

This Week @ St. Paul's (Please see website for details)

<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	
Scripture Readings: Hosea 1:1-11 Psalm 149 Matthew 18:15-20	
8:00 am	Traditional Service-Church Bldg.
10:15 am	Contemporary Worship-Doar Hall
10:15 am	Traditional Service-Church Bldg.
3:00 pm	History of Summerville Lecture
5:00 pm	Cursillo
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group
<b>Monday, September 11</b>	
8:00 am	Centering Prayer
10:00 am	AA
10:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting
7:00 pm	Venture Crew
7:00 pm	AA
7:00 pm	Family Devotions
7:00 pm	GriefShare
<b>Tuesday, September 12</b>	
10:00 am	AA
6:15 pm	Alpha
6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 730
<b>Wednesday, September 13</b>	
10:00 am	AA
5:30 pm	Cursillo Reunion Group
7:00 pm	High School Youth Group
7:00 pm	AA

<b>Thursday, September 14</b>	
9:30 am	GriefShare
10:00 am	AA
11:00 am	Healing Prayer Service
11:30 am	AI-Anon
5:00 pm	Medical Outreach Clinic
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 2
7:00 pm	DivorceCare
<b>Friday, September 15</b>	
7:00 pm	AA
<b>Saturday, September 16</b>	
8:30 am	Beth Moore Simulcast
7:00 pm	AA
<b>Sunday, September 17</b>	
Scripture Readings: Hosea 2:14-20 Psalm 114 Matthew 18:21-35	
8:00 am	Traditional Service-Church Bldg.
9:00 am	Sunday School starts
10:15 am	Contemporary Worship-Doar Hall
10:15 am	Traditional Service-Church Bldg.
3:00 pm	Acolyte Training
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group



**September 10, 2017**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcoming the Stranger (Guest)

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:2*  
*"Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, "I came as a guest, and you received Me" Matthew 25:35*  
*And to all let due honor be shown, especially to the domestics of the faith and to pilgrims."*  
From the Rule of Saint Benedict, Chapter 53

The Bible is clear that we should treat strangers we meet as if they may turn out to be angelic beings in disguise. Jesus' words from Matthew 25 were chosen by St. Benedict as he sought to build his religious communities on the foundation of Christian hospitality. How well are you doing at hospitality? Do you receive visitors (guests) on Sunday morning as if they were Jesus himself?

How can we do hospitality more effectively on Sunday? Studies show that the Sunday guest decides whether or not to make a return visit before they even hear the sermon. Here are some practical ways to begin to make St. Paul's friendlier and more hospitable.

- BE OBSERVANT!** Begin to see your church through the eyes of a visitor. Begin to notice anything that may be a turn-off for a first-timer.
- BE CONSIDERATE!** If you are able, park in less desirable spots, leaving the choice spots for guests, the elderly, and those who have health challenges.
- SMILE!** A warm friendly smile and upbeat attitude go a long way to show hospitality and the joy of the Christian faith.
- GREET!** You don't have to be on a greeting team to say "hello," "how are you?" "good to see you this morning." It is natural to greet only friends and people we know, but we must be intentional in welcoming the "stranger."
- INVITE!** Once you have met a new friend, why not invite them to Sunday School? To your Life Group? To lunch after church?
- SHOW!** Show guests where Sunday School is. Walk them over to the nursery. Show them where the coffee is.
- DENY YOURSELF!** Give others a better place in line at fellowship meals. Let others have the choice seats in worship by sliding to the middle. Nothing is worse than having to climb over others in worship.
- BE FAMILY FRIENDLY!** For a lot of parents, Sunday can be a stressful time. Just getting young children out of bed, fed, clothed and in church can be a monumental task. Often, you come to church with frayed nerves. The children might be having a bad day. The last thing you want is to get glaring eyes from someone that makes you feel unwanted. Remember, our call is to treat them as angels or as Jesus himself.
- PRAY!** If someone asked for prayer, make a habit of praying right then and there. It shows you believe in the power of prayer and that your care for them.

To reserve a cover or if you have a submission for the Sunday News please contact Shelley Fipps.

**Biblically minded—Christ centered—Holy Spirit driven**



**WELCOME, We're glad you're here!**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- 8:00 am CB    10:15 am CB    10:15 am DH
- 1st Time Guest    New to Area
- Looking for a church home
- Regular Attending Non-Member

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive email from St. Paul's  
AGE  
\_\_13-19 \_\_20's \_\_30's \_\_40's \_\_50's \_\_60's \_\_70's+

CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- I would like more information about:
- \_\_\_ A new life in Christ
- \_\_\_ Membership at St. Paul's
- \_\_\_ LifeGroups
- \_\_\_ ALPHA
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS**   
If you would like your request concerning health, death, or other concerns to be added to our public prayer, please indicate by marking the box. All others will be put on the confidential prayer list for 3 weeks.

Place form in the offering plate or take to our Welcome Table to receive more information and a gift.

