

St Paul's Evangelical Church

The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk

Confirmation Class is causing me to review things that I have known and learned in the past, but I haven't thought deeply about for a while. I don't know if that happens to you, but it is good to review the things you have learned about God (and perhaps even shared with others), but have drifted into the back places of your mind. The doctrine of the Bible is one of those.

We can know certain things about the Creator from the creation. Looking at its vastness, its power, its complexity, its beauty, we can learn that the Creator is powerful and wise. He is not only an Engineer (with a capital E), but He is an artist. Creation tells us a great deal about God, but it cannot tell us if He is good or kind or just or merciful. For you or me to know what is in the heart of another person, that person has to communicate with us—helping us see what is important to Him, what He values, how He thinks, what makes him angry, what brings him joy. The Bible is God's revelation to us which reveals what His heart is like. That is why it is so important to read the Bible---and that is why the world and the devil want to discredit the Bible.

I was sent a copy of a book that seeks to address the attacks that the world makes on the Bible. By and large, they will say that the Bible is full of errors and really is just a myth (so we can't trust it or really believe it), that what the Bible says in Genesis really did not happen (so man did not become corrupted by sin), that there was no flood (and so the thought that God might one day judge the world because of sin is only a myth). If the Bible is full of errors, then who is to decide what we ought to believe—each one can believe what they want.

There are good reasons to trust the Bible—from history and archeology. But the greatest reason is because Jesus vouched for the authority and accuracy of the Bible. He said, "*For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*" Because Jesus rose from the dead, He proved He is the eternal Son of God, (Romans 1:4), and because He vouched for it, I know it is trustworthy, authoritative, inerrant. More than that, I have discovered that as I read it, His Word (the Bible) has the power to transform my life (and your life) just like His Word had the power to shape and mold creation in the beginning.

Church Events

July 10th – Special Offering for Food Pantry/
Communion

July 11th-14th - VBS

July 17th – Rambler Music Group from Mississippi at Moniteau Church

July 18th – Church Board Meeting

July 29th-31st – Camp Aurora Family Weekend

*No Family Night in July

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From Mary Kay

I have split the responses I received into three parts due to length and have edited some, but also want to share as much as I can because we often learn best from others who are walking with Jesus maybe a step or two ahead of us. From my friend who is working up close to 50 years of marriage, continuing from last month:

COMPROMISE IS ESSENTIAL

Because you are two very different people you must learn how to compromise. There are often many solutions to whatever you are facing. Dwell in the commonality. For example, when we need to have something painted, I will bring home samples of colors that meet both criteria: what I like AND what I think he'll like. He chooses from those samples and we're both happy. If either of us has a preference that the other one can't stand, that choice is automatically discarded. Simple. We've compromised and both are happy. The most creative marital compromise I've ever witnessed was between my beloved paternal great-aunt and her husband. Aunt Zela was like a grandmother to me, and I spent two weeks every summer in her Wichita home, thoroughly pampered and loving every minute of it. Even though she had no children of her own, she invested that energy in her many nieces and nephews. Throughout her life, she had been married and divorced, independently single for many years before marrying again, and then widowed: finding herself independent and frugally single again. She reconnected later in life with an old flame and her true love, Dixon Allison. They married and moved to Tampa, Florida in the mid-1960's. The first week after they were settling in, the lawn needed mowed. My Aunt Zela dressed in her typical gardening clothes of pedal pushers, white cotton blouse, white socks, black shoes and gloves. As she headed out the door to mow as she had done for decades, Uncle Dick inquired about her intentions and totally disagreed with what she was about to do because "Southern women do not mow lawns." She sternly replied, "Dixon M. Allison, I have ALWAYS mowed my own lawn and I see no reason to waste money paying somebody else to do what I can do." Uncle Dick was a retired career Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, flew combat missions in World War II, and had commanded thousands of men who obeyed immediately. So, this disagreement had all the warning signs of a looming Epic Battle between two very strong, independent individuals. The compromise was just so awesome: She mowed the back yard which was surrounded by a dense 12' high hedge that was invisible to prying eyes, and they hired the street-side front yard mowed.

