

October Newsletter 2015

To Know Christ,
To Make Him Known,
To Build His Kingdom.

From the Pastor's Desk

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God". Ephesians 2:19

In this day and age rampant skepticism of religious institutions and the seeming marginalization of the church as an impacter of culture we must ask ourselves and reconnect with what our mission and purpose should be as The Church.

First we must ask ourselves what Jesus saw the church's mission to be. He commanded us to make disciples (Matt. 28:19). He told us His mission; which was to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). So there is certainly a sense of reaching or gathering in how Jesus himself identified the mission of the church.

We must also ask ourselves what we do with the saints once they have been gathered. Hebrews 10:25 makes it clear that we are to regularly meet. We are certainly to participate in the sacraments because it is commanded and beneficial to our souls. We are to preach the Gospel (I Corinthians 1:21) because this is God's agent of change. We are to pray and study his word. And we are to exist with another as the family of God (Ephesians 2:19). So there is a sense of perfecting or equipping the saints to serve.

The Westminster Confession of faith describes the mission of the church in this way:

*[In This] visible Church, Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the **gathering and perfecting** of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world; and doth by his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise, make them effectual thereunto. WCF XXV*

We at St. Paul Evangelical Church have the great privilege and opportunity to be able to join in the mission that God is already performing in our community as he by His Spirit prepares hearts to be receptive to the message of the Gospel. The mission before us is to reach the lost, to disciple them and to see them grow in grace and be equipped to serve in His kingdom.

How do we accomplish this? We live our lives together as partakers of God's grace in the gospel. We recognize our brokenness and need of grace and we share that grace with each other and our community.

You are welcome to join us October 12th for our leadership seminar as we discuss in greater detail the core values and mission of St. Paul Evangelical Church.

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jason*

Sunday Morning Schedule

Bible Studies for All Ages 9:30

Every story casts His shadow

66 books. Dozens of authors. A holy canon thousands of years in the making. Every word, every verse, bears His testimony. The testimony of the Holy Messiah. Jesus Christ. Eternal King.

The Gospel Project is a chronological, Christ-centered Bible study for Kids, Students, and Adults that examines how all Scripture gives testimony to Jesus Christ. Through this course, participants will journey from Genesis to Revelation and discover how God's plan of redemption unfolds throughout Scripture and still today, compelling them to join the mission of God.

Join us and 1,000,000 other Christians as we continue this life changing study.

Children's Sunday School ~ Infants - 6th grade

In the Fellowship Hall classrooms

Youth Bible Study 7th – 12th grade

In the Youth Room of the Parsonage

Adult Bible Study

In the parsonage classroom

Worship Service

10:30 - 11:30

Fellowship following service

Weekday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Pastor Jason is facilitating a discussion on **The Book of James**.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Bible Study does not meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

In the Sanctuary at 7:00pm we will be studying **The Gospel of Mark**.

Join us for a time of prayer, singing, and bible study. Pastor Jason will be teaching.

Children's Ministry in the fellowship hall classrooms,

they are learning from The Jesus Storybook Bible.

Youth Ministry Intern

St. Paul Evangelical Church is currently looking for a Part Time Youth ministry intern.

The goal of this position is to provide a point person for our youth age students (7th-12th).

This is a critical age group and we hope to provide opportunities for growth, discipleship, and of course fun for them through a Christ Centered, Gospel Focused youth ministry. We have reached out to area Seminaries and College Campus Ministries looking for potential candidates.

If you know someone who might be interested, we would love to hear from them. All inquiries and applications should come to Pastor Jason.

The 5th Annual St Paul Evangelical Church

Pumpkin Patch Update

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

As of today, the pumpkins are scheduled to arrive on Saturday, October 5th, 2015 around 2:00 p.m. If that date or time changes, we will send out an email and phone tree call.

Until then, we need to keep getting ready. We need more pallets, so if you have some, drop them off next to the storage shed behind the parsonage. (they need to be in good shape)

We will have pedal tractors again for the kids attraction. If you have one the church can use or see one you could buy to donate, please do so. Again, just drop them off at your convenience.

We also need a few wagons, to transport pumpkins to cars for our customers.

Please sign up for a few shifts at the patch. The board will be up soon. We need lots of coverage. It really is easy, get a friend to join you, call a neighbor that needs some company. Let's reach out!! Invite people and share the fun!

