

St Paul's Evangelical Church

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Pastor's Pen

Someone asked me a significant question, "How do we know the Bible is true and that it is God's Word and is authoritative?"

There are a lot of 'religious books' but we claim that the Bible is uniquely the Word of God. What makes the Bible unique? In answer, first, the Bible is the only book that accurately predicts and interprets history. The book of Daniel (written about 550BC) accurately predicts the rise of empires, in particular the Grecian Empire under Alexander the Great (Daniel 8) and its subsequent division into four parts 300 hundred years before the event. Similarly, there are over 300 prophecies that have to do with Jesus from where He was born to how He would die. The first line of proof is that the Bible alone predicts historically verifiable events accurately.

The second major proof is the testimony of Jesus. Jesus died and rose from the dead. Jesus spoke of the Bible as being God's Word. If Jesus is who He said He is and who the resurrection proved that He is, then He is uniquely qualified to declare that the Bible is God's Word. Consider what Jesus said of the Bible, "For truly, I say you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished." Mt.

5:18. The Bible is given to us, according to 2 Tim. 3:16 to help us know what to believe, to help us see things we do wrong, to help us to know how to get on the right path again and how to live a consistent godly life. Further, they help us get to know Jesus (Jn. 5:39, Jesus said, "*Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.*")

Since it is God's Word, we are to prayerfully read it, meditate upon it and memorize it. The psalmist says, "*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.* Ps. 119:11. We have over a dozen people now memorizing Scripture and I want to share what they say:

One person writes: "I have 28 passages in my brain. Some of the numbers swirl around in there a while before I put them together with the correct verse. Of these only 3 had I previously memorized once upon a time. I have linked some Old and New Testament verses in my mind like Deut 6:4-5 and Matt 22:34-40. Another trick is similar subject matter such as Matt 28:19-20 with Acts 1:8"

Another person writes, "I failed to respond to the first call to memorize some Bible verses. But, something kept nagging at me to take up the challenge. I am so glad I listened. These verses dealt with assurances

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Family Night: Stephen and Barb Oerly, Kathy Reimler, Carol Oerly, Mark and Marcy Oerly, Rusty and Leisa Hees, Seth and Lyndsey Stauffer

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God has given to us. It is amazing the comfort and peace that comes with these assurances. Not a day goes by that one or more of these verses don't come to mind in response to a thought or circumstance. Having these verses readily available brings me calm in times of doubt and turmoil. I highly recommend this program and hope there are more like it in the future."

Recently I preached from Psalm 19—how we listen to God. We need to give Him our full attention as He speaks to us through His works (speaking of His glory, His power, His wisdom) and through His Word (revealing His love, grace, mercy, justice, holiness). Memorizing God's Word, puts the Word of God in our hearts and the Holy Spirit can then call those things to our remembrance. We have started with five verses:

Assurance of Guidance, Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Assurance of Answered Prayer, John 16:24

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name.
Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

Assurance of forgiveness, 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will
forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Assurance of Salvation, 1 John 5:11-12

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life,
and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life;
whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Assurance of Victory, 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except what is
common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let
you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when
you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that
you can endure it.

Notes from the Dettman's

Hello friends and family,

Today marks the first day of Eid al Adha, where Muslims around the world are remembering the time God called Abraham to sacrifice his son, then God stopped him at the last minute and provided a ram instead. Our neighbors have had a sheep outside for the past couple of days, as the common practice is to sacrifice a sheep in remembrance.

As they remember when God provided the sacrificial ram for Abraham, we long for them to recognize that God also provided the ultimate sacrifice in Jesus. Please join us in praying for those here and around the world who are celebrating today. Pray that they would see, as the author of Hebrews writes, that "it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4). Pray that they would know that "God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time" (Hebrews 10:10).

