

St Paul's Evangelical Church

The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk

The Apostle Paul prays for the Colossian believers that they might be “filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously¹² giving thanks to the Father.” It is a great prayer for you to pray for me and for yourself. Paul indicates that when we are filled with the knowledge of His will (which requires spiritual wisdom and understanding) so that we do His will, there will be four results: (1) we will bear fruit (in our lives and others); (2) we will increasingly know Him; (3) we will be strengthened for the work He gives; and, (4) we will be overflowing with thankfulness.

This kind of Christian life is not easy, but it is worthwhile. This kind of Christian life doesn't just happen—it is in response to prayer and study and obedience. Jesus knows we cannot live this kind of life in our own strength and so, in John 16 He promised to send us a “Helper” whom He identified as the Holy Spirit. In other words, we cannot live a spiritual life without the power, guidance, provision of the Holy Spirit of God.

The Bible indicates that when a person trusts in the LORD Jesus, the Holy Spirit is sent to dwell in that person. Paul says in Romans 8 that if a person does not have the Holy Spirit, that person doesn't really belong to Jesus (Rom. 8:9).

In other words, the Holy Spirit is given to help us know, serve and walk with Him.

In January, we will begin a series on the Holy Spirit:

January 9—The Promise of the Holy Spirit, John 16

January 16—The Purpose of the Holy Spirit, Acts 1

January 23—The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit, Eph. 3

January 30—The Product of the Holy Spirit, Gal. 5

February 6—The Presents (Gifts) of the Holy Spirit, 1 Cor. 12

February 13—The Prayers of the Holy Spirit, Romans 8, Eph. 6, Jude

I hope you will come and begin to pray that God will give you new insight into this gift He has given to believers to help us to walk with Him and serve Him.

Church Events

Jan. 9th – Communion;
Family Night, 6:00 p.m.,
Guest Speaker

Jan. 17th – Board Meeting,
6:30 p.m.

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From Mary Kay

I am having so much FUN focusing on God's purpose for women. Beautiful things keep jumping out and smacking me in the face as I read scripture. I'm not reading in any different order or way other than my usual personal Bible intake, but God sure is emphasizing to my spirit His thinking about women through the stories and examples He has deliberately recorded and kept for us for these many centuries. The last I wrote, I encouraged you to pursue getting to know God in an ever more personal way. Because He made us, knowing Him more leads us to understanding who and what He created us to be. We do this best through knowing and understanding His written word--the Bible. We also get to know Him better through knowing His Word become Flesh--the Lord Jesus Christ. God doesn't have a list of things He wants us to do or not do. He doesn't have a bunch of rules He wants us to follow. The Bible says repeatedly that the Law was never meant to save us. The Law (lists of rules/does and don'ts) is meant to merely show us our sin which demonstrates to us our great need of a savior from that sin. THIS is your great purpose. THIS is what God created women for...primarily for intimate relationship with Himself...and from that, if He has given you a husband, He will show you (as you ask) exactly how you have been made to be a "companion corresponding to" your particular man. You see, I believe that for a woman to actually be the "help" to her husband that God wants her to be, she must have a very solid confidence in God's sovereignty. God never asks us in scripture to trust another. He doesn't ask a woman to trust her man. He only, and every time, asks us to trust Himself. As we trust the sovereignty of God...that He knows all (omniscience), that He is everywhere (omnipresent), that He is all powerful (omnipotent)...we learn to trust that He is trustworthy with absolutely everything in our lives. Our husbands included for those of us who have one. God did not accidentally make you the way you are! He did so purposefully! You ARE who the creator God made you as the imperfectly perfect companion corresponding to the imperfectly perfect husband He has gifted you with! Our media today has it so wrong. It is vital that we women get exactly right and that we get this from scripture what God commends as desirable characteristics in a woman! As you read the Bible (I hope at least a little every day) write down those things God says are "good" in reference to women. Let these be things you pray that He helps you become. When you begin to feel overwhelmed or overshadowed by "others" or the expectations of others...use the truths you've learned from God about who He wants you to be to shut out clamoring untruths that threaten to knock you off course.

