

St Paul's Evangelical Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

June 20th is Father's Day this year. It is a time that we can fulfill the command of Scripture to 'honor your father and your mother that your days may be long in the land' (Ex. 20). There are some who have fathers living and some that have lost their fathers, but whatever the situation, we are to honor those that our heavenly Father appointed to provide, protect and prepare us for life while we were young.

As we honor fathers, think about the responsibility that God has given to them. First, He has commanded them to 'love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for Her, that He might present to Himself a glorious church without spot and without wrinkles.' (Eph. 5). The responsibility to be a good father begins with being a good husband. This verse tells us that the husband/father is to be willing to sacrifice for the well being (not just physical, but especially spiritual of his wife). The children are to learn from their father what true sacrificial love is to look like. To love his wife well, sacrificially, in a way that she grows and develops under his care is more than providing a paycheck or fixing things around the house. It requires the husband/father to listen, to observe, to pray for wisdom, to be sensitive to what is happening in the life of the wife/mother. Someone has well said, "The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother well." And then the father is commanded to "bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

As the child sees the loving care of the husband/father toward the wife/mother, he begins to see and understand about relationships and roles and responsibilities. It is from this framework that parents raise their children

One time, parents brought their teenage son in for counseling. They didn't know what to do—he seemed out of control. The counselor explained that to 'fix' the teenager required 'fixing' the home. He shared that there were three things that were required of the parents if their teenager was to turn his life around. The parents were willing to make the changes necessary to help their teen. The counselor shared:

First, the father must become the spiritual leader of the home.

Second, father and mother had to be on the same page, working together, supporting one another, consistent in their home.

Third, the parents had to be parents and stop seeking to be their teen's best friend.

The counselor shared, when these three things are true in a home, the teen will begin to straighten out. The parents took it by faith and began to do the things the counselor had said and their son became a wonderful teen (not a perfect one).

Church Events

June 13 – Family Night,
Sunday School
Picnic/Turtle Races, 6:00
p.m.

June 20-26 – Mission Trip

June 21 – Board Meeting at
6:30 p.m.

June 24 – Alex Imhoff
Memorial Blood Drive,
Jamestown Community
Building, 2-6 p.m.

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From Mary Kay

Over the past year I have been thinking a lot about and learning some things about God's view of women...our relationships with others, our relationships with husbands, our relationship with the Church, God's purpose in creating women, ways in which God demonstrated working differently in various women's lives. I hope to develop and speak to these thoughts and ideas over the next months. I'm going to start here with a few thoughts from Genesis chapters 1 and 2 where we have recorded the creation story. Chapter 1 gives a general synopsis of God's creation of "humankind" made in "our own image, after our likeness," creating them "male and female." Chapter 2 goes into more detail and it is here that I find some amazing ideas worthy of considerable prayer and thoughtfulness. In verse 18, The Creator identifies the first thing of creation which he deems "not good." "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion [ESV-traditionally 'helper.' The English word "helper," because it can connote so many different ideas, does not accurately convey the connotation of the Hebrew word ('ezer). Usage of the Hebrew term does not suggest a subordinate role, a connotation which English 'helper' can have. In the Bible God is frequently described as the 'helper,' the one who does for us what we cannot do for ourselves, the one who meets our needs. In this context the word seems to express the idea of an "indispensable companion." The woman would supply what the man was lacking in the design of creation and logically it would follow that the man would supply what she was lacking, although that is not stated here.] for him who corresponds to him. [ESV-The Hebrew expression (k negdo) literally means "according to the opposite of him." The man's form and nature are matched by the woman's as she reflects him and complements him. Together they correspond. In short, this prepositional phrase indicates that she has everything that God had invested in him.] To demonstrate what He was doing to fix what was "not good" about His creation, the passage steps back to God giving Adam the job of naming the animals which entailed Him bringing the animals and birds to Adam to see what Adam would name them..."and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name...but no companion who corresponded to him was found." And thus. God's solution: He created a woman...and Adam recognized her as "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh"...and "that is why a man leaves his father and mother and unites with his wife, and they become one." Now, I have written just portions of Genesis 2:18-24 along with some interesting-to-me study helps, and I encourage you to read the passage for yourself in as many translations as you can get your hands on; feel free to read many study helps if you have access to them. God records this and has KEPT it for thousands of years for you and I to learn from these words...His words...His choice. You are created a woman. As such, you are created as an antidote to what God saw "was not good" of His creation. As we move forward with these thoughts, keep in mind that this has always been God's plan. God could have done creation differently had He wanted to. He intentionally created man and woman in exactly the way He did for His purpose: in creation, in the world order, in history, in... you fill in the blank. Let's make sure we go only to Him to understand His thoughts of His purpose in creating us as women.

