



# THE ST. PAUL'S Newsletter



**February 2013**

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*Seeking to Know, Grow In,  
and Show the Ways of Jesus*

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## **150 Candles!**

By Pastor George

It is here! The kick-off of St. Paul's Church's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has arrived. The anniversary committee has been meeting for over 14 months researching and planning the launch of the anniversary year, and now on Sunday, February 10, Rev. James Barnes (National Minister of the Evangelical Association) will speak on the closest Sunday to what is considered the "birth/ anniversary" of St. Paul's Church (February 13, 1863).

Before joining the United Church of Christ, St. Paul's was a part of the German Evangelical Synod for its first 64+ years, eventually joining the Evangelical & Reformed (E & R) Synod in 1927.

Rev. Barnes will help to connect some of the dots with our E & R history as well as encourage us to continue to join with what the Lord is doing in our lives and community today and into the future. There will be a reception between services with a sheet-cake and other refreshments - please plan to stop by and celebrate!

## **God Loves You!**

By Pastor George

It's so elementary and yet such amazingly, good news to so many - "God Loves You"! Over the years I have encountered many who have a hard time believing such news. They counter with, "but you don't know what I have done" or "if God really knew me, he couldn't love me". Imagine going through a week, let alone a lifetime, thinking that God could never love you. How lonely, sad and insignificant many aspects of life would be. Perhaps that's why the Apostle Paul wrote on more than one occasion in his letters a variation of this: "By grace you have been saved through faith. This is not of yourselves, it is a gift of God so no-one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

This year during Lent we will focus each Wednesday on the truth that "God Loves You" and look at various aspects of God's love and how we might respond to His great and amazing love!

The season of Lent is a 40 day period before Easter, not counting Sundays, that Christians set aside to give special reflection to Jesus' sacrifice for us - some even sacrifice, give up, something during this period as a way of declaring their dependence on God and not that from which they are abstaining. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 13. At St. Paul's we kick off Lent with an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7pm (a meal is served from 5:30-6:30pm in fellowship hall). As in the past, the Emmaus Home Choral Group will be a part of our worship

One change this year... with Charrette Baptist still searching for a pastor (Charrette's pastor typically preaches at our Ash Wednesday service and St. Paul's pastor preaches at the community thanksgiving service hosted at Charrette), I will deliver the message on February 13.

Plan on making these Wednesday evenings just one of the many ways you prepare for Easter and grow in your relationship with God. After all, as we are (re) discovering during Sunday worship, God intends for us to be a part of His Story of love and grace.



## St. Paul's Wish-List for 2013

In the coming months you will be hearing more about the following, as well as other, needs here at St. Paul's. The only thing keeping these from becoming reality is the funding. Your church council acknowledges the reality of these needs but realizes its limitations due to budget constraints. These are presented below with pricing at the high end (actual cost will likely be less) to give you an idea of the investment to make this type of difference.

You might be willing to help fund one of the following projects or a part thereof. Your designated gift just might motivate others to do the same, for they are perhaps waiting to see if someone else wants to help make an impact.

If you have put St. Paul's in your will you might consider utilizing part of that gift to see a project completed and enjoy the difference it makes while you are this side of heaven. I once heard a long-time member say, "I want to leave behind more than just a pew!"

If you are interested in learning more about any of the following contact a church council member or the pastor. NOTE: this list is not exhaustive, there are other continuing needs due to wear and tear, but this list is a starting point.

**Asphalt Pave Parking Lots and Stripe** (East Lot and South Lot). Target Budget \$45,000

**West Side Parking Lot Improvements & Asphalt paving and striping.** Target Budget \$25,000

**Kitchen Expansion & Remodel.** Target Budget \$175,000 (\$5200+ has already been designated)

**Fellowship Hall Partition Replacement.** Target Budget \$12,000

**Real Property Acquisition Fund.** In looking toward future expansion, these funds would be used to purchase adjoining properties when they come on the market. Target Budget \$200,000

**Assistive Listening System for sanctuary to aid those with hearing difficulties.** This would include one transmitter and four individual receivers with either headphones or earbuds. Target Budget \$800

**Church Van.** This vehicle would be utilized by youth and other groups for event transportation, possibly even neighborhood Sunday morning rides to church. Target Budget \$15000. (the youth have already raised \$3200)

**If you are aware of other needs which should be on this list, please communicate them to the church council.**

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## 2013 Church Council

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Jason Collier ..... Ushers & Greeters

## Financial Reports

are now also posted outside the church office.

