

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

 7:45 am  8:45 am  11:15 am

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**CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**CHANGES ONLY**

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CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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 I would like to receive email from St. Paul's.**PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS** 

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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

843.873.1991

For more information, visit our website at [www.StPaulsSummerville.org](http://www.StPaulsSummerville.org)**General Information for this morning**

**Welcome Families!** At St. Paul's we hope to create an atmosphere in which all families feel welcomed with open arms. Here is the information that you need to know for a successful morning of worship and Sunday School:

- **Worship as a Family (all ages):** At St. Paul's, we encourage families to worship together on Sunday mornings, therefore children in first grade and older will remain with their parents throughout the service. If you or your children are not used to this, please know that we understand and recognizing that it might take a few times to develop the routine. We're here to help, so don't hesitate to ask a priest or our Children's Minister about successful family worship. *If you need to take your children out of the service for a moment (we know, temper tantrums happen!), please feel free to:*
    - ☞ In Doar Hall, go to the Atrium (to your left) or St. Paul's central (to your right)
    - ☞ In the Church Building, go to the Family room behind the choir area (front left).
- In each of these locations you will be able to hear the service through speakers.

- **Kid's Church (3 years old through Kindergarten):** We recognize that some children are too old for the nursery but too young to sit through the whole service! Children who wish to go to Kid's Church will leave the service after the Gospel is read and return for Holy Communion. While away, they will participate in a liturgy that mirrors that of the church service, including a Bible teaching at their level, song, prayers, and confession.

- **Nursery: Infant** (6 – 17 months) and **Toddler** (18 months – 3 years) are located on the first floor of the Children/Youth Building. Our experienced staff is CPR and First Aid certified and pagers are provided to notify parents if necessary.

**Communion**—anyone baptized in the Christian faith is welcome to receive communion this morning. **Please note:** the Communion elements consist of real wine and bread or wafers containing wheat. Please ask the bread server for gluten free wafers. Receiving one or the other is considered participating as fully as anyone who receives both.

All guests are invited to visit our **Welcome Table** after the service today. You will receive a gift and information about St. Paul's.

**Giving**—Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plates. We also have electronic giving centers in Doar Hall and Skardon Hall for debit and credit cards. St. Paul's does not want anyone to incur debt in order to give to the Lord. We offer the electronic giving centers as a convenience.

**Giving Envelopes**—are available for your convenience. You may pick up a pack in the church office or at the back of the building today.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Youth Minister—Korey Kincaid— 785.215.3710

**This Week:**

- Tonight—**Middle School outing** to Velocity Air Sports / no Youth Group. See/call Korey if your child is interested in going.
- Wednesday (1/13)--**High School Youth Group** back at it--7-9 pm.

**Important Upcoming Dates**

- **Jesus Weekend**--if you are in the confirmation process please remember that this retreat is a requirement.  
When: Friday, February 5 -- Sunday, February 7  
Where: Camp St. Christopher  
Cost—\$125.  
How: Visit the church website, link at the youth page to register
- **Epic**-- High School Retreat, Friday, March 18 -- Sunday, March 20

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Baptisms**—We give thanks for the baptisms of Josephine Jordis McLean, daughter of April and Scott; Evelyn Mae Delamar, daughter of Jillian and Jarratt; Larson Caroline Snipes, daughter of Erin and Bruce; George Whitfield Parvin, son of George and Jennifer; Cian Jonah Miller, son of Justin and Karen. With joy, we receive them into the family of Christ Jesus

**Sunday School** begins again TODAY.

**ALPHA** returns to St. Paul's on February 16 for an eight week session. For more information, fill out the Connect Card and indicate interest in ALPHA.

**GriefShare**—It hurts to lose someone. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Meetings are held at St. Paul's on the third Tuesday of each month. Join us on January 19 at 3 pm in Skardon Hall, room #5. Contact John Scott for additional information.

**Summerville Annual week of Prayer for Church Unity Schedule:**

The weekday services are all at Noon, followed by a light lunch. Sunday's service is at 6 pm.

☩ Mon., Jan. 18—Presbyterian Village Chapel—Preacher is Kenneth Battle

☩ Tues., Jan. 19—St. Luke's Lutheran Church—Preacher is Rev. Mary Tucker

☩ **Wed., Jan. 20—Summerville Presbyterian Church—Preacher is The Rev. Tripp Jeffords**

☩ Thurs., Jan. 21—Murray UMC (1216 Orangeburg Rd.) - Preacher is Rev. Robin Griffeth

☩ Fri., Jan. 22—New Vision Cathedral (128 W. Hamilton St., Lincolnville) -

Preacher is Rev. Stan Cruse

☩ Sun., Jan. 24—Church of the Nazarene (Hwy. 78) - Preacher is Rev. Jeanette Jordan

Christian Unity week is sponsored by the Summerville Area Ministerial Association (SAMA). You may contact John Scott for more information on the schedule or the SAMA.

**Garage Sale** - The Honduras Mission team will host a garage sale on Saturday, February 6, from 7:30 am to Noon in Skardon Hall. WE NEED YOU to bring your 'stuff' for us to sell. Ranai Kennedy will receive items in Skardon Hall beginning Sunday, January 31. Household items, furniture, books, toys..... will be accepted, but please no clothing!

As Americans, we have the right and privilege to vote. 2016 is a Presidential election year and we encourage YOU to vote. You must register at least 30 days before the primary to vote in the primary. The primaries will be held on February 20 (Republican) and 27 (Democratic). Make your vote count. You can register online at [dorcestervotes.org](http://dorcestervotes.org).