Be on the lookout for an update soon, and please be praying for our upcoming move to Southwinds this weekend!

together for His glory,

the Dettmans

September

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2 Labor Day Service	3	4 Diane Fowler	5 HS and Middle School Youth Groups @ 6:30 - 8pm	6 Andrew Nott, Patti VonderHaar	7 Charles Dishion	8 Neta Dishion
9	10 Anna Hees	11	12 WWJD starts WWJD 6:50 a.m. HS and Middle School Youth Groups @ 6:30 - 8pm	13 Kirby Baumert, Ted Rohrbach	14	15 Morgan Imhoff, Lauren Imhoff, Christen Haile
16 Stephanie Birkmann	17 Board meeting @ 6:00 pm Barb Oerly	18 Stacy Pierson	19 WWJD 6:50 a.m. HS and Middle School Youth Groups @ 6:30 - 8pm Sigrid Nott	20	21	22
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30 Mission Fest; Healing House Speaker Christy Baker, Rusty Hees						

Folks Who Need Our Prayers

Karen Smith, Truman and Hilda Schoenthal, Nadie Hickam, Connie Reimler, Elaine Ernst, Billy Porter, David

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Camp Aurora—Matt Oerly update

First, I would like to thank St. Paul's once again for their generosity and for their support in this ministry. I was nervous going into the camping season this year, not

During the senior high camp there was only one foster child. This young man had a hard upbringing, which involved him moving in and out with different family members before he entered foster care. This young man told me his story one day and I soon realized how blessed I was to have grown up in the home and family that I did. He told me of some awful things that no child should have to go through. At the end of it he told me, "I have been through all of this and I am still here. I can only assume it is because God has a plan for me." I was so glad that this young man had a faithful heart for the lord. After that, we prayed that he might be strengthened from his hardships of life and that he may use the lessons he has learned from hard situations to become a stronger Christian.

The following weeks I counseled Junior High and Co-Directed for the Primary camp. Between these camps there was 16 foster kids. During the Junior high camp, I could hardly tell the foster kids from anyone else. I did have one boy, Jordan, who was very shy the first day at camp. I tried to joke with him and get him to talk, but I couldn't get a word out of him. There was another camper, Peter, who has never met a stranger in his life. I told Peter, "Go and make friends with Jordan, just keep talking to him until he starts talking back." Within 15 minutes Jordan was smiling and joking around with the other boys.

The theme for the week was "Step up to Serve." Each day we had a lesson on how we can become better servants for Jesus. The lessons began with how we must work on our hearts to have servant hearts, then how we can serve our families and communities, all while serving God.

Again, I was really pleased with how the foster kids program turned out this year and it is something I would like to look at doing again next year. If anyone has any ideas, thoughts, or just wants to visit about camp I would be more than happy to.

WWJD

Time is drawing near to continue the opportunity in Jamestown for children ages K-6 to learn about God every week during the school year. WWJD – "Wednesdays With Jesus Devotionals" is a combined effort of several churches in our area. This is our fifth year of offering this convenient weekly opportunity for children to learn about Him.

WWJD will start on Wednesday, September 12 and is held every Wednesday morning that Jamestown school is in session. The event takes place in St. Paul's downstairs fellowship hall. Children participate in various activities

knowing if the foster kids the church sponsored would fit in or have a good time at camp. After the first few hours, when the campers arrived, I realized that my nervousness was misplaced. The kids from our congregation and other campers made the new kids feel right at home.

from 6:50-7:10, and a nutritious breakfast is served from 7:10-7:30 followed by a devotional led by community clergy and lay leaders. At the conclusion of the devotional time, the children walk to the school accompanied by adult volunteers.

There is no cost to participate in this program. It is paid for by the budgets of contributing churches and individual donations. If your child(ren) did not receive a registration form, or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Borts (573-338-1747 or 660-849-2188; sborts@hotmail.com) or Kacey Clay (573-881-2214; 660-849-2222; kc11604@yahoo.com).

To receive information on how you could volunteer to assist in this amazing children's ministry, please contact Kathy Gerlach (573-291-5973).

Teen Times

Everybody is back in school and our first youth group meeting is already under our belt. We had a great group at our first meeting (20-25), with several of them being freshman! We had "build your own" personal pan pizzas, laid out the schedule for the year, and played the group game Mafia (which was a blast!). Kelly Cobb, Ben Marshall, and myself (Seth) are leading the group and will alternate who leads the discussion each week. We are all very excited to see how God will work through this group and bless them throughout the school year!
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE YOUTH GROUP!