Brief Recap:

### GENERAL FUND

Checking Acct Bal. (11/30/12)	<b>\$ 2,501.93</b>
Deposits	<u>\$ 32,455.73</u>
	\$34,957.66
Expenses	<u>\$(21,398.45)</u>
<b>Balance On Hand (11/30/12)</b>	<b>\$ 13,559.21</b>

**Feb. 17 is the FINAL DATE** to accept family histories for the Anniversary Book. If people are having a hard time getting started or have questions about dates, etc. they can contact a member of the book committee: Amy Lange, Gene Ahmann, Bob Dohrer, Jeanette Stegner, Jennie Buescher, Cathie Schoppenhorst, Yvonne Ridder. Or write a note on the getting connected card that you want the history committee to contact you!

We really appreciate that so many are willing to share something about their family's involvement here at St. Paul's. This is going to be a priceless piece of Marthasville history. Remember, even if you are new to St. Paul's we would love to have you included in the book. Once you walk through our doors, you are a part of our history!

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Vera Freese, recently hospitalized, transferred to Victorian Manor for further rehab - (2800 Rabbit Trail Dr, Rm#37, Washington MO 63090); Robynn Greer-placed on hospice; Pam Mutert (daughter of Maurice & Mary Mittler)-complications from recent bladder removal, undergoing testing regarding options; Courtney Monzyk, recovering (knee) from recent auto accident; Lindsey Clements - Mercy St. Louis, abdominal bleeding; Eddie Garrett, recovering from recent hospitalization; Lucas Schneider(19 yr old friend of Bollmann family); Mike Bowen-upcoming heart surgery; Dee Schuster-pneumonia; Ardath Pritchard - now receiving therapy at home; The Newtown Connecticut residents & others victimized by recent shootings; Gail Dickinson- recovering from back surgery; Don Moon (Mary Day's brother-in-law)heart; Eleanor Lutz - sciatic nerve pain; Gail Morris-battling Crohn's disease; John Spires-Parkinson's; Jerome Bunge-battling Parkinson's and limited mobility (for Walean as she cares for Jerome).

**Those battling cancer:** Donna Watson (Jenny Buescher's niece), Verneal Reese (D'Arline Driemeyer's sister), Kathy Scholz, Mary Carton (Jenny Bartlett's mother), Mark Jones (Marge Jones' son), Dana Picker, Greg Bira, Robynn Greer, Jim DeLarge, Jean Stevens, Susan Day, Roger Gusewelle, Trevor Joerling, Bill Wiegert, Tammy Haxton, Carole Sincox, Nancy Monzyk, Danielle Gratz(29 yrs), Leonard Lutz, Charlie Frankenberg, Debbie Walde, Juanita Deeker, Janet Nadler, Dale Krampe, Tim Palitzsch, Gene Bollinger, Eric Franklin.

**Recent Deaths:** Carl Rottmann, (Lester Rottmann's brother), Virginia Bierbaum, Earl Eichmeyer, Lester Topp (Amanda Schweissguth's grandfather), Donna Kleinheider (Carla Lange's sister), Bob Heady (Robbin DeVore & Trudy Heady's father), Leisa Wilke (Robbin DeVore's cousin), Wilbur Russ (Gay Eskew's father); Don Weiss (Kaye Chisholm's father)

**Those serving in the Military:** Stuart O'Black, Sam Eskew, Tirzah Eskew, Gabrielle Zuniga, Jason Zuniga, Devon Martin, Caleb & Sarah Murphy, Tim Thornton, Chris Noeth, Erin Francis, Sam Hellebusch, Chris Boehlein & others seeking to faithfully serve God & Country!

**Pray for members in nursing homes or who are otherwise limited due to mobility/illness.**

**Please remember those who can't always be with us with prayer/a visit/letter/card/ phone call.**

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### Hospital Visitation

If you are going into the hospital, please notify the Church Office and/or Pastor George with the details. Unless you prefer otherwise, Pastor George would like to schedule a visit at the appropriate time. In addition, if you know of someone who is recovering from surgery, is home-bound or is in a Nursing Home and who would like a visit and/or to receive Holy Communion, please contact the office or Pastor George.

