families who donated stained glass windows. The window given by the G.J. Geiger family, located on the east wall of the sanctuary, shows Jesus overlooking the town of Jerusalem.

Godfred Jacob Geiger was born July 12, 1854 in Heimberg, Canton of Berne, Switzerland. In 1870 he came to America at the age of 16 with his parents, Karl and Magdalene Geiger.

On Dec. 2, 1880, he married Mary Haldiman, born Sept 1862, the eldest child of Jacob Haldiman and Mary Anna Roesch. To this union 10 boys and 3 girls were born. All were raised and confirmed in the Evangelical Church and all lived to adulthood.

G.J. and Mary lived on a large farm on Factory Creek Road where he and his boys farmed. The first St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Jamestown, built in 1877, was demolished and replaced in 1920, mostly with donated labor including from G.J. and his sons. Mary was confirmed in the Evangelical Church in her youth and was a member her entire life. She was a charter member of Christlicher Frauenverein, the original women's organization founded in 1894 that later was called the Ladies Aid Society. Mary served as its president for 15 years.

In 1925, G.J. and Mary retired, sold the farm to their son Tom, and moved to Jamestown where they continued to be active members. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1930 with most of their children present. G.J. died in April 1934 and Mary died 14 years later in April 1948. Both are buried in St. Paul's Church Cemetery.

Descendants of the G.J. Geiger family who are currently active members of the church are Wilma Knierim (grandchild); Harold Haldiman (great-grandchild); Jenice Taggart (great-grandchild); Denny Wittenberger (great-grandchild); Seth Stauffer (great-great-grandchild), Evis & Argo Stauffer (great-great-grandchildren).

Submitted by Jenice Taggart

Old Business:

1. The church birthday list has been updated and is in the records to be updated as necessary. It will be the Vice-President's job to update the birthday list as necessary and kept in the church record book.
2. Cabinet project is on schedule. The Schoenthal family agreed to using Dorothy's Memorial fund for the project. We greatly appreciate the generous donation.
3. The directory has been completed and is being distributed. A motion was made to pay Kelly Cobb \$395 for her remaining services on the directory. We are also paying her \$999.24 to reimburse her for the printing costs paid to Will Printing. After paying for the photographer fees and Kelly's graphic design fees \$120 was left in Harry's Memorial funds. Moniteau will pay their portion of the printing cost (\$350). St. Paul's will pay their portion of the printing costs (the remaining \$120 of Harry's Memorial money and \$530 out of the general fund). There was great appreciation to Nancy for all her work. She put together a document explaining what had been done for future reference.
4. There had been a concern about the direction of the Salvation Army (news indicated the organization was perhaps taking a new social direction). Ben contacted the local branch and after asking questions, felt the local organization is not changing direction or priorities and that, at this time, we ought to continue our prayerful and financial support. We will leave the Salvation Army as the designated special offering for March 2022.
5. There had been a discussion of the possibility of a van for the church. There was no further information at this time. It will continue to be considered.
6. No additional progress has been made in locating a replacement cleaning service option for the basement. While the board will remain aware of this concern, no specific further action will be taken at this time.
7. Ben has been designated as the individual to locate a new electric roaster for purchase.
8. As we have replaced the old communion trays, we would like to determine if the original trays were donated by a specific member or family. Kathy is going to try and find that information.

New Business:

1. Approval of bills. It was discussed that reimbursements and bills should be paid in a timely way and that Kathy has discretion on the method (checks or autopay). It was moved to accept the report by Nancy, Lucas seconded and the motion passed.
2. The outside switch for the handicap access needs to be repaired. Ben has contacted the appropriate people and is going to have it looked at in the next week or so. If further action is warranted, then discussion with the school has been made to split the cost to have another company come out to look at doors at both places as the price can be costly.
3. VBS was discussed. Susan has agreed to work with Mary Jane Snyder (Methodist) and Beth Fennewald (Moniteau) to coordinate this year with each hopefully recruiting and bringing a younger individual to be trained and prepared for future leadership of VBS.
4. It was discussed that the February copy of the Messenger will include approved Special offerings, Communion and family night schedules.
5. The copier is becoming increasingly lighter. It was suggested that we consider looking into a copier for the church. There was the question if there was someone in the church that had knowledge and could help to make a good decision about securing a copier for the church. If you are such an individual, please let a board member know. Additionally, Pastor Steve will research pricing and options that might work.
6. There was a discussion of the church order of service and there will be some thought about possible changes to make the service more effective and meaningful, including occasionally singing the Gloria Patri.
7. There was a discussion of confirmation. Pastor Steve is putting together material and there was discussion about timing and meetings. The Board will be looking at the material the pastor is putting together and then schedule a parents' informational/input meeting.
8. It was moved to approve the pastor's report by Kathy, seconded by Nancy and approved.
9. The upcoming dates were reviewed
 - February 13th—Communion
 - February 20th—Family Night
 - February 21st—Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
10. For information.
 - We will be looking at updating the prayer request part of the bulletin.
 - The Strein family made a donation for the use of the church basement.

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Chris Baker	3	4	5 Barry Eschenbrenner
6 Hailey Croy	7 Byron Haldiman	8 Janet Reimler	9	10 Addison Marshall	11 Hailey Wilson	12
13 Communion Special Offering (Dettman's Ministry)	14 Nancy Haldiman	15 Brooke Imhoff Hannah Marshall Clark Rohrbach Charles Schoenthal Judy Wittenberger Kathy Reimler	16	17	18 Tyler Wilson	19
20 Family Night 6:00 p.m. Trivia	21 Board Meeting At 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24 Goldie Marshall	25 Lyndsey Stauffer	26
27 Terisa Kneirim Valerianna Gentzsch	28 Deborah Brennan Robyn Eschenbrenner Feb. 29 – Heston Gatlin	<u>Family Night Hosts/Hostesses:</u> *Ercell and Sharon Wegener Harold and Mary Haldiman Norma Porter Noland and Lisa Porter Don and Elaine Ernst				



St. Paul's Special Offering 2022

February 13 – Dettman's Ministry

March 13 – Salvation Army

April 10 – St. Paul's Cemetery

May 22 – Matt's Campers

July 10 – Food Pantry

August 14 – Evangelical Association

September 18 – Mission Fest

October 16 – Fall Walk

December 24 – Healing House

Communion Dates 2022

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 17 (Easter)

May 22

July 10

August 14

October 2 (World Wide Communion)

November 20