Contact Information

**Clergy:**

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# MEMBERS

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

8:00 am CB    10:15 am CB    10:15 am DH

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

## CHANGES ONLY

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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** to St. Paul's! We hope to create an atmosphere in which everyone feels 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 recognize that it might take time to develop the routine. We're here to help, so don't hesitate to ask a priest or Tina Smith about successful family worship.

• **New Format:** Kids Church (K3 -2nd grade) starts the same time as "big church" so bring your child to the Worship Center prior to the service start time. There you will find computers to sign in your children. There will be one computer for families attending services in Doar Hall and another for families attending services in the Church building. Please use the appropriate computers. They will print color coordinating name labels so that our little ones are taken to the correct service.

• Once they enter the Worship Center they will find lots of friendly faces welcoming them along with activity centers that will start their lesson time. They will continue with these until the sermons have ended:

✚ If you are attending the Church building service, please pick your child up at the end of the sermon.

✚ If you are attending the Doar Hall service, please look for your child entering the sanctuary and wave to them so they can find you.

**Communion**—Anyone baptized in the Christian faith is welcome to receive communion at St. Paul's. **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 of the elements is considered participating as fully in the Eucharist as anyone who receives both.

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

**Giving**—Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plates. We have electronic giving centers in Doar 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, in the back of Doar Hall, or the Church Building.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Today:

✚ Middle School Youth Group, tonight in the C/Y building 5-6:30pm

#### This Week:

✚ Wednesday (9/13), High School Youth Group in the C/Y building 7-9pm

✚ Sunday (9/17), Sunday School starts! Middle school meets in room C/213, High school meets in the Big Room.

For questions contact Korey Kincaid Youth Minister 785.215.3710

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Cursillo Gathering: Today

Potluck dinner at 5:00 pm in the Atrium. Come and enjoy music, food, fun, information and fellowship, Bring a friend- all interested are welcome. Childcare available- please contact Tina at the church office.

### Alpha: Tuesday, September 12

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. No pressure. No follow up. No charge. Alpha continues September 12 at 6:15 pm in the Atrium.

### Family Devotional Study: Tuesday, September 12

Do you find yourself as a father struggling to provide, enjoyable, meaningful, and spiritual times of family devotions? What is family worship? What have other people done? Why should I do it? How can I start? Calling all men Tuesday, September 12! There will be a series of teachings on *Family Worship* by our Youth Pastor Korey Kincaid. We will meet at 7:00 pm in Skardon Hall, Room 7.

### Stephen Ministry Information Meeting: Wednesday, September 13

Our congregation's Stephen Leaders are ready to launch a new training class for Stephen Ministers. If you want to find out more about this one-on-one caregiving ministry please contact Heather Kilpatrick at hmkilp1@gmail.com. Informational meeting will take place September 13 at 7:00 pm in the Connect Room.

### Beth Moore Living Proof Simulcast: Saturday, September 16

We will be live streaming Beth Moore's Living Proof Conference September 16. You can sign up now on our website under the "Events" tab. There are physical copies in the back of both Doar Hall and the Church Building to sign up. Please return forms to the church office. Tickets are \$30. Invite all your friends!

### Acolyte Kick-Off and Training Ice Cream Party: Sunday, September 17

Calling all St. Paul's youngsters 4th to 12th grade (age 8 /9 through 18)! September 17 there is a training and kick-off for St. Paul's acolytes. Ice cream party follows. Please meet in the Church Building for intro and training at 3:00. We will move to the Atrium for an ice cream celebration. \*Please come and find out how you can serve as an acolyte minister. We welcome and need your participation. Contact Van Marshall at 843.851.0303 or marshall1990@bellsouth.net if you have any questions.

### Children's Choir: Sunday, September 17

The St. Paul's Children's choir will begin weekly rehearsals on Sunday, September 17 at 9 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. The children will have a Bible lesson, music lesson and learn songs that will be shared with the congregation throughout the year. The choir is open to ages 4 through 4th grade. Please contact Sharon Hough at sharonhough9@gmail.com to register.

### Sorry for the Confusion

The only ShelbyNext app we are currently using is the membership app. The giving app and extension for ShelbyNext are not yet connected with our programs. You can find the link to Secure Give on our website: <http://www.stpaulsummerville.org/give-on-line>. Thank you for understanding.

### Public Lecture on History of Summerville: Today

Dr. Ed West, historian of the Summerville Museum, will be speaking today at 3:00 pm in the Church Building. This is the final lecture in his series based on articles written by John Gadsen, oldest son of the Rev. Philip Gadsen, founding pastor of St. Paul's. It is free for museum members; a \$5 donation is asked of non-members attending.

### Community Connections Book

Make sure to pick up a freshly printed copy of our new ministry booklet entitled 'Community Connections Book'. This book is full of events happening this fall, the sermon series, Sunday school options, ways to get involved, and more! They will be at the back of both Doar Hall and the Church Building.