### Altar Flowers

#### January 6

By Ardath Pritchard in memory of Rufe Pritchard for his  
Jan. 8 birthday

*Extra arrangement*

In honor of McKenzie Dohm's 12th birthday, with love  
from Dad, Mom & Molly

#### January 13

In honor of Robbin DeVore's birthday today  
by her sons Jacob & Isaiah

*Extra arrangement*

In honor of Dayton & Tucker Griesheimer's January  
birthdays, with love from Mom & Dad

#### January 20

In memory of Cornelius Berg, for his Jan. 22 birthday, by  
his family

*Extra arrangement*

In honor of Matthew Marquart's birthday with love  
from Dad, Mom & Elizabeth

# St. Paul's Teen Adventures

## Youth News Recap

*By Karen Nye*

Thank you for all the prayers for our trip to Branson! 13 youth and 3 leaders attended. The three day trip was packed with speakers and music (and of course a stop at The Bass Pro in Springfield). We had some really great speakers. We also had a speaker that wasn't so great. God used all of this to show us several things.....

We all fall short.....this speaker missed his mark that morning with our youth. However, we learned that even during a not so great talk, if you only focus on the negative, you miss out on the positive. You see, when we went back to the hotel to have our circle time, none of us really learned anything.....or so we thought.....the next day when we were headed back we ran into another youth group. We got to talking and one of the youth from this group asked me who my favorite speaker was, after I answered, I asked him who his favorite speaker was and it was the one our youth thought was crazy.....You see, we focused so much on his weaknesses, we didn't see his strengths. This speaker needs our prayers just as we need the prayers of others to remain strong in the lord.

Speakers are great motivators but they are NO substitute for God. Thursday night we had such a great speaker who hit the nail on the head on so many levels. He got it. He felt all the things we felt. It was almost a blessing to have the next speaker not be so great as it was a reminder that God will use people to help us grow, but no one takes His place.

Jesus is all we need for our salvation. We also need the body of Christ to grow in our relationship with Jesus and others. Who is the body of Christ? Several of the youth spoke about this during church service. The body of Christ is others who have put their faith in Jesus as their Savior. Having a church family is essential for us to grow and learn and be accountable to Jesus and each other.

Once we put our faith in Jesus and accept him as our savior there are two things we need to TRY to do daily. Pray and Read His word. This is hard for youth and adults to do. Reading God's word can be confusing and hard to understand. The Holy Spirit is there to guide us in this understanding, but WE have to ask!

After returning from Branson it was if the Lord said, "Hey youth, here you are....." Our church began a series study using a book called, "The Story". I could not hardly contain myself when I read the email that the ENTIRE church would be studying the same thing. Elementary kids, youth, adults of all ages would be learning about the bible at the same time. Studying God's word with the body of Christ. The song signed, sealed, delivered kept playing in my head. Oh the conversations that are taking place with youth, parents and grandparents about The Story of God's word. Praise you Jesus!

The youth have also started studying the book of James on Wednesday nights from 4PM-530PM at the youth house. We will follow the Washington School Schedule. If there is no school or a modified day, we will not meet. Transportation is offered from the Middle and High school. Contact Chris Marquart or myself if you need a ride. Dinner is then offered in the hall from 530-6PM where several other small groups and ministries join together for a meal. If you are interested in joining, contact me and I will order you a book. Cost of book \$13.

Back in November, several youth attended PassPort2Purity. Several parents mentioned they wanted to do that with their youth but that weekend didn't work for them. These resources are in our church library and are available for you to use anytime. I would be happy to meet with you and help plan your weekend with your youth.

## Winter Jam

**Sunday February 24**

We will be leaving directly after church. Sign up in the lobby. I need to know how many youth are going so we have enough seats. Adults planning on going, please list amount of seats you have available.

Wild About Youth  
Steak Dinner  
& Auction

**April 6, 2013**

This is the biggest fundraiser for youth ministries at St. Paul's.

*Thank you for your support!*

## Dare2share

**March 22-23**

We will leave directly after school Friday. We will be spending the night Friday at one of PG associates church's to save on expenses. We will return Saturday night (could be late, up to 10PM). Youth can be picked up at youth house Saturday night. We can call when we leave St. Louis. Cost is \$50. There will be a Sub Sandwich sale to offset expenses. In the past youth who participated in the sale earned enough money to cover all expenses.

