

St Paul's Evangelical Church

The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk

The Apostle Peter admonishes every believer to “grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). A teacher once reminded me that growing is the purpose of life and when we stop growing, we begin the process of dying. Although none of us can (or should) continue growing physically, we should all continue to grow in grace (recognizing our need of His power and provision and experiencing more of it continually) and knowledge of the Lord Jesus (who He is, what He is like, what He is doing). Our relationship with Him ought to continually deepen and develop. As that happens, our lives are increasingly focused on Him and His work and our lives take on an eternal significance.

The Psalmist said it this way in Ps. 92,

“The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 *They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.*

14 *They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,*

15 to declare that the LORD is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

I recently took a class from Dallas Seminary—**Aging and the Spiritual Life**, in part because I wanted to know how to live for Jesus and enjoy Jesus increasingly as I grew older; and I wanted to know how to encourage those that God has entrusted to my care. I ran across a statement by a nineteenth century Scottish preacher, Thomas Chalmers, “A person needs three things, never out of date, for essential happiness: someone to love, something to do and something to look forward to.” As Christians, we are given grace to love others (even our enemies), but in the Lord Jesus and the Father, we have someone to love eternally, deeply who has loved us with an eternal love. As Christians, we have something to do of eternal value, share the good news of the Gospel and encourage others to walk with Him. As Christians, we have something to look forward to, beyond the grave, seeing Him face to face and enjoying Him for all eternity. This kind of growth doesn't just happen—it requires a consistent time with Him in prayer and the Word. Let us, young and old, purpose to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Church Events

Aug. 7 – School Supply Give Away

Aug. 8 – Guest Pastor/David Griffith

Aug. 15 – Communion/Special Offering for Evangelical Assn.; Photo Directory Sign Up after worship; Family Night @ 6:00 (Children's game at 5:00) at the Park

Aug. 16 – Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 5 – Community Labor Day Service at the Park Shelter

Sept. 9 – Mission Fest (St. Paul & Moniteau), Guest speaker: Faith Maternity Care; Meal following worship

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From Healing House

Our program offers: Recovery –

--A 12 Step Program of Action Codependency Seeking Safety (Trauma/Substance Use);

--Mentoring Spiritual Growth Bible-based classes Local Church involvement;

Housing and Life Skills, affordable housing Help with securing employment Life skills classes Physical Growth Importance of healthy diet and exercise.

Family and friends came to House of Prayer Family Church May 1st to celebrate Amanda Smith and Ashley Wright commencing The Healing House and New Beginnings one-year program. In her opening remarks, Executive Director, Heather Gieck, explained the purpose of the ministry to provide a safe place to heal, develop and receive a foundation for life that is rooted and grounded in the Living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. She noted that the commencement marks a “humble, yet beautiful, beginning, a time of going forward and stepping into the beautiful life that God has purposed” for each woman. After Heather spoke from Proverbs 3:1-10, several attending conveyed their support and encouragement, commenting on the change and growth noticed in both women. It was touching to hear Ashley’s two young sons speak of their feelings for their mother. Amanda gave her acceptance remarks first, expressing her gratitude for the opportunities the program offered and for the inspiring people she has met. Amanda shared, “The program makes you feel more comfortable because, guess what? I’m not the only one with a problem.” She explained that years ago when she was going on the wrong road, she became calloused and hard. Since she made the decision to use the resources offered her, she feels this enormous inner transformation. “I’m not that hard anymore. I want to be able to experience things... just normal stuff that I didn’t care about back then. I don’t feel all that negativity in me anymore and it is such a relief!” Later adding, “I have accomplished way more than what I had thought I would – ever!” Amanda concluded her remarks with a heartfelt expression of love for her daughter and gratitude to have her back in her life. Ashley spoke next stating that before she came, she had ruined her life multiple times. “I was done... I had no faith, no hope, no nothing and I was sitting in a jail cell and I was like ‘Send me to prison!’” She assumed it was her mother’s prayers that drew her to reading the Gospels which eventually brought The Healing House to mind. She admits about her arrival, “I was definitely still shut off but still welcoming a change of life... Eventually I saw I needed a change; my children needed a change. I wasn’t being a good mom or daughter or granddaughter or niece or girlfriend. I was lacking in all departments. I was self-defeated and Heather Gieck came in and started chiseling away at my hardness. And I’m grateful for that.” She continued in gratitude, “God has restored everything to me graciously.” Ashley concluded by encouraging the women in the program to take hold of what is offered them, that what matters is their own relationship with God and advised the new women to take direction from leadership. She added, followed by some laughter, “It’s a lot easier if you be submissive. I’m just gonna’ tell ya’. I’m just grateful for you, Heather, and Tricia and really every single woman in this program.” Congratulations and best wishes, Amanda and Ashley!

