

St Paul's Evangelical Church

The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk

July 12-15 is our Vacation Bible School. I appreciate everyone who helps and it is a great 'event' for the community children. As we look forward to this time, I am asking you to join me in prayer:

- 1) for the workers—anytime the Word of God is shared, there is spiritual opposition. The enemy does not want the Lord Jesus proclaimed clearly nor the Word of God explained so that lives are changed. It begins with the workers—pray for them, for their spiritual well-being.
- 2) for the kids—that the Lord would move in the hearts of parents to bring their children (and neighbor kids). If they do not come, we will not be able to care for their souls. Although we desire to reach children for Jesus, we know that ultimately we want to reach into homes.
- 3) for the weather—not too hot, not too wet. A lot of VBS involves being outside.

Last year plans were made and materials purchased for a VBS focusing on the "Armor of God." Because of Covid, VBS was canceled, and we will use the material on the Armor of God. I would encourage you to read Ephesians 6 where Paul says we are in a spiritual battle, "Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, stand firm." We need to put on the "Helmet of Salvation" (because our minds are under attack). We need to put on the "Breastplate of Righteousness" to protect our hearts (dirty hearts don't love), We need to put on the "Belt of Truth" (continually measuring all things by the Word of God which is the standard of truth). We need to put on sandals to be prepared to go and take the Gospel/the Good News to friends, neighbors, relatives. We need to take up the "Sword of the Spirit" (which is the Word of God) and combine it all with "All Prayer."

Pray for VBS and look around for opportunities to encourage and help. Blessings.

Church Events

July 11 – Communion/
Special Offering for the
Food Pantry

July 12-15 – Vacation Bible
School

July 19 – Church Board
Meeting at 7 pm

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From Mary Kay

Some thoughts looking back: A song I have long really appreciated for its theological teachings of the "Parable of the Sower" in Matthew 13 begins: "The word of God is like little, bitty, seeds, scattered all around." I have watched as a "collection of seeds" if you will...various thoughts and events that woven together seem, to me, to be small evidences of a bigger whole God is growing. One field of seeds that is growing which makes me feel warm at heart observing is in the lives of my teenagers with the usual concerns about college, expenses and life in general. It is important to know God will care for our children's future as they walk with Him, bringing each step together at just the right time. All seeds...being planted, watered, nurtured to grow into the fruit God has ordained. Its a beautiful thing watching the fresh growth in the spring as the trees bud, grass turns green, crocus, daffodils and tulips blossom. It builds in us an excitement for what is in store next. And like this, it is a beautiful thing to observe the growth of what God is planting and nurturing in those around us. I hope you take the time to note God's works in your life and in the lives of those close to you--rejoice in these things and the hope they bring for what is in store ahead.

Sermon Series

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 Verse for July

Be working on this important verse from John 14:13

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Blessings

Good Books—The Library

Karen Smith has graciously offered to help us with a church library. Last month a questionnaire was sent out to help her. Please make sure you have filled that out and returned it.

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.

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

Share your story. You are an expert on your story and you are not asking anyone to live your story. But as you tell your story, you will be touching on things that relate to the lives of others. Tell how God has answered prayer, how He has unexpectedly provided or protected. Tell what you are thankful for God having done and then say, "I am so glad someone told me about what Jesus did for me on the cross . . ."

Our Missionaries—Healing House

From time to time, it is good to review a ministry's core values. These are what Healing House is all about.

CORE VALUES OF HEALING HOUSE

1. We are a **Christian-based Ministry**.
2. **Prayer** is an integral part of who we are.
3. We value the **Living Word**, it is the **foundation** upon which we build our lives.
4. We value an **uncompromising message of recovery** leading to **salvation**.
5. We follow Christ's example of valuing **the poor and needy**.
6. We value **unity** of the body of Christ.
7. We value **transformation** in lives of people and the communities.
8. We value building Christ-like **relationships**.
9. We value continually **maturing** in our capacity to meet people's needs.

A Little Church History

St Paul's Evangelical Church:

The German Evangelical Church of Jamestown was founded in the early 1850's. Among the members were Emmanuel Keubley, Samuel Barager, John Haldeman and G. Scholle. In 1860 the society erected a log church-house four miles southeast. Charles Geiger joined in 1868. In 1976-77 a frame building was erected at Jamestown, at the cost of about \$1,000. The preacher in 1860 when the log church was erected was Fred Streit, who was followed by Jacob Von Tobel,--Delvew, C. Krafft, Fred Woelfley, J.H. Moore, A Leutwein and Klinnngenbarger. The membership was 26 but the congregation was larger. We want to remember what God has done and give thanks.

Moniteau Advent:

The first settlers in the Moniteau community were German-Swiss Evangelicals who came to America in the early 1830's seeking economic prosperity, religious and political freedom. The land was a thicket of brush and timber. They worked long hard hours clearing the land, using felled trees to build their homes, barn and fences. In the Spring of 1848, the Rev. Carl Hoffmeister, a young missionary pastor sponsored by the Bassel

Missionary Society of Germany, came riding into the Moniteau community. He had traveled by horseback from what is now Salem United Church of Christ near McGirk, to offer his services in bringing the Word of God to the people. After preaching to the families in their homes for about 8 months, his labors were rewarded and on November 19, 1848, twelve men met to organize the church. The pastor read the constitution, which was agreed to by the personal signature of each and "Der Evangeschein Gemeinde" came into being.