My Bible reading for some months has been in the Old Testament Genesis--now I'm in I Samuel and the stories and examples of women God has chosen to record is just so exciting to me because He isn't following any rules but His own. Either in who He chooses to use and record, nor how He chooses to work in their lives. God uses the most unexpected women and He works to accomplish eternity altering great things through them. They are broken, sinful, and lack confidence; He changes the lives of the men in their relationships and He moves the course of history through them. I don't believe God's methods have changed that much. He still is at work in women. He continues to change the lives of men and moves the course of history through women who put their trust in Him.

Our Missionaries—

Faith Maternity

2021 In Review--During this time of year many people pause and take the time to consider their blessings. Faith Maternity Care has been blessed many times over this year. We had the most successful Baby Bottle Drive in our history, were gifted a large passenger van, bought a car, installed a keyless security system, received many needed items, and so much more. Most importantly we were able to help 48 women and 45 babies were born into our program. Next year we will celebrate 20 years of service and we have big plans. We are excited to share that our goal is to serve 1,000 women and children over the next 10 years. To reach more women, we are working on new ways of marketing and reaching out. One key item in our marketing plan is the development of a new website designed to attract the attention of vulnerable women. We hope to have it up and running by the end of February. Thank you if you have prayed for us. Thank you if you have ever talked about us to spread the word. Thank you if you have donated supplies. Thank you if you have made a financial gift. You have made it all possible. You have saved lives! Get ready 2022, God is on the move.

A Place to Call Home--A large part of our ministry is to provide a safe and welcoming home for women who have no place to go. Many of our residents tell us that they have never lived in an actual home before. We want them to feel safe, loved, and comfortable. FMC has been blessed with our current home and we have put a lot of work into it over the last few years. Something on our wish list for a long time has been replacing windows. Like many older houses, they are drafty and many have mechanical issues. It is time that this particular wish becomes a reality. All money received in November and December will go towards paying for our new windows. Half of what we need has already been raised. We only need 10 more people to sponsor a window at \$1,000 each. That being said, many hands make light work, and a donation of any amount is greatly appreciated! Please see the enclosed flyer for information on how you can get 50% of your gift back on your Missouri taxes.

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“When you’re in the right place at the right time doing the right thing, that’s when you see God move.” We were sitting around after a day of ministry, discussing how the day had gone. Many of our team in Southwinds had traveled to the capital for three days of focused ministry in order to find interested students that the local staff could follow up with. We saw God do so much just by being in the right place at the right time doing the right thing! On the first day, after two of our teammates finished sharing the Gospel with a student, Isaiah* approached them and asked if they were Christians. He went on to say how he was a Christian after researching Christianity on his own, but he didn’t have any community. On the third day, I (Nick) and my teammate started a conversation with a group of students when another of their friends joined. This friend, Adam*, was wearing a cross necklace. When asked about it, he explained that he had read some of the Bible but didn’t know anything about having a relationship with God. Upon hearing the full Gospel message, Adam decided to follow Jesus! Our local staff in the capital have followed up with both Isaiah and Adam multiple times, and Adam has introduced our staff to over 20 of his friends that are all interested in the Gospel as well! During those three days in the capital, 49 students heard the Gospel and another 28 students engaged in spiritual conversations! In addition to Isaiah and Adam, there were a few other students who were really impacted by the Gospel but not quite ready to make a decision yet. These students are great reminders that God is working so much behind the scenes, and there are many students here who are ready to hear the Gospel and be connected to His body! With our teams spreading out to multiple cities over the past few years, there have been more opportunities for joining the work God is doing in other parts of the country. In addition to the trip to the capital, our teams have come together to do short trips in Southwinds and another city further south. It has been so encouraging to hear story after story of how God is moving!

Memory Verse for January

Be working on this important verse from Gal. 5:16

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings

Share the Gospel

Someone has observed, “No one will talk to men about the LORD if they have not first talked to the LORD about men.” The beginning of sharing with those around us is to realize two things:

1) Everyone will spend eternity either in heaven with the Lord Jesus or in hell, eternally separated from Jesus.