Memory Verse for August

Be working on this important verse from 2 Peter 3:18

*But grow in grace and in the knowledge
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ*

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings

Sermon Series

We will be finishing up the series on the Names of God in August. In September we will be looking at 2 Peter—Living in Troubled Times.

Update on the Jesus Storybook Bible

We have given out over 60 Jesus Storybook Bibles in the last few months.

A few days ago, an SUV stopped in our parking lot. I stopped to see what they needed—they were changing diapers. I offered them the use of our restrooms and picked up one of the Jesus Storybook Bibles that we give out (there is a stack of them in the pastor’s office). I put my card in it and gave it to them, not knowing if I would ever see them again, but knowing that if they read the stories of Jesus to their children, perhaps, God would work in their lives and families. Be looking for opportunities to share.

Good Books

This month, someone brought in a book to share with the church, "Why I Still Believe" by Mary Jo Sharp. Mary Jo is a former atheist who came to trust the Lord Jesus for salvation and now teaches apologetics. The sub-title of the book is: "A former atheist's reckoning with the bad reputation Christians give a good God." Let me know if you are interested in reading it.

A Little Church History--

Mystery of the Art Glass Windows

As I sit in our sanctuary contemplating a song or verse, my eyes wander to our beautiful art glass windows and I wonder. I notice the donor names prominently displayed, but I wonder how each particular scene was chosen, who were the artists that created them and where were they made.

To research this I started asking everyone who might have a memory of that time. Wilma Geiger Knierim, an active member of our congregation her entire life, was the only person I found who had any memory of the original pattern glass windows. An example of the original windows is the small low window in the old stairwell. No one has any memories of replacing those original windows or where the stained glass windows were made.

So I read the church board minutes from 1935-1945. The only mention in board minutes was December 30, 1942 when the vote passed for a \$600 addition to the insurance policy to cover the 12 new art glass windows. Since there was no additional information, my questions kept coming. Were they ordered as a group or by individuals? How much did they cost?

One window was donated by the Women's Guild, so I started reading their records. In November 1941 a motion was made at their meeting to purchase 2 art glass windows. In November 1941 the women voted to pay Rev. Stegner \$4 to go to St. Joseph to see about the windows. In the September 1942 meeting, "The aid gave Mrs. C.D. Heyssel the privilege to pay the freight on the windows whenever they arrive." At their January 1943 meeting they paid the final bill for freight from St. Joseph to Sandy Hook, \$2.89 and also a \$1 charge to have the window hauled to Jamestown. The Women's Guild kept meticulous records, recording expenditures down to the nickel, even recording the original "Hen Party." (Ask me about that sometime.) So it was a surprise that there was no mention of the cost of the art window or why

they only purchased one window, and if price was the reason.

Attempts to trace the company in St. Joseph through the Northwest Genealogy Society and Chamber of Commerce resulted in no information. I spoke with the owner of the Shakespeare Chateau, a historical mansion in St. Joseph with 47 stained glass windows. She had not been able to trace the origin of their windows either. While working at the Moniteau Genealogy Library I perused the microfilm of the Democrat and the Herald newspapers for that period and could not find any mention of the installation of the windows. I assumed it would be big news!

In my search, no church records contained any reference to the windows, so that information appears lost. No treasurer reports exist from that period. It seems likely that they were installed by skilled carpenters in the congregation. Pete Roesch and Charley Kirchhoff did a lot of carpentry work for the church, so perhaps they were instrumental in the installation of the windows.

What little we know!! The only facts I discovered were that our stunning art glass windows were most likely created in 1942 in a studio in St. Joseph, Missouri and were shipped by rail to Sandy Hook.

More about the families who donated the windows in future issues of the Messenger!

--Submitted by Jenice Taggart

Knights of North Castle VBS

St. Paul's, Moniteau Advent, and Grace United Methodist churches hosted Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday, July 12-15, from 6:30 until 8:55 p.m. each evening. Sixty-nine children were registered with an average attendance of 64 and over forty adults and teens volunteered as leaders and helpers.