Flyers will be in the fellowship hall in September to hang up around town. Spread the word on your Facebook accounts each week. Share photos you take while you are there. Spread the word about the patch.

A Thank you goes out to all the trustees, as they have already begun getting our grounds around the church and house ready. It is quite a task.

Let's make this the best year yet! We have so much to offer at St Paul. The Sunday school classes will be doing activities all month at the patch and there are several groups coming to visit the patch as well.

To volunteer please contact the church office at 210-658-5874.

Thank you for your involvement and we will see you at the Patch!!

Questions and or concerns call a council member or the church office at 210-658-5874.

Upcoming Events

Women's Fellowship

This month they will host New Haven Resident Birthday Party on Friday, October 2nd. They will meet at New Haven Assisted Living and Memory Care, 2300 FM 3009, Schertz, at 2:30 pm.

The event will take place in their fellowship hall which is the back on the left hand side.

Donations of cookies, 1 dozen each, should be at the church on or before noon Thursday, October 1st, or you may drop them off at Bonnie's house, call to make arrangements. For more information please contact the church office at 210-658-5874.

Pumpkin Delivery and Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, October 3rd. We will be sprucing up the place, inside and out, and setting up the Pumpkin Patch along with the delivery of the pumpkins. So bring your gloves and tools and help get the church ready for the patch. For more information please see one of the Trustees.

SPEC Supper Club

Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00 pm.

CiboloFest

Saturday, October 10th from 10 am to 10 pm.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Sunday, October 11th after worship.

Offices Closed

In observance of Columbus Day the church offices will be closed
Monday, October 12th.

St. Paul Leadership Series

On Monday, October 12th at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall we will have our second in a series of leadership events. This is an opportunity to gather together and work through what it means to be a leader at St. Paul Evangelical Church. It is also an opportunity to discuss the direction, vision, and goals of St. Paul. Council members, Board of Christian Education Members, Women's fellowship board, and anyone else who is interested in being a leader at St. Paul Church are encouraged to attend. Run time will be no more than 2 hours.

The Sewing Sisters ~ October 8th and 22nd

They meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the parsonage from 9-11 am. All are welcome to come and enjoy good fellowship and ministry. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 210-658-5874.

Community Breakfast and Bingo

Thursday, October 15th at 8:30 am.

Council Meeting

Monday, October 19th at 7:00 pm

General Announcements

Mission Challenge

An anonymous donor has challenged our congregation to give for the Prakash Mission work. The challenge is every dollar you give will be matched dollar for dollar until we reach \$5000. So if we do our part that will be \$10,000 for the Prakash Mission!

Liturgy Sign Up

If you would like to contribute to the worship service by reading the liturgy, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the hallway by the name tags.

Directory Portraits

If you opted to have your portraits delivered to the church they are available on the table in the hallway.

Contact Information Needed

If you are a member and took directory pictures we should have updated information on you and your family. If you have an e-mail address that the church might not have, if you are a regular attendee but haven't formally joined the church we would ask that you fill out the "Guest Card" attached to the bulletin or provide the church Secretary with your information. We are gearing up to bring many new ministries and would like to be able to contact you in the manner you prefer, i.e. telephone, e-mail, or regular post, to inform you of the details.

Thank You

The church would like to thank the directory committee, Shari B, Edna S, and Sylvia S, for organizing the photo shoot and putting together our directory.

Thank You

The church would like to thank Sharna Z and her "crew" that provided the breakfast for the Sunday School Kick Off, as well as the teachers, who so lovingly provide the path for our church family To Know Christ, To Make Him Known, To Build His Kingdom.

Volunteers Needed

If you are looking for a way to serve the church and like working with computers we have the perfect spot for you. The A/V Team runs the computer and sound for the service on Sunday mornings. You would be able to serve the church and not miss worship. The computer part is a simple program to use and the sound board is basic as well. Please consider sitting upstairs for a Sunday or two in order to find out what all is involved. For more information please contact Beth Johnson at 210-658-5874 or by e-mail at Beth@StPaulCibolo.com.

Volunteers Needed ~ SPEC Supper Club ~ Community Outreach

Preparing and serving a meal for the needy of the community once a month on the first Wednesday. Your thoughts and prayers are really needed for this endeavor as we attempt to help our brothers and sisters that may need a helping hand. We are seeking donations toward this cause as well as volunteers. Several members have already expressed an interest in helping.