After much thought, discussion, and prayer, we have come up with a purpose statement for the Jamestown Community Youth Group.

"To Create and Cultivate a relationship with Christ so we can Withstand the Trials and Temptation of Life." I believe this short sentence sums up what the youth group is all about. If any of the youth don't have a relationship with Jesus, we want to help create that and if they already do, we want that relationship to grow. Life is full of trials and temptations and if we aren't deeply rooted in our faith, the storms of life will overtake us.

Finally, I want to recap the youth's mission project we did earlier in August. We scraped, sanded, and painted all the picnic tables and support beams in the shelter house. We had a great group of 10-15 youth and the finished product looks very good! Make a point to go see their work and try to use that to promote the youth group if someone asks about it. Also, a huge thanks to Walt Imhoff and Nolan Porter who provided donations, advice, and labor.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting
August 20, 2018

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, August 20, 2018. Present were Don Gerlach, Ted Rohrbach, Kim Marshall, Susan Borts, Lisa Porter, Barb Oerly and Pastor Steve Watson. President Don Gerlach called the meeting to order and Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's report: The secretary's report from the July 11, 2018, meeting was reviewed. Kim made a motion to approve the minutes and Susan 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 – see list below

* Church Record Book – Lisa is getting paperwork from Keith Hendrix and will check everything against the record book that he has.

* Camp Aurora Foster Outreach Special Offering – Matt gave the board a thank you letter.

* Service Project for Youth (Pavilion) – The project went well. Tables and pavilion look very nice. Youth group will send thank you notes to Imhoff Construction, Porter's Paint and Ted and Sara Rohrbach who provided time, materials and dinner to the youth group during the project.

* Pew Silencers and Table – are still on backorder

* Video Taping of Church – Ben Marshall completed videotaping of the church. He is going to put it on a flash/jump drive and it will be taken to the safe deposit box. Susan has the key to the safe deposit box.

* Upstairs water fountain is not cooling – Environmental Engineering ordered parts and are coming August 24 to repair.

* Window handle missing in sanctuary – Don found the handle and it has been fixed.

* School supply donation – Ted will mail check to New Hope.

New Business:

* Approval of bills – Lisa made a motion to approve payment of bills. Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

* Elevator motor replacement – Susan made a motion to replace the motor. Barb seconded the motion. An estimate has been received and Don will work with Missouri Stairway Lift to get it replaced.

* Estimate to paint black metal on exterior of church – Noland will get us an estimate on the cost of paint.

* Fall walk – Susan asked if we should go ahead and purchase the fish. Board agreed that Larry Borts could go ahead and get it ordered. Ted and Mark Oerly will work on walk route.

* WWJD – will start on Wednesday, September 12.

* Carpet replacement in church – Board will schedule time to do a walkthrough of the church to look for upkeep or repair needs. The carpet in sanctuary will be looked at as part of the walkthrough.

* Labor Day Service – Pastor Steve is working on the service. Ted will coordinate getting the chairs for the service.

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.

* Vacation request – Pastor Steve requested time off from October 25 – 29.

* Financial Peace University – Pastor Steve reported that Moniteau Advent is going to have another Financial Peace University class. Pastor Steve thinks it is something that would be beneficial to offer at our church as well.

* Food bank – Pastor Steve reported that the Food Bank contacted him about donations. They suggested that donations directly to them have more buying power. This is something that can be considered in the future.

* New Hope – Is sponsoring Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. Reverend Maxwell and Pastor Steve discussed the project. Pastor Steve wanted us to be aware of the program and if it would be a good fit for our church to support. The board discussed a couple options, possibly helping New Hope fill some shoeboxes or giving a donation to help offset the cost of shipping the shoeboxes. The board decided this was an item for the church giving committee to discuss. Ted will talk to the committee about this option.

* Drip Catchers – Natoma Elliott donated Drip Catchers for the tea coolers. A thank you note will be sent to her for the generous donation. Don is going to engrave them with St. Paul's before we start using them.

Next board meeting will be Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly

Secretary

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