Each evening, the children gathered for an opening assembly and were joined by a dinosaur puppet named Sparky. They shared thoughts about God and worked on learning the week's Bible verse, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power." Ephesians 6:10. Following the opening, the children enjoyed craft projects, science experiments, outdoor recreation, music, snacks, and stories from the Bible.

On the first night, they learned about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and how God kept them safe in the fiery furnace. They discovered the Belt of Truth and that staying true to what we know about God can hold us up in times of trouble.

While learning about David and Goliath on the second night, they discovered the Breastplate of Justice and ways, with God's help, to stand for the things that are most important. The third night brought the story of Jesus walking on water. Peter and the Shield of Faith taught them that faith in God can protect their hearts from things that make them afraid. The last night and piece of armor was about the Helmet of Salvation. Through the story of Paul and Silas in prison, the children learned that like a helmet, their relationship with God can protect their mind when life gets scary.

Each evening concluded with a closing assembly, where Sparky helped the children review what they had learned that evening and practiced their Bible verse. This year's mission offering project was the Jamestown Community Care Pack program. Thanks to the generosity of the children and their families, \$444.30 will help provide food for the children of the community.

Parents, grandparents, and friends were invited to join the children in the final closing assembly on Thursday. The children sang the songs they had practiced during music time and members of the grades 4-6 class shared a summary of what was learned during story time each evening. Certificates of attendance were presented by the leaders of each of the four classes.

Thank you to all who helped as organizers, station leaders, class leaders, and helpers throughout the week. Vacation Bible School is

certainly a joint effort and would not be successful without the dedication of all those involved.

--Submitted by Susan Borts, VBS Co-Director

Senior High Youth Group

Now that the mission trip is over and I've had some time to think about the experience, I wanted to share a few things with you. This was a very powerful experience for the youth and adults alike. For me, it was great to get to know the youth on a deeper level than I normally would just at youth group. By the end of the trip, you feel more like family. It was also a huge spiritual uplift to look back on the week and see all the work we had done. God definitely used us to impact the lives of our residents! This trip will definitely be something we remember for a long time! Thank you to everyone who donated money, time, supplies, and prayed for us.

As the upcoming school year will be approaching rapidly, I would ask that you all reach out to any high school age kids you know and let them know or remind them about youth group this fall. Try to especially reach out to upcoming freshman as we want Youth Group to quickly become a weekly part of their schedule.

Please pray for Ben, Kim, and myself as we begin to prepare for the upcoming school year. Pray for spiritual growth from our youth.

--Submitted by Seth Rohrbach

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting

Monday, July 19, 2021

The July Board Meeting was called to order by President Debi Baumert and opened with prayer led by Pastor Steve Watson.

Those in attendance were Mark Rohrbach, Debi Baumert, Pastor Steve Watson, Ben Marshall, Nancy Haldiman, Mark Oerly and Sandee Eschenbrenner.

The June minutes were read and approved. The motion to approve was made by Mark Rohrbach and seconded by Mark Oerly. Motion passed.

The June Treasurer's Report was presented by Mark Rohrbach. The motion to approve was made by Ben Marshall and seconded by Mark Oerly. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Photo directory: Nancy reported that she met with Aaron Clark and they have begun finalizing plans for the Photo Directory. He has viewed both churches and it was decided that photographs will be taken in the room behind our sanctuary at St. Paul and in the basement at Moniteau. Actual photograph dates have been set for September 7th, 9th and 10th. Formal sign up for scheduled appointments will be held following worship on Sundays, August 8th and 15th in the Fellowship Hall.
2. Church Elevator: The yearly inspection has been passed. A new sign has been posted in the elevator.
3. Mission Trip: Ben reported that the entire trip was a huge success and all are looking forward to next year.
4. Vacation Bible School: Our appreciation to Susan Borts for her leadership and our thanks to everyone who assisted or helped in any way. All agreed that it was a great week.

