

St Paul Evangelical Church

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Pastor's Pen

We are beginning a process called Confirmation with the teens this fall. Confirmation means different things to different people according to the church tradition of which they are a part. Confirmation, we believe, is part of the spiritual journey and development helping the young person to understand more fully what the Bible says about life questions and learn what it means to be an active, fruitful member of the local church.

Confirmation does not confer salvation. Salvation occurs when an individual expresses his/her personal faith that Jesus died and rose again for his/her sins. The Scripture is clear, "For by grace you are saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God not of works lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9) After salvation, confirmation can help 'put the pieces' of the spiritual life together.

I went through a confirmation class when I was 12-13, but I did come to saving faith until I was nearly 20. I simply hadn't heard or understood the Gospel clearly. So, from personal experience I know that simply going through a class is not enough if the Holy Spirit doesn't do a work of grace. That is why I ask you to pray for those who will be in the class.

The goals of the confirmation class for the fall semester:

1. Give the teens an overview of the story of the Bible—what is God doing in the world.
2. Give each teen a clear understanding of the Gospel and an ability to share it with their friends.
3. Develop a habit of Bible reading and journaling.
4. Give each teen a concept of the church as the Body of Christ and where they fit.

During this time they will learn a simple and clear Gospel presentation called the Roman's Road (Rom. 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-10) which gives them the tools to share the Gospel with their friends.

- *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Rom. 3:23*
- *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Rom. 6:23*
- *But God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8*
- *If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; Rom. 10:9*

The first semester focuses on salvation and spiritual disciplines. The second semester (January to March) leading up to Palm Sunday, will focus on the doctrines of the church (using the catechism).

Church Events

Oct. 1 World Wide Communion Sunday.

Sermon series on becoming an Overcomer begins. Join us as we explore overcoming fear, guilt, inferiority.

Oct. 15 Fall Walk beginning at 2:30 at the church. Come and enjoy the fellowship and food following. Fish and drinks provided.

Oct. 17 Board meeting at the church, 6 pm

Oct. 22 Pastor Steve will be gone to a family reunion. Pastor Cobb will be our guest speaker. There will be a nursing home visitation in the afternoon. Come and join with us in caring for those who cannot come to us.

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What we believe

Church membership is . . .

a visible expression of an unseen spiritual reality

When a person trusts the Lord Jesus for salvation, he/she comes individually. It is his/her decision to believe that Jesus died on the cross for his/her sins and rose again. No one can make that decision for another. When that person comes to Jesus individually, he/she is placed into the 'Body of Christ' by the Holy Spirit of God (1 Cor. 12:12-31). The Scripture teaches us that everyone that is connected to Jesus for salvation by faith is also connected to every other person that is connected to Jesus for salvation by faith forming 'the Body of Christ.'

Consequently, through faith in Him for salvation, we have entered into a "living, loving transforming relationship with Jesus and with one another for the glory of God." Spiritual relationships and realities cannot be seen with the physical eye, but the effects of those relationships can be seen much like gravity cannot be seen with the naked eye, but the effects of gravity can be seen.

One of the effects of a new, spiritual relationship with Jesus is a new relationship with other Jesus' followers. The church is a visible expression of a spiritual reality that binds people together not based on race or wealth or nationality or social status, but on the basis of all coming having believed Jesus for salvation as Paul says, "(In Christ) there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave^[a] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

Where we are going

People struggle with a lot of different issues in life. Often we think we are the only ones with the problems, but the reality is that we are all 'cut out of the same cloth.' We often **feel** defeated because we have not realized that we are called to be 'OVERCOMERS' together.

In the coming month, we will be doing a series entitled, "Overcomers." Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage, I have overcome the world." Jn. 16:33 John says to believers, "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. 1 Jn. 4:4 And, "Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" 1 Jn. 5:5

We will be looking at:

Overcoming fear, Oct. 1

Overcoming guilt, Oct. 7

Overcoming inferiority, Oct. 15

Pastor Russell will be with us on Oct. 22

(Pastor Steve will be gone for a family reunion)

Overcoming frustration, Oct. 29

Overcoming abuse, Nov. 5

We trust that as we look at the grace that we have through Jesus and the blessings that we experience through His sacrifice, that you will experience the joy of being an Overcomer.

Notes from Mary Kay

Last month I wrote about my passion to encourage women to grow in every way to be all that God created them to become. More specifically, my desire is to continuously bring blessing to women in their pursuit to know and love God with all their heart, soul and mind. . . .because this is why God created and gave us life. My own life has been focused overwhelmingly on learning of God through the Scriptures: His specifically chosen words to inform our understanding, our knowing Him.

