

# St Paul's Evangelical Church

## The Messenger

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### From the Pastor's Desk—

**A Tennessee Tale**—I shared this a number of years ago and ran onto it.

A Seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

One morning, they were eating breakfast in a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

"Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice. "Oklahoma," they answered. "Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said. "What do you do for a living?"

"I teach at a seminary," he replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really good story for you."

And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple. The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great, just what I need--another preacher story!"

The man started, "See that mountain over there?" (pointing out a restaurant window). "Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question. "Hey boy, who's your daddy?" Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question. "Who's your daddy?"

He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students. He would avoid going into stores because that question hurt him so much.

When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, "Who's your daddy?"

But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast, he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, "Son, who's your daddy?"

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, "Who's your daddy?"

### Church Events

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday, at Moniteau, 7 p.m.

March 6<sup>th</sup> – Evangelical Council Meeting, St. Paul's, 4 p.m.

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Communion; Special Offering/Salvation Army; Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 20<sup>th</sup> – Family Night, Talent Night, 6:00 p.m.

April 1<sup>st</sup> – World Day of Prayer

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The new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to the scared little boy. "Wait a minute!" he said. "I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God."

With that, he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it."

With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, "Who's your Daddy?" he'd just tell them, "I'm a child of God."

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?"

The professor responded that it really was a great story!

As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably would never have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked her, "Do you know that man who just left that was sitting at our table?"

The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's the former governor of Tennessee!"

Someone in your life today needs a reminder that they are one of God's children.  
"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8

## **Simple Ways to Share the Gospel**

Learn to listen to people's heart—not just what they say, but to their heart.

Then ask yourself, "What is the struggle of this heart?"

Then ask, "How does Jesus make a difference for that struggle?"

Then pray, "LORD Jesus, give me opportunity to share with my friend."

When you speak to the heart, lives are changed.

## **Sermon Series**

After the series on the Holy Spirit, we will be looking at the prayer of Jesus in John 17 for the few weeks leading up to Easter.

## **Good Books**

We want to encourage people to read the book Ragged: Disciplines for the Spiritually Exhausted, by Gretchen Ronnevik. If you have a Kindle, you can download the book from Amazon for \$5.99

Also, I have discovered a site, Biblio.com where you can purchase good books for a fraction of the price. I had a teacher that used to say to us, "Readers are Leaders!" Never stop growing. If you discover a book that is meaningful to you, it probably would be helpful to others in the church. Please let us know so we can highlight the book.

## **Memory Verse for March**

Be working on this important verse from Luke 19:10

*For the Son of man is come to seek  
and to save that which was lost.*

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings

## **Our Missionaries—the Healing House**

Praise Report "Hey, it's Travis. On December 3rd, Ashley and I got Jr. back full time and on the 7th I celebrated my 1 year sober. I just wanted to tell you thank you for giving me and Ashley the opportunity to get our lives and family back." Executive Director, Heather Gieck, received the above text from The Healing House and New Beginnings former residents, Travis and Ashley, sharing joyful news of being fully reunited with their son, Junior, and reaching a recovery milestone. Praises to God!

Please pray for our residents and Sr. Residents  
Healing House:

Jessica \* Amanda, Brenda Danica, Kami,

Jochebed House:

Becky \* and her children Natalie, Raynon, Kiara,  
Crystal.

Bethel House:

Katie Lisa \* Susan, Mercedes Chastity, Tammy  
(\* denotes Sr. Resident)