Sermon Series

Simple Ways to Share the Gospel

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15

One of the hardest parts of sharing the Gospel is to lead a conversation in the direction of talking about spiritual things. Very few people will come and ask you to tell them about Jesus, but that doesn't mean that they are not interested. The need is to begin a spiritual conversation without it being uncomfortable. We will be sharing some thoughts in the coming newsletters.

Idea #1 - Give a gift

People like receiving gifts and there are several things you can give people from the church. We have Daily Bread devotionals to freely give out, Jesus Storybook Bibles (to give to young parents) and Parent Life magazines. You can give them and say, "Our church gives these out. Would you take a look and tell me what you think?" Be sure to contact them a week or so later and ask if they had time to look at the gift and what their thoughts were. It will give you an opportunity to begin a 'spiritual conversation.'

Update on the Jesus Storybook Bible

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

There is a second book that Mary Kay and I would like to make available to families of children, elementary and young teens: **I Am, 40 Reasons to Trust God**. It explores the various names and descriptions of God in the Bible: Creator. Comforter. Healer. Friend. God's names tell us who He is, what He is like, and what He does. *I Am*, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, including *Jehovah Jireh*, *The Lord My Shepherd*, *Immanuel*, *Rabbi*, and *I Am*. If you would like a copy, please let Pastor Steve know. It is a great way to share the Gospel and also to begin helping parents teach their children about Jesus.

Also, there are copies in back of "Parent Life Magazine" to give to a friend. On the first page it has a very good and simple Gospel presentation

We will be looking at the names God gives Himself in the Bible throughout the summer. To help you learn and learn to 'pray' the names of God ('The name of the Lord is a high tower, the righteous run into it and they are safe,' Prov. 18:10), I encourage you to work through:

The Names of God by Ann Spangler
Praying Through the Names of God by Tony Evans
Knowing God by Name by David Wilkerson

Memory Verses for June

Be working on this important verse from Prov. 18:10

The name of the LORD is a high tower

The righteous run into it and are safe.

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings

Good Books

You might encounter a good book, buy it, read it and then it sits on your shelf. It is too good to throw away and it collects dust. If you have a good book that has especially helped you in your walk with the Lord Jesus and would like to make it available for your brothers and/or sisters in the church, please bring it to the pastor's office with a brief note including your name, whether you desire the book to be returned to you, and how it helped you in your spiritual life. When you find a book that helps you, be assured that it will also help others.

Our Missionaries—the Dettmans

Hello family and friends,

I pray you're doing well and enjoying some warmer weather. There's been lots happening here in Southwinds as we've begun planning for the end of the year and preparing for a short-term team coming in June. In addition to what's in our update, our interns here will be doing a Launch Week from May 23-27. A Launch Week is a time where we set aside other priorities (language, meetings, admin, etc.) to focus exclusively on meeting and sharing with students in order to help launch a movement. Please pray that God would give them divine appointments and prepare the way for them to bring the Good News to many students here in Sousse! And please let us know how you're doing and how we can be praying for you!