## Kids Worship

By Shannon Dothage

Beginning in February on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's, kids in preschool thru 6th grade will begin class with worship songs. Parents can drop their children off between 10:15-10:30am in the 2nd/3rd grade classroom (Rm #105 - West Side of Fellowship Hall, instead of going to the sanctuary for worship). A time of worship utilizing familiar VBS-type songs will be experienced with fun motions to get the kids excited for God. We will utilize past VBS songs and new songs for the upcoming VBS this summer.

We will come together for a time to praise God with our voices and actions. We believe that worship is more than just singing and dancing - true worship comes from a heart that knows and loves God. We are excited to share the knowledge and love of God with kids and to help them learn to worship from the inside out. Students will then depart with their teachers to their respective classes. The second, fourth and fifth Sundays will remain the same with the entire family starting off in worship and the children departing after children's time. The pickup routine will remain the same on all Sundays.

### Jr. Worship Team- ages 8-12

sings the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month, rehearsing the 2 Wednesday nights prior, 6:30-7pm. Come check out a rehearsal or contact Cathy Engelage (636-932-4666)



### Super Sunday Event

for Elementary age, their parents & siblings

**February 17, 2013**

Lunch will be served in fellowship hall after worship. We will depart for Sky Zone (Chesterfield Valley) at 12:15'ish. Jump from 1:30-3:00 p.m., then pizza and drives from 3:00-3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10/person for entrance, "Sky-Socks" to keep, 90 minutes of jumping, 30 minute pizza party.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Poster Contest

Young people through high school age are invited to share in the excitement of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Pauls by making posters to share memories or visions of St. Pauls in the past, present or future. Your colorful posters will help remind members and visitors that this is a very special year at our church. Full details can be picked up at Sunday School or in the hall at church. Deadline is February 24. Winning posters will be featured on the website and space permitting, in the St. Pauls 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book.

**The Hands Fulla Good News Team** is a ministry of St. Paul's Church and Charette Baptist. New members from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to adult are welcome. The team meets every Monday from 4:30 - 6pm as well as for performances. For more info contact Cheryl Parsons at 636-932-9961 or [cheryl.ann.1210@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.ann.1210@gmail.com)

### 2013 is the Year You Can Finally Read Through the Bible

This year will be full of celebrations and remembrances as we, St. Paul's Church, celebrate 150 years. As we celebrate our church history we'll reflect on "His Story" - God's story from beginning to end. Each week's worship & message, as well as Sunday School and Small Groups, will connect with our personal story, our church's "history" & tie in with God's Story. **Additional copies of "The Story" have arrived**- they can be purchased, \$10/each at the Lobby Table.

**Many are taking advantage of a growing number of "The Story" Small Groups. Make a few visits to one of the following groups:**

**Tuesdays**, 6:30am @ Bread Co. in Washington (Mixed group)

**Wednesdays**, 4:15pm in the Parlor (Mixed group)

**Wednesdays**, 6:30pm in the Parlor (Women's Group)

**Thursdays**, 6:30pm, SPC in the Prayer Room (Mixed group)

**Thursdays**, 6:30pm at Sharon Seeley's home [27 Whispering Oaks, 63090] (Mixed group)

### ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION

**Date:** February 8<sup>th</sup> **Activity:** Games – board/cards/dice

**Place:** Classroom adjacent to the Fellowship Hall

We encourage you to attend the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser by the Marthasville Fire Department Auxiliary being held in Fellowship Hall for dinner. Around 7:00 we will gather for another night of games. Bring a favorite that you like or plan to join in with others.



For a copy of Worship (for shut-ins) OR Message's on audio tape for personal use / share with a friend, please speak to someone at the sound booth, contact the church office or pick up one from the basket on the lobby table.