## Our Missionaries—the Dettmans

DEAR PARTNERS FOR THE GOSPEL, “This is the best thing I’ve ever done!” Adam\* excitedly told me. It was the last day of the student conference, and Adam was one of many new students engaged with our movement who attended the conference. Even though Adam was first introduced to other students in our movement a month before, you would have thought he was old friends with everyone based on the way he joined in during the sessions and joked around with the other students. It was so encouraging to see him so engaged so quickly, and his involvement with our movement had obviously made a huge impact on his life. During the three-day conference, the students heard talks about the Christian life and how to grow in their faith, and Erica gave a talk on Christmas. Please continue to pray for Adam and the rest of the students that they would jump back into regularly meeting and connecting with our movement after the holiday break and exams which span the month of January. In December, we enjoyed celebrating Christmas as a family and spending time with friends. January, however, was a difficult month for us as we dealt with a series of hard events and losses, from Erica getting robbed at the park to getting rear-ended in our new car to both of us (Nick and Erica) testing positive for Covid, which prevented Erica from attending a conference in Spain. The short-term trip that was planned for January was canceled, and Eva was home sick for over a week. I (Nick) was left wrestling with a lot of questions, but I was comforted by reading Psalm 22, which Jesus quoted while he was on the cross. The Psalm starts with “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help?” (22:1). God reminded me that He is near to us in our suffering because His Son came to earth and experienced tremendous suffering. Jesus was “a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief” (Isaiah 53:3). And his suffering is Good News for us, since by it we can be reconciled to God! While Psalm 22 starts with questions of abandonment, it ends with resolute trust in the nearness and goodness of God: “Praise the Lord, all you who fear him!... For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help” (22:23-24). What a tremendous, glorious God we serve! In preparation for the start of the new semester, our team spent a few days away evaluating and processing last semester and casting vision and planning. It was so encouraging to reflect on all the Lord did last semester, not only in Southwinds but

also in the increased partnership and work with our teams in other cities in our country. We are excited to continue to build those partnerships and explore new areas of the country in pursuit of our 10-10-10 vision to see 10 spiritual movements growing and meeting regularly in 10 houses, multiplying across 10 states. Looking ahead to next year, we’re trusting God to provide another short-term team to come labor alongside us here in Southwinds. As we’ve seen so far this year, “the harvest is great.” Would you join us in praying “to the Lord of the harvest” for laborers as the application deadline for interns for next year, March 1, approaches? Thank you for praying along with us for all that God is doing!

## A Little Church History

Depicting the resurrection, the window donated by the Women’s Guild, which is located on the front wall to the right of the altar, is the one I am highlighting this month. It is one of two windows that do not open, and I believe they were the first two windows installed in the church. The other one was given by the Men’s Sunday School Class.

Early in the summer of 1894, a group of church women decided to form an organization that was given the name “Christlicher Frauenverein.” The motto chosen was “Work and Pray.” According to the records, 14 women were present at the first meeting, but their names were not listed until the Treasurer recorded 21 names in her book a couple of months later.

The constitution they adopted listed these purposes of the organization:

- To promote Christian fellowship among its members
- To help the poor and needy
- To keep the church property in perfect condition
- To help the institution of the Evangelical Synod

The first project was undertaken in 1895—making a rag rug for the parsonage. They purchased rag carpet and sewed the 36-inch strips together. Then the carpet was tacked in place on the floor. In the early years the ladies made sheets and later purchased sheets and blankets, mattresses and other bedding for the parsonage. They regularly had work days to clean the church and basement. The first meetings were held in the small church building with the pastor’s wife as the hostess serving the usual coffee cake and coffee. About 1906 and for several years the meetings were held in members’ homes. Many homes were visited

and happy times were had by all. Some amusing experiences occurred. For instance, one time they met at the home of Mrs. Frank Hossman, and the Moniteau Creek had overflowed, so they had to cross the creek in a boat. But the women always arrived, whether by boat, hack or surrey, and they enjoyed the kind hospitality of the hostess.

In the "horse and buggy" days the meetings were discontinued during the winter months—January through March—and the first meeting of the year was held in April. In 1911 it was voted to meet regularly throughout the year.

When the new church was built in 1920, it was decided to hold meetings in the basement. The women supported the building fund, helped pay for the digging of a well, bought the pulpit, financed a wire fence around the cemetery and much more through the years. During the winter months they continued to meet in homes because of the cost of wood to heat the church building.

In 1921 the ladies purchased the bell when the bell tower was erected. In 1935 they donated \$100 to the church building fund and designated part of it to pay for a communion table. In 1936 they had a locker built for the silverware and communion set, and in 1946 they purchased the cross for the altar. In 1948 the ladies had a telephone installed in the basement.