FAIRNESS

Fairness in marriage is definitely not a numbers game of 50/50...it's more like 90/10 for both of you, and you don't keep score. Everyone always feels like THEY got the short end of the stick, but the reality is that there is a cycle in a long-time relationship and needs and meeting needs will be like the tide ebbing and flowing. Sometimes you have the need, and other times you are the one meeting the need, and it is never fair. In fact, "fair" should be banned from words describing a relationship. I once witnessed my son handle a common parenting problem of sibling rivalry. I really admired the way he quickly lassoed the outcry of "That's not fair!" and choked it with a heavy dose of reality backed by scriptural knowledge. He reminded them both that fair would mean that they would have the average of what all the other kids in the world have and then hammered home the lesson with several specific examples of what all they would have to give up in order to be "fair." That logic applies to marriages also. Quite often I see spouses keeping score, as if the relationship is a Profit/Loss Statement. There should be no losers in a good relationship. If it is good for you, it should also be good for your spouse and good for the relationship. My life has been so much happier when I don't try to balance the relationship books after every transaction.

ROMANCE

Romance is definitely a need in a marriage, but Hallmark and Giant Jumbotron antics have created a commercialized illusion that is a skewed cop-out for real romance. Real romance comes from intimate knowledge of your mate and creatively touching their heart as nobody else can. My man told me up front that I would never receive a card from him on Valentine's Day or anything that "commanded" him to be romantic in a certain way. Shocking, you say! But it is true that he is a closet romantic and surprises me when I least expect it with fresh red juicy strawberries in the winter (who finds those?), a package of hard-to-find cactus seeds or my very own bag of fish sticks. I'm sure you are thinking these things cannot possibly

signify “romance,” and they don’t in the traditional sense. But if you know the back-story as he does, then you know he thoughtfully provided something that is very personal. I absolutely love the taste of strawberries, and in winter the diminished supply of quality berries is a problem. Somehow, he always manages to find that one magic perfect fruit shipment that is a limited supply anomaly. As for the cactus seeds, he knows that I have a passion for growing the unusual. But the really romantic one is the fish sticks. As a child, we did not have very much and when fish sticks were on the menu, one box of 10 sticks provided the meal for two adults and two teenagers. Even though I really like them, I never did have my fill of them. My heart swells every time I open the grocery bag and see an unexpected bag of fish sticks. Who knew that Gorton’s really means: I love you. I will provide for you. I will not let you go hungry. I will fill your needs. I will reach back in time and heal a hurt. I’m perfectly content without a Valentine’s Day card.

Our Missionaries—Dettmans

As I (Nick) sat in the mostly empty coffee shop listening to Harry’s* story, I was struck by the stark contrast between us and those around us. It was Ramadan, and we were at one of the only coffee shops open during the day. A few other patrons sat by themselves, back away from the windows, enjoying a coffee and a smoke. While they were undoubtedly there seeking freedom from the religiosity that surrounded them, Harry was telling me about how he found true freedom in Christ. Harry is an engineering student in our city, and heard the Gospel from his classmate, a student leader with our movement. He was intrigued by what he heard, and he accepted an invitation to a Valentine’s Day event put on by our staff in the capital. There he heard many people talk about how only God loves us perfectly, and how he showed that love through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. God captured Harry’s heart that day, and shortly afterward he made a decision to follow Jesus! Since then, he has been eager to read and learn the word and has been faithfully meeting for discipleship and attending the weekly student meeting. He recently started going out to share his faith, and has been asking about the best way to tell his family about his decision. Please praise God along with us for Harry, and pray that God would continue to cause growth in his life! May marked the beginning of preparations for the end of the school year. We started off the month with an evaluation and debrief time with our interns, as they prepare to close the door on their two years as interns and look ahead to joining as full-time staff with the goal of returning to Southwinds. Shortly after we finished, staff from around the country joined us in Southwinds for 2 days of outreach followed by a teaching time. It was a great time to minister alongside our local staff, and we had a great turnout at the teaching time! Then at the end of the month, after more than 24-hours in flight delays, a summer group, a short-term team, arrived! It has been a great encouragement having them here, and they have eagerly jumped into the work of learning the culture,

meeting students, and sharing the Gospel. Please pray for their time here, that God would lead them to students whose hearts are prepared to hear and receive the seed of God’s Word!

Sermon Series

Through the summer, we will be looking at individual psalms. There are 37 praise psalms, 56 lament psalms, 6 trust psalms, 9 wisdom psalms, 8 thanksgiving psalms and 17 that are classified as hymns. The psalms are a rich source of worship and praise. Join us. If you are not able to attend on a Sunday, be sure to check out the sermons on the websites home page: Stpaulsjamestown.org or moniteaurchurch.org.