2021 Vacation Bible School



"Knights of North Castle" is scheduled to be held at St. Paul's/Grace UMC, Monday-Thursday, July 12-15 from 6:30-8:55 each evening for ages 4 through completed 6th grade. Gathering and pick-up will be at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Children can grow strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's

power by exploring how we put on the Armor of God. Our Quest for the King's Armor adventure will include exciting new music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children experience God's amazing strength.

Volunteers from the host churches met at St. Paul's on June 28 to finalize plans. While masks will not be required, hand sanitizer will be available at all station areas and bottled water will be provided. There will be a closing program on Thursday night, July 15, beginning at approximately 8:15 in the sanctuary at St. Paul's.

To register online, go to <http://stpauls.mycokesburyvbs.com>, select "Child Registration," fill in the required information, and click SUBMIT. You will also find the registration link on the Facebook page "Evangelical Churches of Moniteau County." Or, if you sent a reply to the RSVP email/text, you will receive an email including the registration link and instructions.

If you have any questions regarding VBS or registration, please call or text 573-338-1747 or e-mail them to sborts@hotmail.com.

--Submitted by Susan Borts

New Pictorial Directory

Attention!! St. Paul's and Moniteau will be getting a new church pictorial directory later this year! Pictures will be taken in September (specific dates still to be determined) with the photographer at St. Paul's for two days and Moniteau for one day. We will start sign-ups for picture slots later this summer. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Haldiman (nancy.haldiman@centralbank.net, 573-690-8528).

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting

Monday, June 21, 2021

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

Those in attendance were Mark Rohrbach, Debi Baumert, Pastor Steve Watson, Nancy Haldiman, Mark Oerly and Sandee Eschenbrenner.

The May minutes were read and after the editing of one sentence were approved. That sentence is Number 3 under New Business and now reads as follows: "Background checks are and have been required for anyone over 18 who works with our WWJD or Mission Trip." The motion was made by Nancy Haldiman and seconded by Mark Rohrbach. Motion passed.

The May treasurer's Report was presented by Mark Rohrbach and was approved following the motion made by Mark Oerly and seconded by Nancy Haldiman. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Photo Directory: Nancy Haldiman presented a written report advising up-to-date information following additional contact with both Kelly Cobb and Aaron Clark. Photos will be taken in September and the present plan is to offer three dates for scheduling sittings. Two sittings will be held at St. Paul's with one sitting held at Moniteau. Watch the Messenger for sign-up dates. The church will be responsible for the sitting fees and the printing fee. Individuals will be responsible for the purchasing of their photo packages if they choose to order pictures. The motion was made by Nancy Haldiman and seconded by Mark Oerly. Motion passed.
2. Camp Aurora: Matt Oerly has advised that sufficient funds have been collected to help youth attend camp this summer. Thanks to all for your generous support.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. June Bills: Mark Rohrbach presented the new bills for June. The motion to pay same was made by Mark Oerly and seconded by Nancy Haldiman. Motion passed.
2. Member Request: Kathy Reimler presented a request from the Jamestown Alumni to borrow a microphone and some tables and chairs for their Alumni Banquet next May 2022. Mark Oerly made the motion allowing permission for said request. The motion was seconded by Mark Rohrbach. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Steve presented his report advising telephone calls, individual visits, communion visits, and mileage for May. He distributed a letter from Shannon McPherson of Faith Maternity Care. He also distributed information and a brochure from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers International (FCFI) and advised that he had visited with their Executive Director, Dennis Schlagel recently. The purpose of presenting this information to the Board is to help make the decision regarding who to invite to speak and support at our Mission Fest next Fall. After some discussion, the Board decided to wait until Pastor Steve shared the same information with Moniteau in order to allow their input before making a final decision.

Debi informed that our next Board Meeting will be Monday, July 19th at 7:00 PM.

The motion to adjourn was made and passed. The meeting was closed by all reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandee Eschenbrenner

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, June 26th

Sunday, July 11th

Monday, July 12th-Thursday, July 15th

Monday, July 19th

Mission Tripper Reports

Communion/Special Offering for Food Pantry

Vacation Bible School

Board Meeting/7:00 PM

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Larry Borts Dwayne Croy	Connor Gorman Phillip Marshall Alden Rohrbach Ercell Wegener		Ben Marshall	Jeff Reimler Don Ernst	Alyssa Reynolds Amanda Selby	Corrina VonderHaar
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Communion/ Food Pantry Offering (Central MO Food Bank)	Vacation Bible School	-----	-----	----->		
		Gary Marshall Gary Reynolds	Olivia Meisenheimer Reed VonderHaar			Dalton Imhoff
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bryan Schoenthal	Church Board Meeting at 7 pm Donna Gentsch Alicia Glenn Tony Meisenheimer	Susan Borts	Mary Lou Bieri	Sue Ann Reynolds	Gary Taggart	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Jessie Bailey Michelle Marshall		Gary Schoenthal Hadley Clay Hayden Clay	Violet VonderHaar Kristy Gatlin	