I believe to understand ourselves, the 'craziness' of our lives, each inexplicable dose of the reality of living . . . we must filter all through what He tells us about Himself. Last night, in reading in Ezekiel 20, I saw God rehearsing to the prophet His history with His people, explaining how they had come to such a time. Four times in chapter 20, Israel's Most Holy says: "I acted out of who I was, not by how I felt . . ." At that time, the majority of the people, governmental and religious leaders and even prophets had NO idea who God was . . . yet God knew. Despite how His people's actions made Him feel . . . God acted out of who He knew He was. How comforting to me . . . and to you . . . and how absolutely anchoring for our lives knowing this God becomes.

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1 World wide communion Sunday Overcoming Fear, Ps.56 Dick Marshall	2 Dason Klund Joshua Nott	3 Bible Study, 7pm In Philippians	4 WWJD, 6:50am High School youth group, 6:30	5	6	7 Mackenzie Strother Mickayla Strother
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15 Overcoming inferiority, Ps. 139 FALL WALK, 2:30 pm Trisha Meisenheimer	16	17 Bible Study, 7pm	18 WWJD 6:50am High School youth group, 6:30	19	20	21
22	23	24 Bible Study, 7pm Larry Reynolds	25 WWJD 6:50am High School youth group, 6:30 Keegan Borts Lance Hees	26	27 Tara VonderHaar	28 Leisa Hees Barbara Klund
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WWJD

We currently have 37 children registered for our WWJD held Wednesday mornings when school is in session. Children participate in various activities from 6:50-7:10, breakfast is served from 7:10-7:30 followed by a devotional. Following the devotional time, the children walk to the school accompanied by adult volunteers.

This year, we are teaching the children Bible verses. On Sept. 13, Pastor Dennis Maxwell of New Hope Baptist Church focused on Psalm 56:3, "*When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.*" Pastor Dennis also played "*Jesus Loves Me*" and "*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*" on his harmonica.

On Sept. 20, Pastor Tom Fair of Grace United Methodist Church introduced the week's verse: "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.*" Acts 16:31 and explained to the children that because of the teachings in the Bible and our faith, we don't have to see Jesus to believe in Him.

On Sept. 27th we joined with other K-12 after breakfast for a time of 'Rally Round the Pole.'

Teen Times

Youth group started great this school year with an average attendance of 15-20. We have several new faces this year and the group is clicking well together. We typically start with everyone splitting up into teams for a football game (two hand touch, not tackle) followed by snacks, a devotion, and usually another football game.

We are currently working through a 6 part series called "EPIC" by John Eldridge which draws parallels between the events/circumstances of our lives and the larger story God has been writing since the beginning of time. These studies usually consist of a 10-15 minute video (shown on our new projector!!!) followed by discussion questions and self-reflection. It amazes me how involved the youth are in these discussions. We regularly run long because they have so much they want to say and contribute!

Please Pray For:

1. Another leader (whether from our church or the community) to step up and help with this ministry.
2. God to continue to work in their lives so they understand what a personal relationship with Jesus is!

NOTE: As always, these kids love (or have a mild addiction?) to Mountain Dew so if you see 2 liter bottles on sale please grab some!

From the National Convocation

The national Convocation for Evangelical Association was held September 15-17 in Lexington, NC. Beck's Reformed Church hosted the event. It was a great time of fellowship and encouragement spiritually for those attending, from St Paul's, Pastor Steve and Mary Kay, Lashley and Joyce. It is hard to capture all that went on.

There were some speakers which resonated with the mission of the church. The theme of the Convocation was, "Let the Light shine out of the darkness" and so, each speaker was focused on the believer being light to a dark world. The first to share was Stan Hankins, a pastor and traveling evangelist sharing our responsibility to share the Good News of salvation as often and as well as possible. The next to share was Robby Dilmore (a syndicated speaker on the radio—'Christian Car Guy' program, check out his website, 'Christiancarguy.com') sharing on the power of prayer for God to lead our lives. We often face things and simply don't know what to do—but God is faithful to lead if we are faithful to ask. Clinton Faupel was dynamic in sharing the need and challenge in reaching Millennials and teens. He has founded an amazing resource 'RemedyLive' and I would encourage you to check out the webpage (Remedylive.com). We enjoyed the ministry of preaching from Rev. Coslow Holt, Dr. Gary Hansen and the President of the association, Jim Barnes.

It was an amazing time to hear that God is moving and doing great things throughout the world and He desires to be at work in and through our lives in Jamestown.

David Ramsey—Financial Peace University

Moniteau Church is planning to conduct a David Ramsey program beginning in January. They have graciously opened up the opportunity to those in their sister church, St. Paul's in Jamestown.