Simple Ways to Share the Gospel

Someone asked, “Can a follower of Christ accept Christ’s offer of salvation for himself and refuse to pass it on? Sharing the Gospel is no more complicated than to simply tell others of your experience of Christ’s love, so that they might share it. From time to time you will encounter stories of someone being rescued (saved) from a car wreck, from a burning building, from some deranged gunman, from a catastrophe at sea. Each one of those provides a picture of what Jesus’ death on the cross meant for us. Tell that story, and then add, “It reminds me of what Jesus did for me”

Memory Verse for July

Be working on this important verse from Psalm 37:4
Delight yourself in the LORD
And He will give you the desires of your heart.
Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings

Good Books

There is a frightening statistic that 60% of kids raised in the church will leave the church when they leave home. No Christian parent wants that to happen to their child. Because Jesus has changed our lives, we want our children to walk with the God for their lifetime. For those reasons, I am recommending "Talking with Your Kids about Jesus—30 Conversations Every Christian Parent Must Have." If you are interested and willing to put in the time to read it (and it is the kind of book that you read a chapter, about 10 minutes, and then chew on it for a while), talk to Pastor Steve. He has a book deal.

Confirmation

This summer we have 16 teens involved in confirmation. We will be learning:

- 1) The story of the Bible
- 2) Basic habits of the Christian life
- 3) Memorize select passages of Scripture including the 10 commandments and the Roman Road (a Gospel presentation)
- 4) The doctrine of the Bible—that it is trustworthy
- 5) The doctrine of God—what He is like
- 6) The doctrine of Salvation—how is a person saved
- 7) The doctrine of the Church—what is the church and what is your part in the church.

Each teen will be writing their own statement of faith (what they believe). Please be praying for these teens. Confirmation can be a transforming time or just another thing that is 'checked off.'

2022 Vacation Bible School



"Food Truck Party" is scheduled to be held at St. Paul's/Grace UMC, Monday-Thursday, July 11-14 from 6:30-8:55 each evening for ages 4 through completed 6th grade. Gathering

and pick-up will be at St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

The children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they get on a roll with God.

St. Paul's Evangelical Board Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2022

The June 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, Mark Oerly and Sandee Eschenbrenner. Kathy Reimler was unable to attend.

They will become Chefs and discover how we can turn to God in prayer every day to meet our needs and how we can join God in providing for the needs of others.

After Opening Assembly time, the Chefs make their way to the Bible Story Station, revealing Daily Specials (Bible lessons) to equip them for an active life with God; make their own art projects at the Craft Station; sing new songs at the Music Station; explore the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station; play games at the Recreation Station; and enjoy tasty treats at the Snack Station. Each evening will conclude with a Closing Assembly.

There will be a special Closing Program on Thursday night, July 14, beginning at approximately 8:15 in the sanctuary at St. Paul's.

To register online, go to <http://stpauls.mycokesburyvbs.com>, select "Child Registration," fill in the required information, and click SUBMIT. You will also find the registration link on the Facebook page "Evangelical Churches of Moniteau County." Or, if you sent a reply to the RSVP email/text, you will receive an email including the registration link and instructions.

If you have any questions regarding VBS or registration, please call or text 573-338-1747 or e-mail them to sborts@hotmail.com.

--Submitted by Susan Borts

WWJD

The summer time is a time when some of our programs take a break—WWJD is one of those. But it is also a time when the Holy Spirit calls people to think about 'stepping out' in faith and becoming a part. Will you join with us in praying that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest field (Mt. 9:37-38). We give thanks for those that have helped in the past but we also have a need for others to step forward.

Ben presented the meeting Agenda and it was approved by vote of the Board. Nancy made the motion and it was seconded by Mark.

The Secretary's report was read and approved. Lucas made the motion for approval and Nancy seconded.