In 1940 a "Hen Shower" was suggested for those from the country who could not make weekly meetings to quilt. If they so desired, they could donate a hen or the price of one to the group. However, most of their funds were raised by serving dinners for various organizations, threshing dinners, lunch at auctions, and of course, the weekly quilting. They also pieced quilt tops. In 1947 they sold quilt tops with a border for \$3 and enough blocks for a quilt for \$1.75. In July 1944 they voted to continue the same price for quilting—.75 cents per 100 yards of thread for members, \$1.00 per 100 yards for

home-folk, \$1.25 for strangers from a distance, \$1 for fancy marking, .50 cents for plain binding and \$1 for fancy binding. According to the records in the 1940's, they averaged quilting about 17 quilts a year. Usually, they presented the pastor with one and donated one each year to the Emmaus Home in St. Charles.

In 1941 the ladies voted to change to half-day meetings. That was also the year they voted to pay for two new art windows in the church. During the war years in the 1940's, they adopted families in Germany, and each month three women took on the responsibility of filling the box with clothing, food and toys, and shipping, which was about \$17.

In addition to furnishing cookies for the orphan's home in St Louis, cookies were regularly sent to Fort Leonard Wood. At Christmastime boxes were sent to various church-sponsored homes in the St. Louis area. The women regularly supported the Red Cross with a monetary donation and by sewing garments. In 1946 a clothing drive was held for the needy, collecting 693 garments and 99 pairs of shoes.

The name of the organization evolved to the Ladies Aid Society to Women's Union to the Women's Guild in 1941, when a new constitution was adopted. They continued to serve the church and community. Dues were charged for those who could pay, but there was never an amount mentioned. I have yet to find any treasurer's books or records.

In 2011, after over 117 years of service, the Women's Guild ceased to be a formal organization, but you will still find them working together with the men to serve the needs of the church and community.

--Submitted by Jenice Taggart  
*(Part of this article was taken from the Guild's 75th anniversary program held June 5, 1969.)*

## **St. Paul's Evangelical Board Meeting**

Monday, February 21, 2022

The February Board Meeting was called to order by President Ben Marshall and opened with prayer led by Pastor Steve Watson.

Those in attendance were Ben Marshall, Pastor Steve Watson, Lucas Heimericks, Nancy Haldiman, Kathy Reimler, Sandee Eschenbrenner and Mark Oerly. (Mark left early due to a vet emergency.)

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Motion made by Lucas, seconded by Nancy and passed by vote of the Board.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. Motion to approve was made by Nancy, seconded by Lucas and passed by vote of the Board. Kathy advised that she checked our lock box at the bank and it was empty. Therefore, the motion to release the lock box back to the bank was made by Nancy, seconded by Lucas and passed by vote of the board. In addition, the two Certificates of Deposit coming due will be combined and renewed for 1 year at 0.40%.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Copier: The Board had been discussing the purchase of a new copier; however, we have been gifted a used one from Brian of Windmill Ridge Funeral. It seems to be working well and our bulletins, etc. are printing much better. Brian has only requested a letter acknowledging this donation.
2. Photo Directory: The Photo Directory project is complete and most copies have been distributed. If you desire an additional copy, the extras are located in Pastor Steve's office. Again, our thanks to the Oerly family for the donation from Harry's Memorial Funds which were used toward producing this new directory.
3. Confirmation: A new confirmation booklet has been compiled and completed. The tentative plan is to have Confirmation Class twice each month following worship service. We are scheduling a meeting on Sunday, March 13th following worship to meet with parents and students who are interested and will be involved in these classes.
4. Bulletin Covers: The Board has decided to discontinue purchasing preprinted bulletin covers. We have approached Denny Dietzel to submit a new drawing of the church to be used for future bulletin covers. We will continue using the preprinted covers for now as we have a considerable supply on hand.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. February Bills: The bills were presented and approved for payment. Nancy made the motion, Lucas seconded and passed by vote of the Board.
2. April Family Night: Our regularly scheduled family night for April falls on Easter Sunday; therefore, we are cancelling Family Night in April. St. Paul's is hosting the Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast this year and the April family night hosts will instead help with serving and decorating for that. The Ministerial Alliance will handle the Order of Worship.
3. Easter Party & Egg Hunt: Scheduled for Saturday, April 16th at 10 o'clock AM. More details will be provided later.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report of activities and expenses, mileage and home visits. He also reported on Middle School Youth and WWJD. Always looking for volunteers to help with these groups. He reminded us that Lent begins soon. The Ash Wednesday service is at Moniteau and will be on March 2nd. Lucas made the motion to accept the report, Nancy seconded and it passed by vote of the Board.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