**St. Paul's 2016 Tea Room and Gift Shop** will be held Feb. 29 - March 5 and March 7-11. Volunteer sign-ups can be made on Sundays after the services and during the week in the Skardon Hall foyer. Find your place!

**CLC Spring Consignment Sale**—mark your calendars—April 21—23.

Please place completed form in the offering plate or take to our Welcome Table.  
Anonymous comments will be discarded.

Impacting the World in the Name of Jesus

**Sunday, January 17**

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11  
 Bpatism Sunday  
 7:45 am Traditional Rite I Worship  
 8:45 am Contemporary Worship-Doar Hall  
 10:15 am Sunday School—all ages  
 11:15 am Traditional Rite II-Church Bldg.  
 5:00 pm Cursillo Ultreya  
 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group  
 5:00 pm CA  
 6:00 pm NA

**Monday, January 18**

8:00 am Centering Prayer  
 10:30 am Pastoral Care Team Meeting  
 10:30 am Women's Bible Study  
 7:00 pm AA  
 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

**Tuesday, January 19**

6:30 am Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
 9:00 am Women's Bible Study  
 9:30 am Church Staff meeting  
 10:00 am Senior Exercise Class  
 10:00 am AA  
 6:30 pm Call to Discipleship  
 7:00 pm CA

**Wednesday, January 20**

10:00 am AA  
 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study  
 4:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsal  
 5:30 pm Cursillo Group  
 7:00 pm AA  
 7:00 pm High School Youth Group

**Thursday, January 21**

Vestry Retreat  
 10:00 am AA  
 10:00 am Senior Exercise Class  
 11:30 am Al-Anon  
 5:00 pm Summerville Medical Outreach Clinic  
 6:00 pm CA  
 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack #730  
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #2

**Friday, January 22**

Vestry Retreat  
 9:00 am Call to Discipleship  
 7:00 pm AA

**Saturday, January 23**

7:00 pm AA

**Sunday, January 24**

**Scripture Readings:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; Luke 4:14-21

Vestry Commissioning  
 7:45 am Traditional Rite I Worship  
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**Clergy:**

The Right Rev. Mark Lawrence, *Bishop of South Carolina, XIV*  
 The Rev. Tripp Jeffords, *Rector* FrTripp@StPaulsSummerville.org  
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# Covenant Cards

I know some people don't like pledge cards. Often that's the case because they don't like to commit to anything in life, even to God.

People in our modern culture hold a certain disdain for covenants. Marriage covenants are broken at an alarming rate. Prenuptial agreements are signed to produce an easy way out if things begin to get rocky. Many have forgone covenants altogether. And sadly, we sometimes allow this low commitment mentality to spill over into our religious life.

I say we buck the trend! I am calling St. Paul's to join with me as we "raise our Ebenezer" to God (I Samuel 7:12) and become "living stones" for Jesus (I Peter 2:5). As I said in my sermon last Sunday, we take a stand for God by living differently from the world around us. Within a low commitment culture, God is calling us to be a high commitment church. Doesn't God deserve our very best, not a cheap fling or a casual relationship?

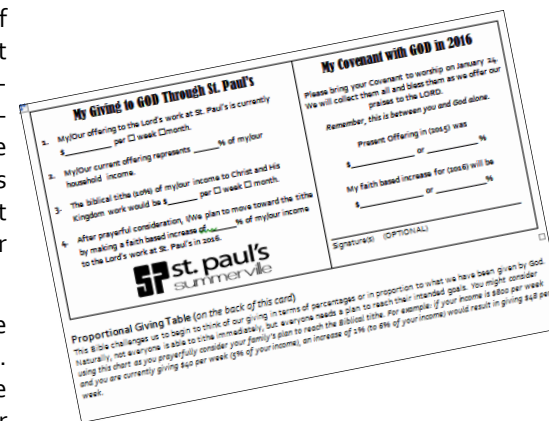
It would be safe to say that our God is a covenanting God. From the Noahic Covenant to the Mosaic Covenant to the Davidic Covenant, our relationship with God is strengthened by covenants. Covenants lend structure to our relationships. Covenants make clear the mutually agreed upon expectations which exist within a relationship. Covenants deepen commitment levels. Writing something down is powerful.

I want to challenge you and your family to take home a covenant card today. Think and pray about returning to God a portion of what He has given you as a thank-offering to Him. Every Christian should have a financial covenant goal which begins at 10% or a tithe of our income. Some of us may not have ever made a financial agreement with God before. But remember the old saying, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."

Use the worksheet and the accompanying grid to find your percentage giving toward God's Kingdom work. Create a plan, over time, to move toward a full tithe. If you are at 3% now, try 5% this year and increase by 2% every year until you reach 10%. Some may prefer to jump right in head-first! Others who are already at the tithe, you may turn your card in as a celebration of your covenant with God!

We ask you to bring these cards back by Sunday, January 31st. Remember the covenant is between you and God. No one from the church will be calling you about your commitment. You may even fill it out with no signature attached. We will present our financial covenants to God's glory during worship and will pray that God will use our resources to bear much fruit for Christ's Kingdom in 2016.

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## Guests



WELCOME, We're glad you're here!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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1st Time Guest  New to Area

Looking for a church home

Regular Attending Non-Member

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_13-19 \_\_\_20's \_\_\_30's \_\_\_40's \_\_\_50's \_\_\_60's \_\_\_70's+

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about:


- \_\_\_ A new life in Christ
- \_\_\_ Membership at St. Paul's
- \_\_\_ LifeGroups
- \_\_\_ ALPHA
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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