

St. Paul's

Epistle



February 2012

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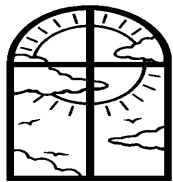
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**SUNDAY
MORNING
WORSHIP**

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Extravagant
GENEROSITY

The Heart of Giving

1 Prayer Walk

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, February 11
Education Building and Sanctuary

1 Pledge Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, February 12
Sanctuary

1 Giving Hearts Covered Dish Luncheon

Noon, February 12
Fellowship Hall

Lenten Study

MOSAIC: When God Uses All the Pieces
9:45 a.m. Sundays, beginning February 19
Room 206

or

7 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning February 21
Room 204

Forever Young Event

Covered Dish Luncheon and Games
11:30 a.m. Thursday, February 23
Fellowship Hall

C.O.F.F.E.E.

Religious Diversity Seminar
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, February 25
Fellowship Hall

Book Discussion Group

When Bad Christians Happen to Good People
7 p.m. Wednesday, February 29
Room 204

Reading Music Series Begins

Extra Mile Giving Month

Details inside this newsletter ⇨

Extravagant GENEROSITY

The Heart of Giving

As part of our Extravagant Generosity campaign our Youth are collecting cans of soup, chili, and stew for donation to MUST this Sunday. Please place donations in the box in the Narthex. Thanks for your support!

Our Prayer Walk for the Extravagant Generosity campaign is Saturday, February 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We'll be preparing for our Pledge Sunday on February 12 by praying for our church's mission and ministries. Come, bring a friend and walk with our Lord for an hour. Sign up at the Information Booth for a time slot. The walk will begin in the adult Sunday school classrooms and proceed into the Sanctuary where a prayer chain will be constructed as a commitment to continue praying for our church and as an encouragement to others to participate in the missions of God's church.

You're invited to the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, February 12, for our "Giving Hearts Luncheon" in celebration of our Extravagant Generosity campaign. Please bring a covered dish to generously share and join us for loving fellowship!



Join us on Wednesday, February 29, at 7 p.m. in Room 204 when we will discuss the very thought-provoking book, When Bad Christians Happen to Good People by Dave Burchett. Christians sometimes unintentionally offend or drive away non-Christians and fel-

low Christians in a number of ways. Beyond giving concrete examples of the problem, Burchett offers workable solutions that call for new ways of relating and healing that can help all Christians be more sensitive and effective witnesses to the world. Paperback book is available via amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and familychristian.com.

Lenten Study

Announcing our Lenten study: MOSAIC: When God Uses All the Pieces by Shane Stanford looks at how God uses the broken pieces of our lives to reframe our purpose, turning our broken hopes and dreams into something beautiful and useful—a mosaic in which God uses all the pieces. Each lesson illustrates how one of our seven R's—our rebellion, restlessness, regret, rejection, responsibilities, resources and relationships—is used by God for good in the world. Join us in Room 206 at 9:45 on Sunday mornings starting February 19 or in Room 204 at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights starting February 21; continuing throughout the Lenten season. All are welcome. Cost for the study book is \$8.



Women's Circles Sunshine Circle will meet Wednesday, February 8, at 1 p.m. in Room 207. Ann Trengove will serve as hostess. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Any questions, please call Stevie Brantley.

Joy Circle will meet at Martha Robinson's home on Monday, February 27, at 7 p.m. for a planning meeting. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Forever Young Events

Forever Young group will meet on February 23 at 11:30 a.m. for a covered dish luncheon and games led by Game master, Pam Deutsch. Bring your box games or cards and tables, if necessary. Note: Please sign up on February 12 and 19 at the Information Booth to bring food, drinks. We also need a volunteer to give devotion.

Upcoming: March 22 - Tour the Monastery of the Holy Spirits in Conyers. Lunch location to be chosen.

April 26 - Tour the historic Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta. Lunch location to be chosen.

May 24 - Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. Covered dish luncheon and Program—"ID Theft and Fraud" by Gail Stephens.



Our new Bells Ferry Elementary School Ministry is getting underway! We need volunteers to help in the Media Center or work one-on-one with children and their reading skills. A sign-up sheet is available at the Information Booth, and a short FYI meeting will be held in the Sanctuary right after worship on February 5.

We will be teaching crafts on February 24 to the mentally disabled at the Health Center in Austell. Meet in the church parking lot at 10 a.m. to carpool. Contact is Marcie Windsor.

It's cold and flu season once again, and we will be continuing our soup ministry during the winter months. When making homemade soups for your family, please save a quart bag or two, and place in the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen to be given out to the sick as needed. Remember to label the bags with your name, the name of the soup, and the date it was made. If you have any questions, please call Jeanine Jenkins.

Community Of Friends and Families Educating and Entertaining—

Our next C.O.F.F.E.E. will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 25, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Jim Setser will lead an informative seminar on Religious Diversity. This will include information on the five major world religions, Christian denominations, and alternative movements. There is no cost and lunch will be provided! Register at the display in the Narthex or register via email lowellsetser@aol.com. More information is posted on our website www.stpaulumc.com/ReligiousDiversitySeminar.pdf.

Our 2012 Calendar is posted on the bulletin board next to the Church Office. Altar flowers add beauty to each worship service and provide a meaningful way for us to remember or honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion. Claim your Sunday soon! This year's cost is \$45.



Music Notes: Reading Music 101

Did you know that the Bible uses the word sing dozens of times? Jeremiah 31:7—This is what the LORD says: "Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'

The Holy Word tells us to sing about all kinds of stuff but probably most often says: "Sing a New Song." Psalm 149:1 "Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people."

