

St Paul's Evangelical Church

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Pastor's Pen

Parenting well has become increasingly difficult. How do we prepare our children to live in a world that is so rapidly changing? The speed of change has accelerated with every generation. I ran across an article: "Buckminster Fuller created the "Knowledge Doubling Curve"; he noticed that until 1900 human knowledge doubled approximately every century. By the end of World War II knowledge was doubling every 25 years. Today things are not as simple . . . for example, nano-technology knowledge is doubling every two years and clinical knowledge every 18 months. . . . According to IBM (we will reach the point where knowledge doubles) every 12 hours."

How do we prepare our children to live in such a world?

Added to the increase of knowledge there is a decline in morals, sense of right and wrong. It used to be that the values that were taught at home were also communicated through television and radio as well as taught

Folks Needing Our Prayers

Bob Marshall, Oscar Knierim, Natoma Elliott, Dale Kuhn, Mary Kay Watson, Connie Reimler, Billy Porter, David Knierim, Truman and Hilda Schoenthal, Nadine Hickam, Norma Wood, Grayden Gatlin, Abraham Baepler, All Our Military Serving Our Homeland, Our Country, and Our Friends and Neighbors in Nursing Homes and Hospitals, WWJD, and JCYG.

in school. Today our children are getting a lot of mixed messages from society—messages that do not reinforce the values that we hold.

How do we prepare our children to live in such a world and not lose their way?

I am sure there are a lot of answers, some work, some don't—but I want to share what Mary Kay and I have experienced and it worked with our children. We said there are three things in life—character, ability and faith. Character has to do with perseverance, being able to keep going when others might quit. Character also has to do with how we view other people. Abilities are gifts given by God—they are to be discovered and developed. Faith gives direction for life. These three work together so that when a person grows his faith and develops his character to harness his abilities, he will be in the best position to succeed in this life and for eternity. Between Mother's Day (May 13th) and Father's Day (June 17th), we will be developing these three areas from Scripture. Come and join us.

Church Events

May 13 – Mother's Day

May 16 – Last day of WWJD

May 20 – Cemetery Meeting
Following Church and Cemetery
Offering

May 21 – Board Meeting 6:00 PM

May 27 – Communion

Family Night: None

SAVE THE DATE: 2018 VBS
"Rolling River Rampage" will be held Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, for ages 4-completed 6th grade. More information to follow in June.

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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 do we know which books belong in the Old Testament?

Jesus and the Apostles quoted from 35 of the 39 books of the Old Testament referring to them as inspired, authoritative Scripture. The Jewish people together assembled the 39 books we call the Old Testament recognizing them as their canonical Scripture.

How do we know which books belong in the New Testament?

The 27 books that compose the New Testament were either written by an Apostle or under Apostolic supervision and recognition. Further, the church, in the time after the Apostles, compiled and universally affirmed that the 27 books of the New Testament are indeed Scripture.

Scripture for May-June

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.^[a] ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Dt. 6

Notes from Mary Kay

March 30, Friday evening...had the privilege of accompanying singing on the piano. You all sounded so beautiful...got caught up in listening to you sing...and almost quit playing...you didn't need it...just beautiful singing...worshiping. Must have been a sweet, savory offering to HIM. Later, as Pastor Steve spoke...got caught up in memories invoked: it was at a service during the week...a special missionary service....and me: seven years old at the time. Not understanding much, probably not all that happy to be at church service midweek...but GOD caught my attention, personalized to me His message of salvation...Jesus...died...buried...rose and lives...for me...to buy my redemption, salvation...to make me belong to HIM.

My dad, almost 94, has taken time over the past 30 years to record stories from his life--write them down--to pass on to his family. It is rare to receive such a treasure of memories and history: real life stories of family, from one who remembers and can still tell them first-hand. It has renewed in me my passion to record stories from our

family for our granddaughters...to pass on to them GOD's ways of working in my life...His molding, shaping, forming through the everyday, the seasons, the special, the celebrations, the ups and downs of what's come, what's been.

Psalms 19 speaks of how GOD has recorded His truths even in what He has created for us to see and hear...so we can remember: "God's glory is on tour in the skies, God-craft on exhibit across the horizon. Madam Day holds classes every morning, Professor Night lectures each evening. Their words aren't heard, their voices aren't recorded, but their silence fills the earth: unspoken truth is spoken everywhere...That's how God's Word vaults across the skies from sunrise to sunset, melting ice, scorching deserts, warming hearts to faith."

May you have many opportunities to see and hear God's messages to you, and to pass on how he speaks in your life to those around you!

Maranatha! Come quickly, Jesus!

