

August 20, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

**23** S.P.I.C.E Resumes

**25** SPARC

**28** Church Council  
Meeting / Preschool  
Board Meeting

**29** Preschool Resumes

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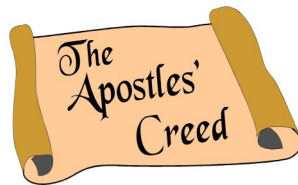


# St Paul

united methodist church

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

Beginning Wednesday, August 23, at 6:15 pm you are invited to join a twelve week study of THE APOSTLES' CREED by Matt Chandler. It is easy for our culture of individuality to shape the way we think about the church. With so many questions, opinions, and interpretations among people today - even within the church - what should we all agree on as essential to Christian faith? Sign up at the reception counter. The book is optional and is \$13.00. The e-book is available at the same price. See Diana Tally for more information.



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## BIBLES WERE DELIVERED BY STUDENTS

Over the summer the jr high Sunday school class delivered Bibles donated by the congregation to children of families served by our Outside Our Door ministry. Our students saw first hand where these children live and spoke with them when we were able. They invited the kids to church as they hand delivered bibles to them. At one house a young girl answered the door. Our kids explained who they were and placed a pretty teal-colored Bible in her hands. The girl hugged the Bible to her and told us she had been wanting one but their money was too tight. Our kids invited her to church as she rocked the closely held Bible. We were humbled as we talked about how she had received the gift you, the congregation, enabled us to give. We will probably never know in this life how these small gifts have impacted these children. St. Paul thank you for your generosity.



## S.P.A.R.C.

St. Paul Active Retired Christians is the adult fellowship group for seniors in our church and community. Join us August 25 at 11 am for fellowship, food and fun. All those 50+ are invited.

# SPARC



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### THANK YOU UM ARMY

Thank Dear St Paul, We would like to thank those that recently participated in UM ARMY in July. You graciously gave of yourselves to help our neighbors in Sabine County. You brought energy to our congregation, shared the good news of Christ, and served others with enthusiasm and joy. We would especially like to thank Edie Anthony, Matt Carter, and Zach Hill for their time,

energy and service. They made a big difference in our community and we are grateful for them. Hemphill First United Methodist Church

### S.P.I.C.E.

S.P.I.C.E. will resume this Wednesday, August 23. Please join us for dinner at 5:30 pm in the FAC.

### COUNCIL MEETING

The St. Paul church council meeting is Monday, August 28 at 6:15 pm in the Parlor. Everyone is invited; committee members are expected. Every member is an at-large member of the council and has a voice and vote at the meeting.

### OUTSIDE OUR DOOR

Outside Our Door is packing food bags Tuesday, August 29 at 9 am.

## THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to the staff and members of St. Paul for your kindness, encouragement and friendship for the past five years. I would also like to thank you for befriending my family and allowing us to participate in the ministries of St. Paul. It has meant so much to us. It has been a true blessing to serve God alongside His precious people. May God bless you all.

Love, Niki Flannigan

This section in our newsletter features brief witnesses of faith and inspiration from those in our church family. Our hope is that you will be blessed in your walk with Christ by these stories of faith.

## YOUR FAITH JOURNEY IS NOT OVER UNTIL GOD CALLS YOU HOME

by Faye Harrington

Acts 20:24 " However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. "

On February 23, 2015 I was able to be with my mother as she finished her race and went to be with Jesus. Less than a week before this I had knee surgery and couldn't drive. I called my son-in-law the night before and asked him if he could drive me the next morning so I could spend the day with my mother. He picked me up about 7 the next morning. My phone rang just as we turned on the street to the Sabine House and I was told my mother had taken a turn for the worse and I needed to come now. I got to mothers room and was able to hold her hand and talk to her for the next 30 minutes before she left this world for her eternal life. Her battle with Alheimzers was over and she could rejoice with her Lord after completing her journey of faithful service. She was an awesome example of how we should share God's love with others.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

08/20 Glee Lobb	08/23 Pat Gunter
08/21 Jimmy Findlay	08/23 McKensie Ledoux
08/21 Marilyn Guerrero	08/24 Marla Beavens
08/21 Dorothy Lee	08/24 Alex Cosson
08/22 Jeanette Barnes	08/24 Jan Leonard
08/22 Luke Campbell	08/25 Ben Ezell
08/22 Shirlyn Findlay	08/25 Amber Juneau
08/22 Maddison Smith	08/25 John Lucas Tinsley
08/23 Connie Forse	08/26 Demetrius Dukes

*If your birthday is missing, please contact the church office.*



## DO YOU HAVE A FAITH STORY TO SHARE?

Periodically we have a section in our newsletter that features brief witnesses of faith and inspiration from those in our church family. Do you have a faith story you would like to share? If so, email it along with the title to the church office at [office@stpaulfamily.com](mailto:office@stpaulfamily.com). Your story may be chosen to be published in our newsletter. All articles are subject to editing.