The May Treasurer's report was tabled until the July meeting due to Kathy's absence. The motion to table was made by Mark and seconded by Lucas.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Church Elevator: The annual inspection of the church elevator will be done Wednesday, June 22, 2022.
2. Ceiling Lights: Regarding the ceiling lights in the room directly behind the sanctuary, Mark reported that he had spoken to several individuals, but we are still in need of a 16-foot ladder before the issue can be resolved.
3. Camp Aurora Mission Trip: On May 20, 21 and 22, the Jamestown Community Youth Group headed to Camp Aurora for a weekend Mission Trip. Twenty students attended. Although the weekend produced lots of rain, it was God's way of showing some additional issues that would otherwise have not been noticed. Much time was devoted to digging trenches and cleaning out areas around the cabins for better water drainage. The cabins were also cleaned in preparation for summer camp. The dining hall was painted and that accomplishment was no small feat. Each evening vespers were held for worship. The "trippers" were also encouraged and challenged to keep their eyes open for God sightings and to feel the presence of the Lord in the work they accomplished. Thanks to Camp Aurora for allowing us to come work. And, we also thank Sara Rohrbach for being our cook all weekend and making sure we were well fed. We hope to go again next year to help keep Camp Aurora clean, repaired and safe for all who attend camp so they can have a great time while also learning more about God.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Baepler Family Request: The Baepler family asked the Board to consider a donation to help pay for Abraham to attend Camp Barnabas. This is a Christian Camp for children with special needs and Abe has attended before and really enjoyed it. The Lupus Baptist Church and Assembly of God Church are also participating. Nancy made the motion to donate \$100.00, Mark seconded the motion and it was passed by vote of the Board.
2. Dettman's Visit: The Dettman family are in the States for a time and Nick asked to visit St. Paul's and Moniteau on August 19th through the 21st. Moniteau is planning a luncheon following worship and St. Paul's hosts our August Family Night - with homemade ice cream and baseball. Both events will allow time to visit with Nick and catch up on their missionary work.
3. Postage Stamps: Apparently there will be another postage stamp price increase in July. The Board agreed to allow Kathy to purchase ahead as needed before the increase.
4. White Paint Stripe: The white stripe on the front and side steps needs to be repainted. Ben said he would talk to Noland Porter. The motion to get this completed was made by Nancy, seconded by Lucas and passed by vote of the Board.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report including mileage, expenses and visitations. He advised that he was able to repair his computer and noted the expense involved on his report. He is encouraged with the progress of the Confirmation Classes and presented the Board with a copy of the Confirmation class overview for our perusal and/or suggestions. The motion to accept the Pastor's report was made by Lucas, seconded by Nancy and approved by vote of the Board.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

1. Thanks to both the Reimler family and the Gentzsch family for donations for the use of the Fellowship Hall.
2. The freezer door on the refrigerator sometimes pops open when the refrigerator door is opened or closed. Please be sure to check that the freezer door is properly closed whenever you use the kitchen facilities. Thanks!
3. At times the water faucet in the downstairs bathrooms is either left running or not turned off properly. This causes an increase in our expenses and can also create an overflow problem. Again, please help by checking this out before leaving the restroom. Thanks!

Ben advised that our next Board Meeting will be on Monday, July 18th. The motion to adjourn was made by Mark, seconded by Sandee and passed by vote of the Board. The meeting was closed by all reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandee Eschenbrenner

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*No Family Night in July					1 DeAnn Strother	2
3	4 Larry Borts Dwayne Croy Brandon Wilson	5 Connor Gorman Phillip Marshall Alden Rohrbach Ercell Wegener	6	7 Ben Marshall	8 Jeff Reimler Don Ernst	9 Alyssa Reynolds Amanda Selby Steve Watson
10 Special Offering for Food Pantry Communion Corrina VonderHaar	11 Bible School 6:30-8:55 pm	12 Bible School 6:30-8:55 pm	13 Bible School 6:30-8:55 pm Gary Marshall Gary Reynolds	14 Bible School 6:30-8:55 pm Olivia Meisenheimer Reed VonderHaar	15	16
17 Dalton Imhoff	18 St. Paul's Church Board Meeting Bryan Schoenthal	19 Donna Gentzsch Alicia Glenn Tony Meisenheimer	20 Susan Borts	21 Mary Lou Bieri Heidi Eschenbrenner	22 Sue Ann Reynolds	23 Gary Taggart
24	25 Doug Cowgill Mary Kay Watson	26	27 Jessie Bailey Michelle Marshall	28	29 Gary Schoenthal Hadley Clay Hayden Clay	30
31	Sunday, July 17th Rambler Music Group from Mississippi will be at Moniteau Church July 29th – July 31st Camp Aurora Family Weekend					