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Elaine Ernst</i>	2 WWJD 6:50-7:45 am <i>Randy Glenn</i>	3 <i>Nadine Hickam</i>	4 <i>Jayden Klund, Audrina Schoenthal, Tristan Schoenthal</i>	5
6	7 <i>Tyler Dowell</i>	8	9 WWJD 6:50-7:45 am; Teen Youth group 6:30-8:15 <i>Isabelle Rohrbach</i>	10	11	12 <i>Stephen Oerly</i>
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 Last Day of WWJD 6:50-7:45 am; Teen Youth group 6:30-8:15 <i>Paige Reimler</i>	17 <i>Nicholas Schoenthal</i>	18	19 <i>Sandra Eschenbrenner, Walt Imhoff, Gatlin Marshall</i>
20 Cemetery Meeting Following Church and Cemetery Offering	21 Board Meeting 6:00 PM	22 <i>Wilma Knierim</i>	23 <i>Denny Dietzel</i>	24	25 <i>Lexi Baumert, Evan Croy</i>	26 <i>Owen Gentzsch, Rachel Oerly, Lisa Porter</i>
27 Communion	28 <i>Julie King</i>	29	30 <i>Jarrett Gorman</i>	31		

WWJD

During the month of April, the children continued to enjoy wonderful breakfasts and great fellowship. We added a few more Bible verses: "U"—"Understand what the will of the Lord is." Ephesians 5:17 and "V"—"I am the vine and you are the branches." John 15:1. They have also enjoyed adding music to devotional time. Songs added in April were "Children of the Lord," "The Jesus Hokey Pokey," and "This is Day."

Our puppet friend Annabelle created a special game for the children on the 15th to review all of the Bible verses they have learned so far this school year. They divided into two teams and were given the alphabet letter and

verbal and word clues to see if they could recite the verse. We didn't have time to get through all the verses learned, but Annabelle rewarded everyone with special treat bags for their great effort. And then on the 22nd, Pastor Steve and the children finished the Bible verse challenge and all received a WWJD bracelet for a job well done!

Wednesday, May 9, will be "Visitor's Day." Children are encouraged to bring a guest (parent/s, grand-parent/s, or special friend) to share breakfast and worship with them. Our schedule on this day will be: Activities, 6:50-7:05; Breakfast, 7:05-7:30; Devotional, 7:30-7:45.

As the 2017-18 school year will come to a close in May, our last WWJD for this school year will be on May 16.

Camp Aurora

Camp Aurora located at Windyville, Mo, is a privately owned, all volunteer camp that has been in operation since 1936. Thousands have enjoyed its rustic beauty. Many in our church have enjoyed rustic Camp Aurora and all it has to offer. The website is: www.campaurora.org. **Early Bird** rate (postmarked by 5/15/18) is in the bold print.

Primary Camp: July 22-25 (*Grades 1-3) **\$110/\$135**
Junior Camp: July 22-27 (*Grades 4-5) **\$215/\$240**
Junior High Camp: July 15-20 (*Grades 6-8) **\$215/\$240**
Senior High Camp: July 8-14 (*Grades 9-12) **\$240/\$265**

*Grades listed refer to grades “**completed**” Spring of 2018. St. Paul’s will reimburse ½ the cost of the registration fee paid.

Teen Times

On April 4th the Jr High and High school groups went to Jeff City to see *God’s Not Dead 3*. This movie revolved

around a preacher that loses a good friend/mentor and his church in a fire. His church is located on a college campus and the administration of the university attempts to use the unfortunate situation to kick the church off campus. It was a very eye opening and thought-provoking movie that everyone enjoyed, and I would highly recommend it to everyone!

For the past several weeks we have continued to discuss questions the youth submitted. This has led to great discussion. Please pray for the group as we attempt to close out the semester strong! Also pray for the youth as the end of every school year can be very stressful with sports, music concerts, finals, and a variety of events and banquets.

Looking forward, we plan to go on a short mission trip to Camp Aurora on June 2-3 to do some cleanup around the camp before their summer sessions start. We did this last year as well, and it was a great opportunity to help out the camp that many youths from our church go to.

St. Paul’s Evangelical Church Board Meeting April 16, 2018

St. Paul’s Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, April 16, 2018. Present were Don Gerlach, Lisa Porter, Ted Rohrbach, Susan Borts, Kim Marshall, Barb Oerly and Pastor Steve Watson. President Don Gerlach called the meeting to order and Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a prayer. Several items were added to the agenda.