## February Birthdays

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Kirk Engelage     | 17 Dolores Cramer      |
| 4 Emily Keene       | 18 Aaron Dohrer        |
| 5 Steven Webb       | Don Sida               |
| Ben Zeh             | Kaleb Longsdon         |
| Christina Monzyk    | 19 Grace Webb          |
| 7 Linda Hasenjaeger | Wilma Zeh              |
| Helene Krampe       | 20 John Presser        |
| Chris Lowry         | Bryce Kazmaier         |
| Evan Witte          | 21 Herbert Roloff      |
| Jennifer Zeh        | David Pepmueller       |
| 9 Wes Berg, Jr      | James King             |
| 10 Randy Roloff     | 22 Darrell Hasenjaeger |
| Colsie Lange        | Henry Stegner          |
| 11 Yvonne Ridder    | Martha Wackher         |
| Bryce Mayer         | Carl Krampe            |
| 12 Dusty Nye        | Marge Jones            |
| 15 Robert Dohrer    | 25 Donald Lange        |
| 16 Jon Zeh          | Cheryl Swartz          |
| John Carver         | 28 Ethan Collier       |

## February Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 John & Joyce Carver
- 3 Jerome & Walean Bunge
- 6 Murrill & Bev Wohler
- 7 Paul & Diane Freese
- 8 Edgar & LaVerda Thierbach
- 11 Dennis & Billie Kramme
- 12 Henry & Jeanette Stegner  
Larry & Brenda Hoemann
- 14 Robert & Dee Schuster
- 15 Ron & Dorothy Wurmb
- 19 Russell & Marigene Kersten  
Mark & Marline Theissen
- 20 Paul & Lori Riegel

## February Baptism Anniversaries

- 11 Teagan Zeh
- 12 Taylor Steffens
- 17 Tristan Zeh
- 22 Molly Struckhoff  
Dylan Longsdon
- 29 Wesley Thierbach

## February Extra Step Mission

“One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS).

A mission offering carrying God's message of love & hope to people in more than 80 countries, working with international partners to provide clean water, food, education, health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS

also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response as well as development initiatives, including support for approximately six missionaries working in health care, education, and agricultural development. Nearly 1/3 of this offering is shared through Church World Service to support refugee, disaster, develop, and advocacy programs. **Please make checks payable to “St. Paul’s Church” with OGHS in the memo.**

## ALL You Can Eat Pork Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

Sunday, February 24, Noon Until 5:00 p.m.  
St. Paul’s UCC, Marthasville, Fellowship Hall

Carry Outs Available  
Valet Service will be available  
Fresh Sausage, Ribs & Back Bones For Sale

Come & Bring Your Family & Friends!!  
Adults - \$10.00, Children 6 to 12 - \$5.00

Help keep the 100+ year tradition of quilting alive at St. Paul's by learning to hand quilt. Creative Hands Fellowship will meet this **Monday, Feb. 4th from 6:30-8:30 in the parlor.**

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book**  
order forms and Family History guide-sheets are available in the Lobby.  
Be sure to pick yours up & place your order ASAP.

**BRING-A-MEAL Sunday** is February 3. Typically, as part of our ongoing mission to and with our community, we share non-perishable food items that would make up one meal during the day (Breakfast, lunch or dinner) or various toiletry needs. FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, TOILETRY AND PERSONAL HYGEINE ITEMS ARE GREATLY NEEDED. These items go to the Southern Warren County Food Pantry here in Marthasville, serving those within the 63357 zip code. Thanks for caring and sharing!