2) There is limited time and opportunity. Just like a farmer knows that if he doesn't get the soil prepared and the seed in the ground within a certain window of time, he will not have a harvest; even so, we understand that by our prayers, lives and care of others we are preparing the soil for the transforming Word of God. But there is a window of opportunity for each person.

That is why all ministry, especially the ministry of sharing the Word of Salvation, must be begun on our knees, praying to the Father about the men, women and children around us who need to hear the Gospel message. You will, most likely, never share the

Gospel with anyone you have not prayed for—so, begin to pray for the souls of men.

Good Books

I have been looking at resource books for impacting our youth. I ran across a gem that is out of print, but still available: Helping Parents Make Disciples: by Everett L. Worthington Jr. (Author). We are commanded by Jesus, “Go and make disciples of all nations . . .” Mt. 28:18. That, logically, should begin at home. Often the spiritual formation of children is delegated to pastors, Sunday School teachers or youth workers. But the individuals that have the greatest influence on the children are not the pastor or Sunday School teacher who might spend an hour or two every week with the child, but the parents have the greatest influence, if they will harness it for the LORD Jesus and for their children. You could begin by asking Pastor Steve for a copy of the Jesus Storybook Bible (for the younger) or “I AM”—40 reasons to trust God.

St. Paul's Evangelical Board Meeting

Monday, December 20, 2021

The December Board Meeting was called to order by President Debi Baumert and opened with prayer led by Pastor Steve Watson.

Those in attendance were Debi Baumert, Mark Rohrbach, Mark Oerly, Ben Marshall, Nancy Haldiman, Pastor Steve Watson, Sandee Eschenbrenner, Kathy Reimler and Lucas Heimericks.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The motion to approve was made by Ben Marshall and seconded by Mark Oerly. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. The motion to approve was made by Mark Oerly and seconded by Nancy Haldiman. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Photo Directory: The Board decided on the ring style binding for the directories. After discussion regarding payment to Kelly Cobb, a motion was made by Nancy Haldiman to pay \$405.00 now and to pay any remaining balance in 2022. Ben seconded the motion and the motion passed. It was also decided to order 110 directories at this time.

2. Adkins Cleaning: The cleaning of the Fellowship Hall continues to be unsatisfactory. Several more individuals will be contacted to determine if they are interested in filling this position. If you know of a company or individual to recommend, please talk to any Board Member.

3. Confirmation: Pastor Steve and Ben Marshall presented a tentative curriculum and outline to be used for teaching Confirmation students. The Board discussed their data and requested they continue to work out some of the details.

4. Roaster Pan: After several unsuccessful attempts to replace the dial on the roaster, the Board decided to just purchase a new pan. Kathy Reimler made the motion, Mark Oerly seconded and the motion passed.

5. New File Cabinets: Debi reported that Greg Baer advised the cabinets would be ready for installation sometime in January. Debi volunteered to complete this project even though she was leaving the Board. No objections were heard.

6. Suggestion: Pastor Steve spoke to someone at Central Christian College regarding inviting students to preach occasionally at St. Paul and Moniteau Churches and their response was positive. They would be interested and agreeable to this arrangement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. December Bills: The bills were presented and approved for payment. Nancy Haldiman made the motion, Mark Oerly seconded and the motion passed.

2. Board Reorganization: The following slate of officers was presented and accepted. Mark Oerly made the motion, Nancy Haldiman seconded and motion passed.

Ben Marshall	- President
Mark Oerly	- Vice President
Kathy Reimler	- Treasurer
Nancy Haldiman	- Financial Secretary
Lucas Heimericks	- Communion Steward
Sandee Eschenbrenner	- Secretary

3. Van Purchase: After presenting this idea at the Annual Meeting, Ben has heard a variety of opinions regarding purchasing a used van for church use. Several issues are a concern. The main two seem to be insurance and mechanical maintenance. No final decision was made but Ben will continue to gather information.

4. January Family Night: Although we didn't plan for a January Family Night, Lucas Heimericks suggested inviting Ralph Durham, a retired Conservation employee, as our guest speaker/entertainer. Mr. Durham is an impersonator and does animal calls. So - mark your calendar for Sunday, January 9th, 2022 (Mr. Durham was unavailable on the 16th).