1. Sara Rohrbach has contacted our piano tuner (Michael Butterworth) and he will be coming on the 14th of March. Our pianos are tuned twice a year. Thanks Sara!
2. Also, a big thanks to Larry Reynolds again for handling our yearly taxes.

Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14th. The motion to adjourn was made by Sandee and seconded by Kathy. The meeting was closed by all reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sandee Eschenbrenner

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Wednesday, March 2nd | Ash Wednesday Service/Moniteau/7:00 PM                                   |
| Sunday, March 6th    | Evangelical Council Meeting/St. Paul's/4:00 PM                           |
| Sunday, March 13th   | Communion; Special Offering/Salvation Army; Daylight Savings Time begins |
| Monday, March 14th   | Board Meeting/6:30 PM  |
| Sunday, March 20th   | Family Night (Talent Night)  |
| Friday, April 1st    | World Day of Prayer  |

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| Sun  | Mon                                     | Tue                            | Wed   | Thu                        | Fri  | Sat   |
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| <b>Family Night Hosts/Hostesses:</b><br>*Kathy Reimler<br>Tim & Amber Wilson<br>Dason & Barb Klund<br>Barry & Heidi Eschenbrenner<br>Tony & Trisha Meisenheimer<br>Dwight & Donna Lenger |   | <b>1</b>                       | <b>2</b><br>Ash Wednesday<br>At Moniteau<br>7:00 p.m. | <b>3</b>                   | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br><br>Kevin Anson<br>Lucas Heimericks                           |
| <b>6</b><br>Evangelical<br>Council Meeting<br>St. Paul's<br>7:00 p.m.<br><br>Isaiah Heimericks   | <b>7</b>                                | <b>8</b>                       | <b>9</b><br><br>Norma Porter                          | <b>10</b>                  | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br><br>Connie Souden  |
| <b>13</b><br>Communion<br><br>Special Offering<br>Salvation Army<br><br>Daylight Savings<br>Time Begins  | <b>14</b><br>Board Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | <b>15</b>                      | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>                  | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>   |
| <b>20</b><br>Family Night<br>(Talent Night)<br>6:00 p.m.<br><br>Matt Oerly<br>Amber Wilson   | <b>21</b><br><br>Kolby Anson            | <b>22</b><br><br>Sara Rohrbach | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b><br><br>Ryan Nott | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br><br>Christina<br>Derendinger<br>Tim Fowler<br>Nikki Gentzsch |
| <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br><br>Carol Oerly            | <b>29</b>                      | <b>30</b><br><br>Dana Knierim                         | <b>31</b>                  | <b>April 1<sup>st</sup> – World Day of Prayer</b><br><b>April 16<sup>th</sup> – Children's Easter Egg Party, St. Paul's basement, 10:00 a.m.</b> |   |

## Children's Easter Party

The Children's Easter Party will be held Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the basement of the church. There will be snacks, crafts, story time, and an egg hunt. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids, cousins; all kids are welcome! If you have any questions or would like to sign up to bring a snack, please contact Nancy Haldiman at 573-690-8528. If you would like to donate candy for the eggs, please purchase candy that will fit inside regular-sized eggs. Candy donations will be collected from Sunday March 27 – Saturday April 9. Candy can be given to Nancy Haldiman or left in the kitchen (please label that the candy is for the Easter party if you leave it in the kitchen).