# St. Paul's Ministry Calendar – February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>FH = Fellowship Hall WFH = West Side Fellowship Hall MFH = Main Fellowship Hall</p>						2 10-12noon Sub-Sandwich Assembly Fellowship Hall
3 Bring A Meal Sunday 9 & 10:30am Worship Holy Communion 10am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School 12-4:30pm—Youth Event	4 9:4-30pm Quilters 4:30pm-6pm Puppet Team @ CBC 6:30-8:30pm Creative Hands Fellowship 7pm Adult choir practice	5 "Story" Small Group 6:30am @ Bread Co 6:00pm Prayer Ministry Church Council 7pm	6 9am Small Group @ Nye's 2pm Women's Guild 4pm Youth "Winter Wednesdays" 4:15pm "Story" Small Group-WFH 5:30-6:30pm Dinner- Free Will Offering 6-8pm Cross Training 6:30pm "Story" Small Group-WFH	7 1-5pm Quilters 6:30pm "Story" Small Group-meets in the Prayer Rm	8 Adult Social Connection	9
10 OFFICIAL KICK-OFF OF OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY 9 & 10:30am Worship 10am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School 2pm Christian Unity Service @ Ebenezer UCC, Augusta	11 9-4:30pm Quilters 4:30pm-6pm Puppet Team @ CBC 7pm Adult choir practice	12 "Story" Small Group 6:30am @ Bread Co 6pm Worship Leader Rehearsal 7pm Food Pantry @ CBC 24-Hours Of Prayer 7:30pm—Healing Prayer Service Leading up to Lent, sanctuary will be	13 9am Small Group @ Nye's 4pm Youth "Winter Wednesdays" NO SMALL GROUP—Off Week 5:30-6:30pm Dinner- Free Will Offering 6-8pm Cross Training	14 <b>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY</b> 1-5pm Quilters 6pm Anniversary Book Subcommittee 7pm 150th Anniversary Committee NO SMALL GROUP—Off Week	15	16 11am Food Pantry @ CBC
17 9 & 10:30am Worship 10am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School Super Sunday @ Sky Zone	18 9-4:30pm Quilters 4:30pm-6pm Puppet Team @ CBC 7pm-Christian Educ. Committee 7pm-Missions Committee	19 "Story" Small Group 6:30am @ Bread Co 6:00pm Prayer Ministry 7pm Worship Leader Rehearsal	20 9am Small Group @ Nye's 4pm Youth "Winter Wednesdays" 4:15pm "Story" Small Group-WFH 5:30-6:30pm Dinner- Free Will Offering 6-8pm Cross Training 6:30pm "Story" Small Group-WFH 6:30pm-Junior worship team	21 1-5pm Quilters 6:30pm "Story" Small Group-meets in the Prayer Rm 6:30pm "Story" Small Group-meets at	22	23 Sausage Dinner Preparation Day
24 9 & 10:30am Worship 10am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School 11:30am Youth to WinterJam Noon-5pm Sausage Dinner & Country Store	25 9-4:30pm Quilters 4:30pm-6pm Puppet Team @ CBC	26 "Story" Small Group 6:30am @ Bread Co 6:00pm Prayer Ministry 7pm Worship Leader Rehearsal	27 7am Marthasville Area Prayer Breakfast, St. Ignatius 9am Small Group @ Nye's 4pm Youth "Winter Wednesdays" 4:15pm "Story" Small Group-WFH 5:30-6:30pm Dinner- Free Will Offering 6-8pm Cross Training 6:30pm "Story" Small Group-WFH	28 1-5pm Quilters 6pm Anniversary Book Subcommittee 6:30pm "Story" Small Group-meets in the Prayer Rm 6:30pm "Story" Small Group-meets at		

# Pray at All Times

by Rodney Howard-Browne

Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

**(Eph.6:18 AMP)**

To pray means:

- To offer devout petition, praise, thanks, etc., to God
- To make earnest petition
- To enter into spiritual communion with God
- To make a fervent request or entreaty
- To ask (someone) imploringly; beseech

To speak reverently to God in order to express thanks, make a request etc

Synonyms for prayer are: importune; entreat; supplicate; beg; beseech; implore.

There is not just one way to pray—the Bible tells us that there are several ways to pray. Prayer is a weapon in our spiritual arsenal that we should take full advantage of. Most believers don't pray as they could or should, because they have no faith that they will receive an answer.

Perhaps they don't know that they are allowed to come boldly into God's presence, because they are washed in the blood of Jesus and clothed in robes of righteousness. Perhaps they have a guilty conscience because their hearts are not right with God. Perhaps they are just lazy or perhaps they don't understand the power of prayer, or they don't know how to pray, or they don't have any faith that God would hear them or answer them.

## • Pray at all times

We are to pray at all times—on every occasion, in every

season. Pray when you are weak and pray when you are strong! Prayer is not just for emergencies—it should be a habit; a way of life. Don't only pray in the tough times—pray even when things are going well—on every occasion,

in every season. On the other hand, don't stop praying, just because you think that your situation is too hard for God! Just pray and don't quit!

## • Pray in the Spirit

"Praying in the Spirit" means to pray in the Holy Ghost; in tongues; in your heavenly prayer language. It also means that you yield yourself to the Holy Spirit and are led by Him as to what to pray for in English, or your native tongue.

## • Pray with All Manner of Prayer and Entreaty

There is not just one kind of prayer. Use all the different kinds of prayer that are available to the believer.