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report of activities and expenses. Advised that he continues to need volunteers - especially for the Middle School Youth that meet on Wednesday evenings as Trisha Meisenheimer can no longer help. We want to thank Trisha for all her time and effort over the years helping with the Youth Groups. He further advised that he will be gone from January 3rd through the 7th. The Board approved this absence - no Sundays involved.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

1. The Board has decided to hold Special Offerings on the second Sunday of the month. There will be two exceptions - May and September.

2. A really BIG thank you to Brenda Haldiman for cleaning the two ovens in our kitchen stoves. Never an easy task. They look great!

3. The March Board Meeting will be on Monday, March 14th rather than the usual third Monday.

4. Nancy Haldiman advised that Financial Statements are being prepared and will, hopefully, be distributed in early January, 2022.

5. Our thanks and appreciation to both Debi Baumert and Mark Rohrbach for their dedicated service these past 3 years serving on the Church Board. Well done!

A motion was made by Mark Oerly to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Lucas Heimericks and passed. The meeting was closed by all reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 9th

Communion

Sunday, January 9th

Family Night/6:00 PM/Guest Entertainer

Monday, January 17th

Board Meeting/6:30 PM

2022 Family Night Schedule

JANUARY 2022- None

FEBRUARY 2022- Trivia

*Ercell and Sharon Wegener
Harold and Mary Haldiman
Norma Porter
Noland and Lisa Porter
Don and Elaine Ernst

MARCH 2022- Talent Show

*Kathy Reimler
Tim and Amber Wilson
Dason and Barb Klund
Barry and Heidi Eschenbrenner
Tony and Trisha Meisenheimer
Dwight and Donna Lenger

APRIL 2022- Volleyball/Games

*Lucas and Christy Heimericks
Jenice Taggart
Gary and Paulette Reynolds
Denny and Glenda Dietzel
Gary and Geraldine Taggart

MAY 2022- None

JUNE 2022- Sunday School Picnic

*Ben and Kim Marshall
Lashley and Joyce Rohrbach
Patti Waldron
Dan and Debbie Kuenker
Charles and Neta Dishion
Trenton Barbour

JULY 2022- None

AUGUST 2022- Softball and Ice Cream

*Seth Rohrbach
Mark and Marcy Oerly
Mark and Lisa Rohrbach
Barry and Sandee Eschenbrenner
Jennifer Long

SEPTEMBER 2022- Mission Fest (Noon)

*Rusty and Leisa Hees
Seth and Lyndsey Stauffer
Stephen and Barb Oerly
Carol Oerly
Lance and Rachel Hees

OCTOBER 2022- Fall Walk/ Hayride

*Larry and Susan Borts
Mary Lou Bieri and Gary Schoenthal
Bryan Schoenthal
Michael and Judy Scheidt
Gene Cassil
Steven and Courtney Borts

NOVEMBER 2022- Carron Games

*Ted and Sara Rohrbach
Denny and Judy Wittenberger
Natoma Elliott
Pastor Steve and Mary Kay Watson

DECEMBER 2022- Annual Meeting (Noon)

*Doug and Jackie Cowgill
Danny and Brenda Haldiman
Darren and Nancy Haldiman
Kirby and Debi Baumert
Dick Marshall

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Alison Gorman	4	5 Sharon Wegener	6 Debi Baumert Lee Bieri	7 Hudson Clay	8 Rachel Marshall
9 Communion Family Night 6:00 p.m. Guest Speaker	10	11	12	13	14 Gail Muri Lexi Muri Alli Muri Mark Oerly Charlotte Rohrbach	15 Joyce Rohrbach
16 Natalie Bish	17 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bryce Schoenthal	18 David Knierim Brenda Selby	19 Amos Rohrbach	20 Steven Gentzsch Virginia Strein	21	22 Natalie Glenn
23 Brantlee Hees	24	25	26 Jennifer Schoenthal	27	28	29
30	31					



For I know the PLANS
I have for You,
Plans to PROSPER you
and not to harm YOU
Plans to give you
HOPE and a FUTURE.

Jeremiah 29:11