People often think that the way they handle money is their business—that although they possibly are feeling a financial pinch, that there is little that can be done to change their expenditures. People often have accepted that debt is just an expected way of life. But Jesus said something fascinating and profound in Luke 16:11, "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"

That passage suggests that God is concerned and observing how we use the financial resources that we have. It suggests further that He evaluates your use of money as being trustworthy or not (indicating that we are stewards of what He has given us and that we are accountable to Him). It also suggests that the money/wealth of this world is not true riches. It makes you wonder what 'true riches' really are. In other words, the way we use our money in this life will affect what He will entrust to us in eternity. Money is a test of our faithfulness to Him.

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University is about learning to become good stewards that honor God and can be entrusted by God with greater wealth. If you are interested, there is a signup sheet in the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

Christy Heimericks and Alison Gorman have volunteered to help with the Christmas Program this year. They have chosen a "Traditional Christmas" for the program. Please contact them by October 15th if you wish your child(ren) to participate in the Christmas Eve Program. You can reach them at [660-849-2890](tel:660-849-2890) (Christy) or [660-849-1020](tel:660-849-1020) (Alison).

Once roles are assigned, they will be distributed to each family and practice will begin during Sunday School on Sunday, November 5th. It will be important for your child(ren) to attend to learn their parts and music.

We will also practice on the following dates after Church/Carry-In Dinner:

Sunday, December 3rd (Carry-in Dinner Helpers are Meisenheimer, Klund, and Gorman Families)

Sunday, December 10th (Carry-in Dinner Helpers are the Oerly and Hees Families)

Sunday, December 17th (Annual Meeting, Carry-in Dinner)

Thursday, December 21st (Dress Rehearsal, Pizza Provided)

Thank you,
Christy & Alison

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting, August 23, 2017

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, in the church basement. Present were Ted Rohrbach, Marcy Oerly, Don Ernst, Kim Marshall, Susan Borts, Barb Oerly and Pastor Steve Watson. President Ted Rohrbach called the meeting to order and Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's report: The secretary's report from the July 24, 2017, meeting was reviewed. Kim made a motion to approve the minutes and Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Don gave all board members a copy of the treasurer's report for the month ending July 31, 2017. Marcy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Ted and Stephen Oerly will discuss PA system in basement.
- Brad Baer will talk to Bryan Schoenthal about the PA system cabinet.
- Don could not find a problem with the exterior door by the choir room. The problem with the back-hallway door is an issue with a screw. Don will take care of fixing.
- Don gave an insurance coverage update. Across the board there has been increases in most coverage limits. Worker's comp and insurance premiums have been paid. Sensors to monitor moisture and temp will be installed. Stephen Oerly and Nolan Porter will be notified if the sensors go off. Don is going to meet with agent on Friday, August 25. He will ask specific questions about cemetery endorsement and the exclusion of loss due to virus or bacteria form.
- There was discussion about the Buddy Pack program for the school year based on information provided by Heidi Eschenbrenner. Heidi met with GUMC and New Hope. All food for the buddy pack program will be provided by the three churches. Collection of food at St. Paul's will be December and January. Also, May if needed. Heidi took care of providing buddy pack supplies to one family this summer. She will turn in receipts to Don for reimbursement.
- Pastor Steve provided an update on confirmation class. He is still looking for some contact information on a few families.
- There was discussion on the bids for yard work. The bids were not comparable in scope and probably include more work than needed. The consensus of the board, for the scope of the work, is to get rid of weeds, seed the lawn and keep the water away from the church. Each business that gave a bid will be asked to rebid based on this direction.
- There was general discussion about the newsletter and what should be included. Pastor Steve provided a draft of the September newsletter. The consensus was positive about the format and content. What has been drafted for September will be distributed.

New Business:

- All current bills have been paid.
- Pastor Steve found a bible for confirmation class.
- Labor Day speaker has been secured by Pastor Tom Fair. Everything has been taken care of for the service.

Discussion items with Pastor Steve:

- Mileage and pastor's report received.
- There was discussion on Pastor Steve taking personal vehicle to EA Convocation and the reimbursement of mileage. Marcy made a motion to approve reimbursing for 900 miles for driving to convocation. Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed. Moniteau will pay the other half of mileage.
- Pastor Steve asked about purchasing a mobile white board. It would be beneficial for use with the confirmation class. The board asked him to find one and propose to the board.
- There was discussion about helpers for the high school youth group. Also and a decision will need to be made next month regarding a youth group mission trip.
- Pastor Steve provided sermon series through December.

Next board meeting will be Monday, September 25 at 6:00.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly
Secretary

Dates to Remember:

September 3 – Labor Day Service
September 15 – 17 – EA National Convocation, Lexington, NC
September 17 – Rally Sunday
September 24 – Mission Fest – Nick Dettman and lunch
October 1 – World Wide Communion
October 22 – Nursing Home visits