One of the things that I have learned from my studies of the Bible is that if the Holy Word directs us about something multiple times, it really, really means for us to do it! It makes it a whole lot easier to 'sing a new song' if you understand a bit about how to read music.

You are invited to be the recipient of some extravagant generosity. [Victoria Owens](#) has offered to come and teach some basics about reading music and music theory. She has a degree in music education and has just completed her masters in theological studies. She is an excellent teacher!

The plan is to offer a 9-week course in the music basics. The 30 minute sessions will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the music room, beginning Wednesday, February 15th. Please plan to arrive a bit ahead of time to say all of the hellos, find a seat, get set, and etc...

She will be using an instrument called a 'recorder' to teach intervals and etc. They will be supplied. This learning invitation is geared towards adult learners and she asks that no one younger than middle school age attend.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex beginning this Sunday, February 5.

This is really a fantastic opportunity to learn a little bit or to brush up on an old skill regarding what the Bible tells us to do..."Sing a New Song." Hope to see you there!

Blessings,

Becky Peterson

Ongoing Request For The Stine Family

We are continuing to provide and deliver a main dish or meat based casserole (no shellfish) twice a week to Sharron Stine and family. Please sign up at the Information Booth in the Narthex. Thank you for your support! Contact is Marcie Windsor.

--- Sunday Servants ---

- Liturgists..... Jim Setser
 - 2/5 Mike McMillin 2/12 Tara Bain
 - 2/19 Tara Bain 2/26 Tara Bain
- Greeters/Ushers.....Larry Robinson
 - 2/5 Coleman Castellaw, Mike Jackson, Kevin Keith, Sherry Richardson
 - 2/12 Pat Hall, Ann Loe, Peggy Pool
 - 2/19 Randy Isbell, Sherry Pletcher
 - 2/26 Dave Parker, Ed Peterson, Larry Robinson, Harry Sawyers
- Altar FlowersChurch Office
 - 2/5 Luciann & Clay Draper 2/12 Available
 - 2/19 Available 2/26 Available
- Nursery Helpers..... Lucy Agresta
 - 2/5 Lucy Agresta 9:45 Susan McMillin..... 11:00
 - 2/12 Lucy Agresta 9:45 Ann Trengove..... 11:00
 - 2/19 Lucy Agresta 9:45 Martha Robinson 11:00
 - 2/26 Lucy Agresta 9:45 Fred Elam..... 11:00
- Church Open/Lockup February..... Anna Bain
- Monday Volunteers..... Hazel Morgan
 - 2/6 Phil Mahoney, Hazel Morgan
 - 2/13 Bob Baker, Ruth Gmyrek
 - 2/21 (Tuesday) Ruth Castellaw, Ernie Windsor
 - 2/27 Mary Mahoney, Jim Setser

February Birthdays

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| 03 Earl Taylor | 18 Nancy Bellacosa |
| 05 Laura Lim Sang | Lynn Tanner |
| 06 Liam Draper | 19 Darrall Salter |
| 07 Nathan Brower | 20 Lucy Agresta |
| Blake Rhodes | Ashton May |
| 12 Taylor Isbell | 24 Larry Robinson |
| 13 Susan Deutsch | 28 Sherry Pletcher |

Looking Ahead to March

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| 01 Claudia Sawyers | 17 Hersh Bowling |
| Morgan Thomas | 18 Meredith Cox |
| 04 Stacy Dickson | 19 Brenda Jackson |
| Ed Jackson | Bob Trengove |
| 07 Becky Peterson | 23 Michael Brower |
| 08 Eva Brower | 25 Mary Mahoney |
| 09 Carrie Whiten | Harry Sawyers Sr. |
| 12 Dean Agresta | 26 Alma Taylor |
| 13 Mikey Agresta | 28 Sherry Richardson |
| Sharon Lamoureux | 30 James Childers |
| 15 Louise Pomeroy | 31 Christi Wilson |
| Harry Sawyers II | |



Worship Series February

Join us each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary!

February 5 Bucket Lists—Visions and Hope
Are Inspirations of the Heart

February 12 Declarations of Your Heart—Extravagant
Generosity is an Expression of Your Heart

Extra Mile Giving in February

On February 26 we'll have the opportunity to help in hard times through giving to the 2012 Homeless Offering. 100% of the Homeless Offering goes to ministries that serve homeless and poor people through the North Georgia United Methodist Housing and Homeless Council. Our offering goes to homeless shelters, feeding programs, domestic violence shelters, utility and rent assistance, Habitat for Humanity houses and programs that help homeless persons learn skills. These ministries are located all over North Georgia.

—OUR FAITHFULNESS—

“I will be loyal to St. Paul United Methodist Church and support my church with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.”

WE CAME

Average Sunday School Attendance 32

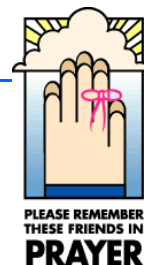
Average Worship Attendance 87

WE GAVE

General Budget Gifts as of 1/31\$15,810.28

General Budget Expenses as of 1/31\$15,256.50

Giving Statements for 2011 are available on the Usher's table in the Narthex. Please pick yours up this Sunday (and help us save on postage).



Homebound: Mary Altman • Bootsie May • Jean & Chuck Pletcher • Louise Wolfgram
 Military Overseas: Nick Mastley • Tino Murray • Scott Richardson • Robbie Riggins • Chase Smith • Craig Young.
 Working Overseas: Paul Bailey • Scott Tuttle