

WE ARE ST. PAUL'S!

Sunday Opportunities

Prayer Time at 8:45 AM in the Chapel
Adult class every Sunday 10AM in Wesley House
Adult Class in the Library 10AM in the Library
Jr. Church 9AM & 11AM in Room 211

Weekly Opportunities

St. Paul's Preschool: Scholarship and donations accepted.
Saving Grace Advocacy: Monday - Thursday 9am-12:30pm
A.A. meets every Monday at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.
Dinner with Neighbors Wednesday at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall
Worship Practice Wednesday at 6pm in the Sanctuary
Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Library
Alateen meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in Wesley House.

Events:

Chancel Choir rehearsals on Wednesday, at 7:00pm. All singers are welcome!

Special Finance AD Council / Endowment Meeting, Monday August 31st at 6:00pm

Kitchen Remodeling Meeting, Monday, August 31st at 6:30pm

Preschool Back School Night, Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00pm

Drive and Dine Saturday, September 19th at 5:30pm. All are Welcome!

Last Week Attendance: 144
Weekly Average This Year: 129
Last Week's Giving: \$4,713
Weekly Budget Needs \$7,261
August Giving: \$16,057
Month-to-Date Budget: \$29,043
Year-to-Date Giving: \$183,670
Year-to-Date Budget: \$246,866
Annual Budget Needs: \$377,559



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August 30, 2026

Jesus' Parables and Teachings: Seek 1st The Kingdom of God

How to put God and The Kingdom 1st

Matthew 6:33

**But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and
all these things will be added to you.**

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9:00 a.m.

Prelude:"Psalm XIX" Marcello

Welcome:

Passing of the Peace:

Liturgist:Sharon Johnson

Opening Reading:Psalm 34:1-10

Opening Prayer:Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing us together today. Thank you for your grace that carried us through the week. As we begin this time of worship, quiet our hearts and focus our minds on you. Fill this place with your peace, open our hearts to your word, and guide us in truth and love. May our songs and prayers bring honor to your name. Amen.

Opening Hymn:Hymn#364 "Because He Lives"

Offertory:"Thee We Adore"

Offering/Offertory/Prayer:Heavenly Father, everything we have comes from you. As we give today, we do so with thankful hearts. Bless these offerings and use them to further your work in our church and community. Teach us to seek you and your kingdom first and help us trust that you will meet all our needs. Amen.

Scripture Reading:Matthew 13:44-46

Hymn:Hymn #349 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer:

Sermon Scripture:Matthew 6:33

Message:Jesus’ Parables and Teaching: Seek 1st The Kingdom of God

Hymn:Hymn #534 "Be Still My Soul"

Special Music:Ron Padgett "???"

Benediction:

Postlude:"Savior Again to Thy Dear Name"

11:00 a.m.

Welcome:

Opening Reading:Psalm 34:1-10

Worship:"Here For You"

Opening Prayer:

Worship:"Because He Lives (Amen)"

Scripture Reading:Matthew 13:44-46

Worship:"When I Look Into Your Holiness"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer:

Sermon Scripture:

Message:Jesus’ Parables and Teaching: Seek 1st The Kingdom of God

Worship:"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Prayer Requests:Stan Teal, Allen Koppernagel, Wayneta Lahr, Corinne Poucher, Tom Fillio, Mark Longacre, Rick Jones, Randy Adams, Debbie Wolfinger, Anderson Family, Cam McJunkin, Sue Miller, Marcy Mercer, Scot Lauderbach, Mama Jessie, Mateo and his mother, our leaders, our nation, and our world.

Cancer:Lynne O’Brien, Randy Zonker, Stephen Jones, Doug and Shannon Gullett, Adler Carris, Kent Pettet, Ms. Joy. In remission:Cathy Murschel, Janna Tomasini, Samantha Moyer, Claudia Phipps.

Continuing Prayers:Diane Poplawski, Scott and Stephanie McElravy, Kathy DeFries, Austin Johnson, Sue Moses, John Thompson, Ellie Strukel, Kathy Scott, Billie Carl.

Prayer Chain:To start someone on the prayer chain call one of these three: Louise Jones 574-361-5517, Pat Klockow 574-262-5949, or Sharon Johnson 574-538-9994.