## PICTURES FOR THE DIRECTORY

It is time for a new church picture directory. Each family will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait and directory for participating. Please plan to sign up for a time slot to have your pictures taken so our church directory will be complete. The photographer has openings on the following dates and times:

Sunday, September 10 --1pm - 9pm

Monday, September 11 -- 12 pm—8 pm

Tuesday, September 12 -- 12 pm—8 pm

Wednesday, September 13 -- 12 pm—8 pm

Sign up online on the church website [stpaulfamily.com](http://stpaulfamily.com)

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y3gt424e/>

or see Faye Harrington, Lisa Havens, or call the church office.



## LAY SERVANT TRAINING

October 21-22

Lay Servant Ministry Training Event

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Wesley UMC 3810 N Major Dr, Beaumont



**ONLINE GIVING**  
now available

St. Paul now gives you the opportunity to give to the church via credit, debit, and direct transfer via PayPal. Click on the donate link on the church website: [www.stpaulfamily.com](http://www.stpaulfamily.com) You can make one time donations or, if you have a PayPal account, you can set up recurring donations. If you have any questions, please contact Penny Van Arsdale in the church office.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday 08/20

8:00 am—Choir, Choir Room  
 8:30 am—Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 9:30 am—Sunday School\*  
 10:45 am—Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 12:00 pm—College and Careers, 170  
 2:00 pm—Women's Bible Study, 146

## Monday 08/21

8:30 am—Preschool Training, Children's Pod  
 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts, 170 (Wesley) and 146

## Wednesday 08/23

9:00 am—Quilters, 170  
 5:30 pm—SPICE Meal  
 6:00 pm—Youth Group, Youth Room  
 6:15 pm—Adult Bible Study  
 6:15 pm—KFC

## Thursday 08/24

8:00 am—Tally Breakfast, 170  
 9:30 am—Quilters, 170  
 7:00 pm—Praise Team, Sanctuary

## Friday 08/25

11:00 am—SPARC

## Sunday 08/27

8:00 am—Choir, Choir Room  
 8:30 am—Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 9:30 am—Sunday School\*  
 10:45 am—Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 12:00 pm—College and Careers, 170  
 2:00 pm—Women's Bible Study, 146  
 3:00 pm—SE District Conference, McCabe  
 Roberts UMC, Beaumont

\*Child Care Provided    FAC= Family Activity Center

### Financial Update As of July 31, 2017

2017 Ministry Budget	\$542,400
Monthly Income Needed	45,200
Budget Income Needed Jan - July	316,400
Actual Income Received Jan - July	293,695
Difference of Ministry Jan-July Budget	-22,705
Actual Expenses Jan-July	315,230
Actual Income Jan-July	293,695
Difference Jan-July	\$-21,535

# PRAYER



**Prayer Support for  
 Military  
 Personnel & Their  
 Families**

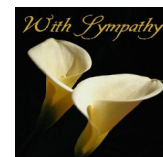
Vance Darborne :: Air Force :: Hawaii  
 Dillon Flannigan :: Navy :: Virginia Beach, VA  
 Sarah Greaux :: Air Force :: Okinawa, Japan  
 Brandon Hawkins :: Air Force :: Fort Meads, MD  
 Cody Howard :: Navy :: Japan  
 Stephen Howard, Jr :: Navy :: Millington, TN  
 Eric Jaime :: Navy :: Goose Creek, SC  
 Keegan Johnson :: Air Force :: San Antonio, TX  
 Jason LeBlanc :: Navy :: Hawaii  
 Aaron Myers :: Marine Corps :: Deployed  
 Doug Stephson :: Navy  
 Colby Warner :: Marines  
 Kristen Young :: Las Vegas, Nevada

**Church Office Hours  
 Mon.-Thurs. 8 am - 4 pm**

## CARING AND SHARING FOR OUR MEMBERS IN LONG TERM CARE

Dan Dumas                      Rose House Rm 118  
 Roxie Duncan                Cypress Glen Rm 301  
 Orville Winfrey                Magnolia Manor

A detailed list of all our current prayer concerns are available in the foyer. If you would like to be a member of our prayer team to receive updates, please contact the office.



THE FAMILY OF  
 AUSTYN HALTER  
 LARRY LUMPKIN  
 DENNIS ROBERSON

### PRAYER REQUESTS

E-mail: [office@stpaulfamily.com](mailto:office@stpaulfamily.com)  
 or call 735-5546.  
 Phone prayer chain available  
 after hours and weekends.  
 Please call Diana Tally  
 745-5437.

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