Please see Mr. Rich A, Mr. Tom C, Mr. & Mrs. Don & Marion D, Mrs. Beth J or Pastor & Mrs. Willie & Ann Stratemann.

Women's Fellowship Recycled Card Program In Support for St. Jude's Children's Homes

Used greeting cards, front cover only, can be dropped off in the designated box located in the Fellowship Hall. They will then be sent to St. Jude's Children's Home, for use by Kids' Corp., a program of the children at St. Jude's Ranch to learn entrepreneurship skills. The children participate in making the new cards by attaching a new back and then selling them. For information on purchasing of cards go to http://www.stjudesranch.org/help_card.php. For more information please contact the church office at 210-658-5874.

Prayer Team

If you are willing to receive e-mails or phone tree messages with prayer requests, please give Pastor Willie Stratemann your e-mail address or phone number.

Ushers and Greeters

If you can help usher on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office at 210-658-5874.

Women's Fellowship Cookbooks Available

The cookbooks are available in the church office or after church in the Fellowship Hall. They are \$15.00 each and have over 800 recipes. They would make a wonderful gift for family and friends.

Cradle Roll Program

If you have a child under the age of three, please contact the church office at 210-658-5874 in order to enroll in our Cradle Roll Program. The Cradle Roll is an outreach program that provides biblical items and resources to parents of children three and under.

R.A.C.A.P. Pantry Needs:

They are almost out of the following items: Soup / Spaghetti Sauce and Spaghetti / Dried Beans / Meat Helpers (Hamburger, Tuna, etc.)

Regular Pantry Needs: Jelly / Canned Fruits / Muffin Mixes Jell-O / Laundry Detergent / Dish Soap / All Toiletry Items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, etc.)

Reminder: Due to health regulations R.A.C.A.P. is not allowed to accept any donations that are not in their original container or have been opened.

Notification of Events - If you would like to be notified of St. Paul events, via Google calendar alerts, please send your e-mail to admin@stpaulcibolo.com with a notation for e-mail alerts.

If your church organization needs an announcement put into the Newsletter, the cutoff date is the 23rd of the month and if you need an announcement put into the bulletin, the cutoff date is Tuesday of that week at noon.

Church Office Hours ~ Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Read Through the Bible in a Year program from Tabletalk daily devotional
(Tabletalk is \$23/year and can be ordered at 1-800-435-4343)

October Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 24 - Jeremiah 31
New Testament: Ephesians 6 - Hebrews 1

November Readings

Old Testament: Jeremiah 37 - Ezekiel 46
New Testament: Hebrews 2 - 1 John 2

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 13

33 Q. Why is He called God's "only begotten Son" when we also are God's children?

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God— adopted by grace through Christ.

34 Q. Why do you call Him "our Lord"?

A. Because— not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood— He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be His very own.

Lord's Day 14

35 Q. What does it mean that He "was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary"?

A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to Himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature

so that He might become David's true descendant, in all things like us His brothers except for sin.

36 Q. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

A. He is our mediator and with His innocence and perfect holiness He removes from God's sight my sin – mine since I was conceived.

Attendance for August 24 - September 20

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Exodus 20:8
As His custom was, Jesus worshipped on the Sabbath day. Luke 4:16

Date	Worship	Nursery	Total
August 30	100	5	105
September 6	75	0	75
September 13	97	5	102
September 20	103	2	105

Giving Report for August 24 - September 20

*“Bring the whole tithe into...My house, and test Me in this,” says the Lord Almighty,
“and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much
blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10*

Undesignated (env/checks/loose plate)	14,313.91
Communion	26.00
Pumpkin Patch	150.00
New Building Fund	200.00
Building Use	975.00
Prakash India Mission	980.00
R.A.C.A.P.	235.00
Church Maintenance	6,700.00
Pass Thru	1,460.00
TOTAL	25,039.91

Weekly undesignated giving average for this time period was: \$3,578.

Weekly undesignated giving needed to meet budget is \$3,488.

St. Paul Staff

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Serving the Lord since 1876

A mission-focused, kingdom-building family of Christ-followers seeking to be faithful to
Jesus' Great Commission {Go and make disciples ...} Matthew 28:19 and
His Great Commandment {Love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself.} Luke 10:27