## • Keep Alert

Keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance! Yes, Jesus has given us power and authority over the devil, but we should not be lazy or negligent either. The devil is always walking around, looking for opportunities to kill, steal, and destroy. We should not make it too easy for him! We need to be strong and persevering as well as alert! When he sticks his head up—whack it back down!

## • Intercede In Behalf of All the Saints

To intercede means:

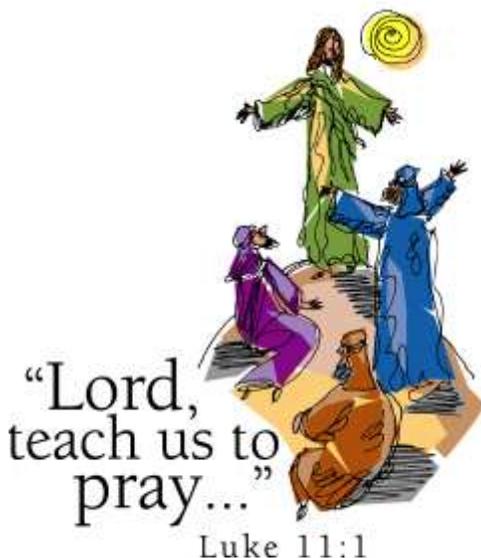
- To plead on another's behalf

To act as mediator in a dispute

We are not just to pray for ourselves, and our own families, and our own church. We have a responsibility to pray for other believers and other ministries as well. Stand in the gap for others! Use your faith to carry others to God in prayer. Maybe if we took this responsibility seriously and prayed for each other, instead of judging each other, we could achieve more as the Body of Christ!

Do not stop making yourself available to God to pray His perfect will in the earth. We are in a pivotal moment in American and world history. It is more important now, than ever, that we stand together as believers and pray for one another and our nations.

An attack against one is an attack against all. The devil sends attacks from the outside, but he is also good at weakening the Body by pitting us against each other. If we will yield to the Spirit and not the flesh, keep our own hearts right with God, walk in the love of God, and pray for all, then God will move mightily on our behalf, and His plan and purpose will be done in our lives, in our nation, and in the earth!



## Prayer Initiative for Lent

This year during Lent, you are invited to participate in the Lenten All Church Prayer Initiative. We will be praying for each other as we strengthen our prayer life as well as our relationships with each other.

In Ephesians 6:18 Paul writes, “ Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests with this in mind, be alert and **always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.**” Through the Lenten All Church Prayer Initiative you’ll have a chance to pray for another family and someone else will be praying for you and your family.

We’ve put each family’s name on a 3 X 5 card. On Sunday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, those cards will be in baskets at each entrance to the sanctuary. As you enter, pick up a card and that will be the family you can pray for during the 40 days of Lent.

You are encouraged to reach out to that family with a card, an e-mail, or phone call to let them know you are praying for them and to find out if they have any specific prayer needs. This is a great opportunity to reach out to someone you might not otherwise meet. Just imagine how we might all be changed if we earnestly pray for each other for 40 days.

Jesus said, “My house shall be called a house of prayer.” Let’s make that a reality at St. Paul’s this Lenten season. .

### THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

February	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Lead Usher</b>				
9am	Russ K.	Karla A	Curt R.	Angie H.
10:30am	Lafe & Youth	Jason C.	Brad K.	Aaron G.
<b>Greeters</b>				
9am	Rich-Barb S.	K. Painter	Jr & Cindy Berg	Curt R.
10:30am	Walter H.	Collier Family	Celeste S. & Ruth D.	Kuchem’s
<b>Welcome Center Greeting Team</b>				
	Nye’s	Collier’s	Brewe’s	Kuchem’s
<b>Readers</b>				
9am	Marge Jones	Catie Monzyk	Shannon Dothage	Chris Marquart
10:30am	Youth	John Carver	Krista Carver	Lisa Bollmann
<b>Acolytes</b>				
9am	Strubbergs	Wilma Z.	Angie H.	Curt R.
10:30am	Youth	James & Josie	Brad K.	Kuchem’s
<b>Nursery Leader(s)</b>				
	Terri Ogle	John & Mary Day	Cheryl Parsons	Brenda Roloff
<b>Fellowship Hour (between worship services)</b>				
	Wilma Zeh	Mary Mittler	Diane Freese	Phoebe Collier
		Marge Jones	Karen Sida	

