

St Paul's Evangelical Church

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Pastor's Pen

Growing up in Denver, Colorado, we did not have much of a garden. I never learned the basics of preparing the soil, planting the seed or young plants, cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watching out for insects and disease. I never knew there was that much involved in the growing of a plant.

When we moved to Kansas, Mary Kay wanted a garden and there was a nice spot out behind the parsonage. A friend, Marvin provided a truckload of composted sheep manure and I was ready. I got out my Gurney's seed catalogue, planned the garden, ordered the seed, the seed potatoes and the onion sets. I could hardly wait to get into the garden and see things grow.

On the seed packets, it indicated when (according to zone) to plant the seed in the ground—but with the onion sets, it simply said I could plant them as soon as the ground could be worked. Like I said, I didn't know much about gardening and didn't really understand what that 'as soon as the ground could be worked' comment really meant. All I knew is that I have a rototiller that could work the ground even if it was frozen—well, the people must have thought it was quite a sight to see the young pastor out working his garden in the middle of winter. Even frozen ground

can be ground up and made 'mellow' in the worst of weather—with the right tools.

The ground was worked, I planted the onion sets and they didn't grow. It was strange. I had followed the directions, but they didn't grow. I know that onions are pretty hardy, but even onions, when they are small and young need to be given a chance in warm soil (rather than frozen tundra).

I learned a basic lesson of planting and growing—the soil has to be right in a lot of different ways—temperature being one. It also needs to be tilled and made ready for the seed to be planted with enough moisture so that it can germinate, root and begin a summer of productive growth. Jesus said the Word of God is like seed is planted in my heart and if it is to grow, my heart must be prepared for the good seed. (Look at the story in Matthew 13). The thing is that I don't know when the seed of the Word will be planted, when I am reading, when I hear a sermon, when someone shares with me—and so the soil of my heart needs to be always ready.

How is the soil of your heart? If God wanted to plant His truth in your heart, would it be able to put down roots and 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:

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What We Believe

There is a lot of thinking that sometimes we need to correct. We are 'saved' (made right, forgiven for our sins, indwelt by the Holy Spirit), when we put our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus' death and resurrection (Romans 10:9-10, Romans 8:1ff). When we believe, a lot of things happen to us and in us—one of which is that we 'enter into a living, loving, transforming relationship with the Lord Jesus and with one another.' That 'entering into a relationship with one another' means that we become part of His Body (1 Cor. 12:27) and we become members one of another (Romans 12:5ff). We become part of one another and we are to love and care for one another (1 John 4).

As the Body of Christ and members of one another, we come together at various times, to worship together, to pray for one another, to love on one another, to build up one another. It is important that we come together—in order to build up one another and to be built up by others in our relationship with the Lord Jesus. That is why it is important for us to come together consistently.

Where we are going

We have been looking at what God is like and discovered that:

Since He is good, we are to be thankful

Since He is lovingly kind, we are to seek to know Him

Since He is holy, we are to become holy

Since He is wise, we are to truth

Since He is love, we are to become loving

Since He is faithful, we are to be full of hope
Because of what He is like, we are to respond.

As we get ready for Easter, we want to begin a series: "Easter Is for Everyone." We will be taking time leading up to Easter focusing on Jesus' resurrection. The Apostle Paul says, "If Jesus wasn't raised from the dead, out preaching is vain, your faith is vain, you are yet in your sins, all those that have died are gone forever." We want to understand how Jesus' resurrection (Easter) makes all the difference for all the world.

We will be presenting the Confirmation Class after Easter.

Notes from Mary Kay

I want you to know that I am feeling comfortable and "at home" in our Jamestown community. Steve and I exchange stories from our day regularly, most are about conversations/interactions we have had with people...OK...about you! We are so thankful for you, so thankful for this place God has brought us. Over the past two months we have received many cards, letters, calls, visits, emails, texts, messages that let us into your lives, give us a glimpse of who you are, that invite us in. Nothing makes my day more than to 'hear'-in some manner-from any of you!

When I write, God has typically put a particular thought from scripture that He is teaching me along with some sort of vignette in my mind to communicate it through. I find writing to be particularly hard work right now, and this month I have struggled more, because He has changed the pattern. I am believing that He is leading, and that each of you will be encouraged or helped in some way through this "Note". I have in mind to share with you some of the "resources" I have come to rely on to inform and broaden my thinking about how God works among women. His ways, His calling, His gifting is so varied and individual-as varied and individual as His creation of each of us. Never forget you "are fearfully and wonderfully made...[GOD's] works are wonderful." (Psalm 139:14) His divine "plan" for you is as special and unique as you!

1. Ann Voskamp--Canadian, Mennonite background, Farmer's wife, mother, author, speaker. Her first book, and my introduction to her was One Thousand Gifts. This started my practice of naming God's daily gifts to me. Her blog: annvoskamp@holyspirit.com

2. Ginny Sheller--W. Virginia wife, mother, knitter, "pioneer" of a simplified life, devoted follower of Jesus and practicing Catholic. Blog: entitled SmallThings ginnys heller@gmail.com

3. Shauna Niequist--author, speaker (though I have not heard her speak). My daughter Marissa introduced me to Shauna through her book "Bread & Wine". She is thoughtful and very focused on building Christian community and relationships around her table.

4. *Katie Davis Majors--wrote "Kisses from Katie". Founded organization Amazima Ministries. Can find her blog and information online through any of the previous information.*

These women's stories and passions have encouraged and helped me countless times. If you do not use computer or internet, you would be able to get access to all of this through whatever local library you may use.

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					Chris Baker	
4	5	6 Bible study, 7-8 pm	7 WWJD 6:50-7:45 am; Teen Youth group 6:30-8:15; Confirmation 7:30-8:15 pm	8	9	10
	Michelle Phillips	Hailey Croy	Byron Haldiman	Janet Reimler		Addison Marshall
11	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	15	16	17
Jenny Cain			Nancy Haldiman	Brooke Imhoff, Hannah Marshall, Clark Rohrbach, Charles Schoenthal, Judy Wittenberger, Kathy Reimler		
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	26	27 Bible study, 7-8 pm	28 WWJD 6:50-7:45 am; Teen Youth group 6:30-8:15; Confirmation 7:30-8:15 pm			
Lyndsey Stauffer		Terisa Knierim, Valerianna Gentsch	Deborah Brennan, Robyn Eschenbrenner			

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

Ladies

Living Proof Live, July 13-14th
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.

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