5. Church Library: The surveys for the library have been collected and will be given to Karen Smith, who has offered to be the church librarian. Karen will use these surveys to determine needs in the library and continue to build it as needed and requested. If you did not complete a survey, but have some input, please speak to Karen or a Board Member. Thanks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. July Bills: Mark Rohrbach presented the bills for July. The motion to pay same was made by Mark Oerly and seconded by Nancy Haldiman. Motion passed. Mark also advised that two of St. Paul's Certificates of Deposit have come due and will be renewed for 15 months.
2. Camp Aurora Reimbursements: St. Paul's policy regarding reimbursements is as follows: First time campers are entitled to total reimbursement. Thereafter, the reimbursement is half of the camp fee. Families need to contact Mark Rohrbach (or any Board Member) regarding collecting said reimbursements.
3. Cemetery Fund: St. Paul's current policy is to give \$500.00 plus one Special Offering each year to the Cemetery Fund. The Board received an inquiry regarding this policy and suggested that perhaps the \$500.00 amount should be increased. After some discussion, the Board decided that this issue should be presented to the congregation at our next Annual Meeting so it can be decided and voted on by all.
4. Special Music: Currently, no one is in charge of scheduling special music for each Sunday. However, if you would like to provide special music some Sunday, a sign-up sheet is now posted on the Bulletin Board at the rear of the sanctuary. Pick a Sunday and sign your name.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Steve presented his report regarding visits, calls, in-home communions, and mileage for June. He advised that his recent on-line class "Ministering to Older People" was worthwhile and he has written a paper on same.

Regarding our community Labor Day Worship Service, David Tolliver from the Baptist Church will provide the sermon and Jesse Rohrbach has been contacted regarding music.

Our Mission Fest is scheduled for Sunday, September 19th and Faith Maternity Care will provide our guest speaker.

New Hope Church is holding a "School Supply Give Away Day" on Saturday, August 7th at the park shelter from 9 to 11 AM. The Ministerial Alliance and local churches help with the costs involved.

Pastor Steve also advised that he will be absent on Sunday, August 8th and Pastor David Griffith will provide the message.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Mark Oerly informed the Board that the Oerly family has decided they would like the funds given in Harry's name and held in our Memorial Fund be used toward the production costs of our upcoming Photo Directory. The Board gratefully accepted this gracious offer.

Debi informed that our next Board Meeting will be Monday, August 16th at 7:00 PM.

The motion to adjourn was made and passed. The meeting was closed by all reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandee Eschenbrenner

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, August 7th	School Supply Give Away Day/9 to 11 AM/Park Shelter
Sunday, August 8th	Guest Pastor/David Griffith
	Photo Directory sign up following worship/Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 15th	Communion/Special Offering for Evangelical Assn.
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	*Family Night/Softball & Homemade Ice Cream/Park/6:00 PM
Monday, August 16th	Board Meeting/7:00 PM
Sunday, September 5th	Community Labor Day Service/Park Shelter
Sunday, September 19th	Mission Fest (St. Paul & Moniteau)
	Guest: Faith Maternity Care/Meal following worship

*NOTE: On August 15th Family Night, the children's game is at 5 o'clock

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Danny Haldiman	3	4	5	6	7 School Supply Give Away, 9-11 am, Park Shelter House
8 Guest Pastor – David Griffith *Photo Directory Sign Up following worship in the Fellowship Hall Jeremy Haldiman Tricia Schaffer	9 Alan Bieri	10	11	12 Evis Stauffer	13	14
15 Communion/ Special Offering *Photo Directory Sign Up following worship in the Fellowship Hall *Family Night, 6:00, Park, Softball & Ice Cream (Children's Game @ 5) Anne Derendinger Teresa Schoenthal	16 Church Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Dianne Marshall	19	20 Abraham Heimericks	21
22	23	24	25	26 Brenda Haldiman Calvin Schlup	27	28 Charles Eschenbrenner Doug Selby
29 Hannah VonderHaar	30	31	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Family Night Host/Hostesses:</u> *Jennifer Long Seth Rohrbach Andy & Kacey Clay Nick & Katie Smith Nicholas & Teresa Schoenthal Barry & Sandee Eschenbrenner</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 5th – Community Labor Day Service at the Park Shelter House Sunday, Sept. 19th – Mission Fest (St. Paul & Moniteau), Guest: Faith Maternity Care/Meal following worship</p>			

***Church directory pictures will be taken at our church on Thursday and Friday, September 9 and 10, and at Moniteau on Tuesday, September 7. Sign-ups for picture time slots will be after church on Sunday August 8 and August 15. If you can't sign up then, please contact Nancy Haldiman at 573-690-8528.**