

St Paul's Evangelical Church

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Pastor's Pen

Lord willing, on April 15th, in the morning service at St. Paul's we will welcome 12 young adults who have completed a confirmation program. It has been a joy to get to know them and to see God working in their lives. It was a joy to give them Bibles (provided by through the Chester Marshal Memorial) and see them begin to read and understand. It has caused me to think about what is truly important and life changing to build into the lives of young (and older). How do you prepare an individual moving toward adulthood to live a life that honors Jesus and will be blessed.

I remember my own confirmation. Rev. Adams taught the class and I really don't remember anything about it, except there was a girl, a year older than me, Mary Beth. I remember her because shortly after the class, she was riding a horse, was thrown and died. She is the first person that I knew that died and it left a lot of unanswered questions for me.

Although I was baptized as a baby and confirmed as a young teen, it wasn't until I was nearly twenty that I came to saving faith in the Lord Jesus. It was during the Viet Nam war. People that I had gone to school with had enlisted or been drafted and some had died. I was a student in

college at the time and had a very good chance of being drafted and sent—and it scared me because I didn't have any hope of salvation. I had probably heard about Jesus (having grown up in the church), but no one ever shared with me how I could put my faith in Him and experience the forgiveness that He offers, it was on a Thursday night, the third week of June at a youth camp that God opened my heart and understanding. I had realized I was a sinner and the evangelist shared that because God was holy, righteous and just, my sin had separated me from Him and made me guilty. The evangelist shared that Jesus, on the cross, took the punishment that I deserved and He offers me forgiveness by simply trusting in His shed blood. That night, I put my trust in Jesus alone for salvation and He has changed my life.

As I look at these wonderful young teens that I have had the privilege to share with, to teach, to pray for, I know that whatever I have said is really insufficient to prepare them for all that lies ahead, but I know that with your prayers for them, with the godly examples that moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas provide, with the support and love of the church, they will have a great opportunity to build on what has been taught and walk with Jesus into adulthood.

Church Events

April 1 – Sunrise Service at the High School; 6:30 AM

April 1 – Communion during regular service

April 9 – Men's Fellowship; 7:00 p.m. at Moniteau

April 15 – Confirmation during service

April 15 – Family night; confirmands will be celebrated

April 16 – Board Meeting

Family Night: Lucas and Christy Heimericks, Jenice Taggart, Gary and Paulette Reynolds, Denny and Glenda Dietzel, Norma Porter, Gary and Geraldine Taggart, Jennifer Long

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What We Believe

We believe the 66 books of the Bible are the inspired, inerrant Word of God and is the basis of our faith and practice.

How did the Bible come into existence?

The Holy Spirit moved holy men to write what God wanted to communicate to men in a way consistent with their personality, times and culture, As such it is called 'God breathed' (that is coming from the mouth of God Himself, 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

How do we know that the Bible is 'the Word of God' (breathed by God) and consequently has authority?

We know the Bible is the Word of God by the testimony of the Lord Jesus, by the testimony of the Prophets and Apostles, by the testimony of fulfilled prophesy, by the testimony of the church and by the inner witness of the Holy Spirit in the believer's heart.

Where we are going

Leading up to Easter we learned that the resurrection of Jesus proves the grave is not the end, that those that belong to Jesus by faith will also be raised to share in His Kingdom. (1 Cor. 15)

After Jesus rose from the dead but before He ascended into heaven, He appears for 40 days to His followers. We want to look at what He did and the difference those 40 days made:

April 8 The Resurrected Lord deals with doubt, Jn. 20

April 15 The Resurrected Lord deals with failure, Jn. 21

April 22 The Resurrected Lord gives us a job, Acts 1

April 29 The Resurrected Lord saves Saul, Acts 9

May 6 The Resurrected Lord will return, 1 Jn. 3

On May 13, we want to celebrate Moms. Come and join us.

Notes from Mary Kay

Reading Psalm 14 and Matthew 14 this am. Peace, quiet in our little apartment. Wind outside...blowing Steve's wind chimes...which sound amazing! Back to scripture...Jesus traveling, teaching, receives news of cousin John the Baptizer's death...and he "slips away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself" but the people hear and come and surround him...he feels compassion (not irritation/annoyance)...and he heals their sick. When it becomes evening, he feeds them all miraculously...then sends his disciples in the boat on their way, and he dismisses the crowd...then, finally he climbed the mountain to be by himself and pray "alone, late into the night." Jesus started this day wanting, needing to be alone, away...with His Father...but it wasn't time yet. He responded with compassion and care to all who surrounded Him...bringing their needs to him...then...Late into the night he lingered with His Father to have His soul tended...by communing with The Father.

Psalms 14...David writes "GOD sticks his head out of heaven. He looks around. He's looking for...one man...God-expectant...one woman God-ready." But he comes up empty. Instead He sees "Useless, un-shepherded Sheep, taking turns pretending to be Shepherd...treating people like a fast-food meal over which they're too busy to pray."

No matter how "interrupted" my day begins and goes...I want to view all that comes in this light...as from Him...receiving every "interruption" as His gift, His work. And I want, often, to linger long whenever I can to have my Father tend my soul in prayer and quiet communion.

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunrise Service at the High School; 6:30 AM Communion during regular service Jesse Rohrbach, Jason Gatlin	2	3	4	5	6 Caroline Heimericks	7 Chester Marshall
8	9 Men's Fellowship; 7:00 p.m. at Moniteau Cody Baumert, Chayce Klund, Kinzie Haile, Taylor Baker	10 Corbin Schaffter	11 Hope Anson	12	13 Denny Wittenberger	14 Chris Schoenthal, Bob Souden, Kim Nott
15 Confirmation during service Family night; confirmands will be celebrated	16 Board Meeting Joel Gorman	17	18	19 Walter Strein	20	21
22 Melanie Marshall	23	24 Leslie Anson, Tanner Gentzsch	25 Steve Derendinger	26	27	28
29	30 Melody Croy, Lisa Rohrbach, Dorothy Schoenthal					

Folks Needing Our Prayers:

WWJD

Attendance remained steady during the last month at WWJD with an average attendance of 41. Special Easter-related projects were completed during activity time.