Secretary’s report: The secretary’s report from the March 19, 2018, meeting was reviewed. Susan 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 given to all board members. Barb made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and Lisa 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 – Need to check and see if record book is in the safe. The confirmation of the 12 youth and one adult on Sunday, April 15, 2018, needs to be recorded.
- Elevator Inspection – Don called Missouri Stairway Lift and they are going to send a technician to service the elevator. Inspection is on hold at this point.
- Beth Moore Conference, July 13 and 14, 2018 – The board discussed attendees and the option of purchasing more tickets. Lisa made a motion to purchase 10 more tickets. Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lisa will firm up attendees and purchase the additional tickets.
- Easter Sunrise Service – The board briefly discussed the service. It is the consensus of the board that everything went well and the breakfast was very nice. Everyone liked the arrangement of the gym for the service.
- Church Security Committee – Several from the church attended the church safety meeting in California. Speakers discussed various topics related to safety. Don will talk to Denny about leading a group that will put together safety documents to share with the congregation.
- Parking lot damage – This item will be left on the agenda until it is fixed.
- Reimbursement to New Hope - The board discussed reimbursing New Hope for van rental and fuel expenses for transportation of youth to Silver Dollar City for Youth Christian Weekend. Susan made a motion to reimburse \$750.47 for van rental and fuel expenses. Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Confirmation pictures – The board discussed payment to Ana Monroe for photography services for the confirmation service. Kim made a motion to pay Ana \$50 for her services. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Rubber Cups for Pews – It was confirmed that there are no rubber cups for the pews in the Sunday School desk. Susan will check Divinity Religious Gifts store to see if they carry and purchase some if they do.
- Ground Control, Dan Schmitz – The first lawn treatment was done. Rick Goans did some trimming and mulching.
- Purchases - Susan is going to buy a new mouse for the computer and a table as discussed in previous meetings.

New Business:

- Approval of bills – Susan made a motion to approve payment of bills. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Memorial for Jim Barnes Father – The board discussed giving a memorial to the Evangelical Association in memory of Jim Barnes father who passed away. Ted made a motion to give \$50 as a memorial. Don seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lisa will take care of getting a card and sending the memorial.
- LCD Monitor Cart – Pastor Steve suggested that an LCD monitor cart would be beneficial in moving the TV around the church. It would probably be used more if it was mobile. Cost is approximately \$122.00. Kim made a motion to purchase an LCD monitor cart. Ted seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pastor Steve will purchase the cart.
- Signage for Sunday School Rooms – Pastor Steve recommended the purchase of signs for each of the Sunday school rooms. It would help when we have visitors so they know which classroom their Sunday School in held in. There was discussion about how it could benefit VBS also. Kim suggested we purchase white boards so the information could be changed for different events. Kim will take care of finding something suitable to purchase.
- Spring Cleaning – There was discussion on doing some possible spring cleaning. Specifically, it was thought, there were some things that we could dispose of in the church. After discussing it was determined they are still used and there is just no better place to keep them. We can get rid of the baby bed in the nursery. No one has come forward that they needed/wanted it and we can't keep it because it is not up to code. Kim said Ben would take care of taking it down and disposal. Barb will check to see if the mattress can be donated to project share.
- Right Now Video Subscription – Pastor Steve expressed interest in possibly subscribing to Right Now Video. Seth Rohrbach has been using it for youth group. Pastor Steve thinks it would be beneficial to the entire congregation. The cost is based on the size of your congregation. Pastor Steve asked us to look at it and see what we think. Subscription is month by month. If stats are available then we could consider subscribing for a couple months and evaluate the stats to determine how widely it is being used. The board discussed looking at the site and then considering again in the fall. There is concern it would not be used in the summer months.
- Insurance – The board discussed taking pictures/video of the church and contents in case they would ever be needed for insurance purposes. We think it has been a while since this has been done. Don will talk to Ben about doing this for us.
- Parking – The board discussed the possibility of reserving some parking spaces. It was noted that there is handicap parking along the building and close parking on the street. When this topic was discussed previously the congregation was not in favor of reserving spots beyond what is already available.
- NHS Banquet – The NHS banquet is scheduled for Friday, April 27. Susan met with school personnel and approved the use of church supplies for the banquet.
- Camp Aurora Foster Outreach Special Offering – Pastor Steve presented a letter written by Matt Oerly requesting a special offering with proceeds being used to send Foster Children to Camp Aurora. At this time there appears to be interest by several children to go to camp. The board will set a date in May or June for a special offering.
- Gideons – The Gideons contacted Pastor Steve about coming to preach. Pastor Steve will get back with them and work out a date they can come.
- Service Project – The board discussed the idea of a local service project for the youth group. The pavilion at the park is in need of painting and possible repairs. Don will look at the pavilion to see what work needs to be done. We will discuss this more at the next board meeting.

Discussion items with Pastor Steve:

- Mileage and pastor's report – Pastor Steve gave board members a copy of the report. The report includes an overview of what has been done over the last few weeks, events coming up, sermon planning, visits and mileage detail.

Next board meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly
Secretary

Dates to Remember:

April 16 – Board Meeting 6:00 PM
April 22 – Nursing Home Worship
April 27 – NHS Banquet
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