--together for His glory, the Dettmans

A Little Church History

In the coming months, we are looking at the history of the church. It is important to know where we came from to know where we are going. We decided to look at the stories of the stained glass in the sanctuary. I contacted John Clay to give us a little background on two of the windows given in honor of Mrs. Albert Schoenthal and Hudson & Helen Clay:

In 1946, Helen Louise Schoenthal married Henry Hudson Clay in this church. Helen's parents were Albert Schoenthal and Louise Schoeneberg. Albert's parents, in 1866, and Louise with her family in 1900, migrated to Jamestown from Switzerland. In 1909, Albert and Louise married and raised their four children (Norman, Herbert, Helen and Lucille) in this church. One of the stained-glass windows is in memory of Mrs. Albert Schoenthal (Louise) and her love of family and church.

Helen and Hudson's three children, Linda (who lives in Columbia), John (Jamestown) and Nancy (Blue Springs) grew up with the cousins attending this church. Hudson served on the church board and the cemetery board. Helen taught Sunday School and served as President of the Women's Guild. Helen, along with many other church ladies, spent hours quilting beautiful quilts that are treasured by so many. It was customary for the ladies to bring lunch, for which the men would come join them, and the children would come after school as the quilting continued throughout the afternoon.

This church was a cornerstone of family and friends for Helen and Hudson. Because Helen always lovingly looked at the stained-glass window with her mother's name on it and because the church and the community was the center of Helen and Hudson's lives, Linda, John, and Nancy thought it seemed apropos to honor their parents with a stained-glass

window in the stairwell – a place that wouldn't call too much attention to it, as this was not their style.

Helen passed away in 2003 and Hudson in 2004. Their love story for each other and their church family is one to be remembered.

Youth Groups

The school year and youth group are over for the summer, so our focus has shifted toward the mission trip. We plan to leave early the morning of Sunday June 20th, work Monday-Friday, and get home Saturday June 26th. We are really excited to see what God has in store for us!

In Matthew 13, Jesus talks about the parable of the sower where seed is spread many different places. Most of the seed lands on unproductive ground; however, when the soil is properly tilled, watered, and fertilized the seed can produce a crop 30, 60, or 100 times what was sown. Pray that God would be preparing the soil of our hearts as the mission trip approaches. Pray that our hearts would be receptive to what the Holy Spirit wants us to know, learn, and understand. Pray that what's sown during this week would take root in our heart, and much fruit would be produced. Your prayers are much needed and appreciated!

--submitted by Seth Rohrbach

Save the Date for VBS

"Knights of North Castle" will be held at St. Paul's/Grace UMC, Monday-Thursday, July 12-15 from 6:30-8:50 each evening for ages 4 through completed 6th grade. Gathering and pick-up will be at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. We are excited to explore how the Armor of God works in our lives. Watch your email, the church bulletin, and/or the July Messenger for upcoming registration information.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order by 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 and Sandee Eschenbrenner.

The April minutes were read and approved. The motion was made by Ben Marshall and seconded by Nancy Haldiman. Motion passed.

Mark Rohrbach presented the April Treasurer's Report. The motion to approved was made by Sandee Eschenbrenner and seconded by Ben Marshall. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Church Website: Pastor Steve advised no new updates at this time.
2. Photo Directory: Nancy has been in contact with several photographers, gathered additional information and package prices which she presented to the Board in written form. After some discussion, it was decided to proceed with Aaron Clark of Boy Aaron Photography out of Jefferson City for the photography work and Kelly Cobb (Russ & Betty's daughter) for the formatting of the directory. Mark Rohrbach made the motion and it was seconded by Ben Marshall. Motion passed.
3. Sanctuary Furniture: Following the congregational vote on Sunday, May 7th, the consensus was to leave the furniture as currently arranged. No extra pews or lectern up front in the altar area. We remind you that the extra pews that have been removed will remain somewhere within the church.
4. Church Library: Regarding the revising and updating of the church library, Karen Smith submitted a questionnaire form to the board for review and approval. This questionnaire will be printed in the upcoming Messenger for your individual completion. Please complete and return before July 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. May Bills: Mark Rohrbach presented the new bills. The motion to pay same was made by Nancy Haldiman and seconded by Sandee Eschenbrenner. Motion passed.
2. Alex Imhoff Blood Drive: This Blood Drive will be held at the Community Center on Thursday, June 24th from 2 to 6 PM. Sandwich and cookie donations appreciated and may be dropped off the day of the event. Several volunteers are already available, but if you would like to help, contact Heidi Eschenbrenner at (660) 849-2372.
3. For Your Information: Many people within our congregation volunteer for numerous tasks and their assistance is often never recognized or acknowledged. Therefore, this month we want to acknowledge and thank Mary Haldiman for her years of service for the handling of Background Checks. Background checks are and have been required for anyone over 18 who works with our youth (WWJD, Youth Groups, Mission Trip). Thanks Mary - we appreciate you!