We continue to add more letters of the alphabet to our study of Bible verses: **P** is for Pray, *"Pray without ceasing."* (I Thessalonians 5:17); **Q** is for Quick, *"Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath."* (James 1:19); **R** is for Respect, *"Respect all people, love the brotherhood, fear God."* (1 Peter 2:17); and **S** is for Savior,

"The father sent the son to be the Savior of the world." (1 John 4:14).

The children have also enjoyed singing two new songs as part of their worship, *"Children of the Lord"* and *"I am a Promise."*

We welcomed two special visitors to devotion time. Pastor Casey Malley, Associate Pastor of Youth and Family of the First Baptist Church, California, MO led the devotion on February 28, and on March 21 our puppet friend Lucy the Lamb helped us to remember that Easter is a time when we thank God for sending the Son to be the Savior of the world and to save each of us from our sins.

Teen Times

We just finished up the intriguing Francis Chan series "Eternity"! Session one put our lives in perspective of eternity

by looking at it as a vapor, a snap of a finger compared to eternal life. Session two focused on the reality of Heaven and Hell and what the bible says about them. Session three and four encouraged us to live our lives today with that eternal perspective by living like Christ and spreading the gospel like Christ. Overall, the series was very thought provoking and the reception from the youth was very encouraging.

Last week, Kelly and I had the youth write out any questions they had about God, faith, Christianity, etc. The rest of the semester will be spent discussing these questions and trying to find answers from the bible. A few of the questions we got back were:

- Why did God create humans knowing not all would go to Heaven? This doesn't sound like love to me.
 - Why are Christian values becoming less prominent in society today?
 - Is spreading the gospel required to go to heaven?
- One April 4th we plan to see God's Not Dead 3 in theatres.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting March 19, 2018

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, March 19, 2018. Present were Don Gerlach, Lisa Porter, Susan Borts, Kim Marshall, Barb Oerly and Pastor Steve Watson. Ted Rohrbach was absent. President Don Gerlach called the meeting to order and Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's report: The secretary's report from the February 12, 2018, meeting was reviewed. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes and Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: A copy of the treasurer's report was giving to all board members. Barb made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Church website calendar entries – Several dates need added and should be included in announcements/upcoming events section below.
- Church Record Book – The baptisms of Kendall Borts, Abby Pulliam and Jennifer Long on Sunday, February 25, 2018 need to be recorded.
- Confirmation – Scheduled for Sunday, April 15. We will celebrate the confirmands at family night. Cake and ice cream will be provided.
- Elevator Inspection – No update. If Don has not heard from the company by the end of the month he will call them to check on the inspection.
- Beth Moore Conference, July 13 and 14, 2018 – 30 tickets have been purchased and spoke for at this point. Lisa will put a note in the bulletin to see if there is more interest. We will consider buying another block of ten if there is enough interest.
- Church Security Committee – There is a meeting in California on Sunday, April 8 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Centennial Hall. Church board members are encouraged to attend. Ted was talking to some of the men in the church about putting together a committee. Ted can invite them to attend this meeting.
- Parking lot damage – This item will be left on the agenda until it is fixed.
- Easter Sunrise – Don is organizing the breakfast. Susan will be at school and get information about keys, piano, tables, chairs, etc. Seth Rohrbach is going to set up tables and chairs on Saturday. We need to have greeters and people to hand out bulletin. Susan will get baskets for offering and talk to some of the boys about taking up offering. Barb will get napkins from the bank and pick up supplies from Sams. Pastor Steve is responsible for the bulletin and we need 150. Ted has been

talking to Gretta Lieser about the music department singing. This has not been confirmed so we will need to talk to Ted about it. The board discussed the setup of the gym. We plan to bring podium to the floor and only set up a couple rows of chairs. The rest of the congregation will use the bleachers.

- Ground Control, Dan Schmitz – Will treat the ground four times as year for \$100.
- Silver Dollar City Youth Christian weekend – Barb spoke to Carrie Russell about how the church could help with funding the trip as we have several youths attending. Carrie said any help would be appreciated. The board discussed and decided we would pay for the rental of a van and all the gas to take and return the children. Chris Rutledge from our church is planning to chaperone the trip.
- Maundy Thursday service – Kim will get all the supplies. The board needs to be at the church at 6:00 to set up with the service starting at 7:00 pm.
- Computer – Susan is going to buy a new mouse for the computer. It was confirmed that all old files are on the new computer.

New Business:

- Approval of bills – Board approved all bills to be paid.
- Sanctuary lighting – The board decided that as bulbs burn out they will be replaced with better bulbs.
- New door lock and paint – Don took care of this.
- Big Daddy Weave concert – We need to reimburse New Hope for eight tickets at \$15 each for \$120 total. Susan made a motion to approve paying New Hope \$120 for the tickets and Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed. Barb will ask Ted to New Hope a check.
- Rubber cups for pews – At one point we thought there were more. Barb will check the Sunday School desk to see if there are any in it.
- Table – There is need for a table that is 18 X 72. It would be used for VBS and other events where a narrow table is needed. Susan is going to look for and purchase one.
- Vacation Bible School – The dates for VBS are July 16 – 19.
- Church Camp – Just a note that it is time to start talking about camp registration for any youth planning to attend.

Next board meeting will be Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

There being no other business Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly
Secretary

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