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Steve turned in his report for this month showing an up-to-date record of his home visits, telephone calls, Norma Woods funeral, an EA meeting in Milstadt, Illinois, and mileage.

He distributed a description of the seminar he will be auditing during July 5th thru the 9th.

He also presented some additional information regarding Faith Maternity Care - an organization we are considering sponsoring for our Fall Mission Fest. Looks interesting and he will continue to follow up.

Pastor Steve also advised that he is asking several people to write special articles for the upcoming Messengers. Be sure to check that out in your next newsletter.

Debi informed that our next Board Meeting will be Monday, June 21st at 6:30 PM.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mark Rohrbach and seconded by Ben Marshall. Motion passed.

The meeting was closed by all reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sandee Eschenbrenner

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 23	Communion/Special Offering for Cemetery
Sunday, June 13	Family Night/Sunday School Picnic/6:00 PM/Turtle Races
Sunday, June 20-	
Saturday, June 26	Mission Trip
Monday, June 21	Board Meeting/6:30 PM
Thursday, June 24	Alex Imhoff Blood Drive/Community Center/2 to 6 PM

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Congratulations to 8th Grade Graduate, Tyler Wilson. 		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Bradley Schoenthal Evan Schoenthal	8	9	10 Karen Schlup	11 Ben Glenn	12 Kim Marshall
13 Family Night: Sunday School Picnic 6:00 p.m. (Turtle Races) Cory Reynolds Andy Clay	14	15	16 Evan Knierim	17 Jacob Haldiman Evelyn Rohrbach	18 Milayna Meisenheimer	19 Harold Haldiman Mikayla Haldiman Madison Halidman
20 June 20-26 Mission Trip Margaret Heimericks	21 St. Paul's Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	22 Brayden Schoenthal Ethan Schoenthal Caleb Rohrbach	23	24 Alex Imhoff Blood Drive 2-6 p.m. @ the Jamestown Community Building	25 Darren Haldiman	26
27	28	29	30	Family Night Hosts/Hostesses: *Charles & Neta Dishion Tim & Amber Wilson Kathy Reimler Bob & Lisa Marshall Lashley & Joyce Rohrbach		

Please return by July 1st. If you are in attendance, please just bring it to church and drop it in the messenger basket, if not please mail back to 149 E. Row St, Jamestown, MO 65046.

In order to help create a church library, which will best serve you? Please fill in the questionnaire below.

1. I am answering for ____ (number) children and ____ (adults).
2. I/my family would like to borrow (place a check by each choice, and a star if of special interest).
 - a. ____ Bible and study aids (concordance, topical bible, etc.)
 - b. ____ Devotionals for individuals
 - c. ____ Devotionals for families
 - d. ____ Apologetics
 - i. ____ How do we know the Bible is true?
 - ii. ____ What does the Bible say about _____?
 - iii. ____ How can I share the Gospel with _____?
 - iv. ____ Other _____
 - e. ____ News, culture, current events
 - f. ____ Biographies
 - g. ____ Christian Fiction
 - i. ____ Genre _____
 - h. ____ Children's Books
 - i. ____ Teen Books
3. I/We would use MEDIA in the following formats:
 - a. ____ Printed Books
 - b. ____ Magazines
 - c. ____ Audiobooks on CD
 - d. ____ Audio programs for children on CD (books, adventures in odyssey, etc.)
 - e. ____ DVD's and/or Blu-ray
4. What items would you specifically like to see be available?