

GROW

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL!

SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE ABOUT
OUR UPCOMING ADULT STUDIES.

WORSHIP ARTS FOR KIDS
ALSO RETURNS TO
WEDNESDAYS NIGHTS!



Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long time member of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us this Sunday. This is the last week of our series exploring how God enables us to "Grow" through difficult aspects of life. Our next series is called "Repent." We all stray from the path and need to repent at some times. What steps are you willing to take to journey toward forgiveness?

Our Wednesday Night Classes start on September 20. My study is focused on prayer. Prayer is one of the cornerstones of our faith and our relationship with God, but does it really make a difference? This study goes deeper into why we pray. Our Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne is also leading The Parent's Lounge. This is a place for parents to connect, hang out, and discuss parenting and faith related topics. If you are interested in attending either of these groups, fill out the Connect Card and let us know you're coming. For more upcoming events, read through this bulletin or visit our website: stpaulumc.org. Thank you all for being part of all we are accomplishing for the Lord!



Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

GLORIFY GOD

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude	Brenda Dannewitz
Welcome	Pastor Pam Dubov
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You And Me</i>
*Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymns	<i>For the Fruits of All Creation</i> No. 97
	<i>The Friendly Beasts</i> No. 227
*Apostle's Creed	No. 881
Prayer with Lord's Prayer	No. 895
Scripture Reading: Ruth 3:1-18 (selectively)	
Offertory	<i>We Walk By Faith</i> Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i> No. 94
*Prayer of Thanksgiving	
*Transitional Hymn	<i>Be Still My Soul</i> No. 534
Message	"Grow Through Character" Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer	
*Closing Hymn	<i>Come Ye Thankful People Come</i> No. 694
*Benediction	
*Postlude	<i>Blessed Are We</i>

*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, let an usher know.

Baby changing tables are located in both men and women's restrooms.

9 AM Greeters: Chris Fields and Nancy Ridge
10:30 AM Greeters: Linda Benoit and John Strelec

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Our strategic initiatives are goals we can't meet without God's help and the guiding purpose for our church over the next 5 years.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVE #1

INTRODUCE JESUS TO 20,000 PEOPLE IN A 5 MILE RADIUS OF OUR CHURCH, SO THAT THEY EXPERIENCE AND SHARE HIM.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVE #2

FOLLOW JESUS' LEAD TO REACH OUT TO THOSE EXPERIENCING POVERTY AND STRIVE TO REVERSE ITS EFFECTS ON OUR COMMUNITY.

Watch or Listen to Past Messages

Our past messages are available as both video and audio on our website. Watch or listen to the messages you missed, or the ones you want to hear again. Past Growth Guides are also available. Visit the "Past Messages" page under the "Worship" menu. You can also download past messages from iTunes; just search for St. Paul UMC.

VISITING US TODAY?

If you're visiting us today, welcome! We hope you find St. Paul a comfortable place to worship and that you feel God's love. To find out more about us we invite you to:



VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about St.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK
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Discover St. Paul Coffee

If you're new to St. Paul, thinking about joining, or just want to get connected with our missions and ministry, we invite you to join us for coffee after 10:30 a.m. worship on Sept. 10. Meet in the Connection Center at 11:45 a.m. for beverages and snacks, and the chance to get to know our pastors and St. Paul a little better. This is a great opportunity to connect and ask any questions you may have. If you plan to attend, fill out the Connect Card.

Looking for the prayer list? Turn to page 9.

10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Worship is filled with current Christian music from our praise band. You are invited to sing along with the words on the screens, or simply enjoy the music. You'll notice there is a time in our worship to give financially. This is how we support the ministries and missions of our church. We hope you experience the love of God with us today!



ABOUT
60 MIN.



PASSIONATE
MUSIC



NO
PRESSURE

Giving

It's easy to give online! You can make a one time gift or set up a convenient recurring contribution on our website. You can also use our online giving page to pay for things like worship flowers, class study materials and more. Visit stpaulumc.org and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.



Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by:

♥ Bob & Patti Martin. Happy Angelservary, from Nonny & Poppy, in memory of our beloved, Grace Robinson

Do you have an event or person you would like to honor with flowers? You can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets are \$40. Be sure to include your inscription with your order.

Join us in the Courtyard Between Services

Between worship times our praise band does a sound check in the sanctuary. If you arrive early to our 10:30 a.m. worship, we invite you to join us in the courtyard for refreshments and fellowship instead of entering the sanctuary right away. You are welcome to sit in on the sound check if you choose, but be aware that it can be loud.

St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

Use this card to record your attendance and share your prayer requests, needs and interests. Tear off and return it in the offering plate, the basket in the lobby, or the Connection Center. You do not need to fill out the entire card, only the parts that apply to you!

Date: August 27, 2017 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ ☐ Home ☐ Cell

Address: _____

I am a:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Time Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Attendee | <input type="checkbox"/> Member(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Resident | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please update my information. | |

I came today because:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I drove by | <input type="checkbox"/> I visited the website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I've been here before | <input type="checkbox"/> I received a mailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was invited by _____ | |
| Other: _____ | |

I want to join your e-mail list:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Pastor's E-Note | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly St. Paul Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Students | |
| Other: _____ | |

Be sure to put your e-mail address at the top of the card!

How can we pray for you?

- | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> For Military Prayer List |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT publish in bulletin. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT include on prayer chain. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to connect with a Stephen Minister. |

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

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I am interested in:

- ☐ Rededicating my life to Jesus
- ☐ Being baptized
- ☐ Becoming a member
- ☐ Joining a Small Group
- ☐ Serving at the church

How: _____

- ☐ Serving in the community

How: _____

- ☐ Learning more about St. Paul ministries

Specifically: _____

- ☐ Taking a Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Other: _____

I need a name tag for:

(Name tags can be picked up in the Connection Center to the side of the lobby two weeks after your request is placed.)

I would like to help with:

- ☐ Serving the Homeless on Sundays
- ☐ Middle School After School Program
 - ☐ Cook Meal ☐ Serve Meal
 - ☐ Tutoring Supervisor
 - ☐ Bus Supervisor
 - ☐ Early Supervisor

I can be available on Tuesday nights starting _____

- ☐ Faith Community Nursing
- ☐ Hosting Memorial Services

I will attend:

- ☐ Pastor Bob's Prayer Study - Starts Sept. 20
- ☐ The Parent's Lounge - Starts Sept. 20
- ☐ Discover St. Paul Coffee - September 10

Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info!

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NEXT STEPS

Want to know more about St. Paul, meet new people, or get more involved? TAKE THE NEXT STEP!



CONNECTION CENTER

Our Connection Center is located in the room to the side of the sanctuary. Stop by if you have any questions, need information, or would like to speak to someone about St. Paul.

DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Discover St. Paul is an informal coffee with the pastor to give you a chance to ask any questions you may have and discover more about who we are as a church, our mission, and core values. Our next Discover St. Paul coffee is September 10 at 11:45 a.m.



STARTING POINT CLASS

This four week class covers basics of our faith. For anyone who is new to attending church or is coming back to church.

ONGOING GROUPS

- Age level groups (ex. JOY, IGNITE)
- Source Groups (Small groups of twelve or less)
- Sunday School
- At 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.



SHORT TERM GROUPS

- Topical classes covering things like
 - ⇒ Finance
 - ⇒ Parenting
 - ⇒ Caretaking
- Topical and seasonal Bible studies and discussion

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG

for more information about our ministries.

GROW IN FAITH

Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes:

9:15 a.m. Sunday school class

Room 202 in **Bldg C**

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in **Bldg C**

Bereans - Conference Room 2 in **Bldg B**

Friendship—Room 201 (Community Room) - CLEC

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays for worship, study and fellowship in the Lu-Anne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC). Bring a lunch and eat together after worship. Beverages are provided by the church. For more information, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 or email bobby.v@stpaulumc.org.



IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

All adults from 18-30s are welcome to join IGNITE at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the CLEC. They are currently studying *Forensic Faith*, a fresh look at what it means to be a Christian. With real-life detective stories and biblical insights, J. Warner Wallace teaches cold-case investigative disciplines you can apply to Christian faith.

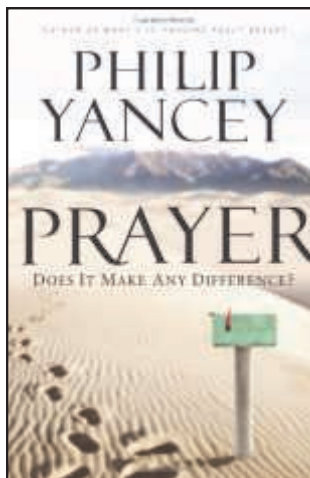
Follow IGNITE on Facebook for info on current and upcoming studies, events, and cancellations. If you'd like to receive scheduling notes by text, email youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com with the phone number where you would like to receive texts.



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Wednesday Night Studies

New studies begin on Wednesdays starting September 20.



Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?

Room 101 of the CLEC: 6:30-7:30 PM. Led by Pastor Bob.

Most of us pray, yet prayer, which should be the most nourishing and uplifting time **of the believer's day, can also** be frustrating, confusing, and fraught with mystery. Have you ever wondered why we pray at all? This study by Philip Yancey asks why we pray, and does prayer work?

Topics discussed will include:

- What does it mean to keep company with God?
- Unraveling the mysteries behind the act of prayer
- The language of prayer
- Why do answers to prayer seem inconsistent?
- The practice of prayer

Resource books are available for \$17. If you plan to attend, fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

Parent's Lounge

Mariposa Café in the CLEC: 6:30-7:30 PM.

Led by Bobby Van Duyne

We're trying something different with the Parent's Lounge. This is not a class with a specific book or curriculum, it's a laid back, fun environment, where parents can hang out, build relationships, and gather support and resources to help them navigate the challenges of raising their children. Weekly we will discuss important parenting topic such as: monitoring media, effective communication, navigating difficult family dynamics, balancing hectic schedules, appropriate discipline, and faith formation. Each week is a different topic, so if you miss a week you can jump right back in without feeling like you have missed too much. Coffee and desserts will be provided. Children from preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend Worship Arts at 6:30 p.m.





Children Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Johnson,
Director of Children's Ministry, kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Nursery Care is available today for infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in the nursery building (Bldg B) next to the sanctuary. Sign in and you will be given a card that you will need to pick-up your child.

This Sunday: Preschool & K-5

Preschool and K-5 are invited to attend their own worship and lessons in the Children's Ministry Center in Bldg C at both 9 and 10:30 a.m.



Family Fun Night

Your family is invited to join us for an INCREDIBLE family fun night on September 30 at 6 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Center. Our theme is *The Incredibles*. We'll have dinner and experience fun faith-related adventures for the whole family! Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 maximum per family.

Worship Arts Will Remain on Wednesdays

We've had a lot of feedback from families whose kids have been attending Worship Arts and were excited about its return, but would not be able to attend on Tuesdays. We want all of our Worship Arts families to be able to continue to attend, so we've decided to keep Worship Arts on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Worship Arts will resume on September 20, and we have lots of great stuff planned! Parents are invited to join us in The Parent's Lounge for discussion, desserts and more while your kids are in Worship Arts. See page 5.



Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade
Alison Van Duyne, Student Ministry
Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org



Sunday Night Student Ministry

We all feel the need to compare ourselves to others, but when we do, we somehow never seem to measure up. In this series, we'll see that we can be free from the trap of comparison when we look to God to find our worth.



TONIGHT

Trying to measure up only brings us down. Whether we'd like to admit it or not, we all have a tendency to base some of our worth and value on one thing: how we measure up to the people around us. In other words, we compare ourselves to others. This week we're taking a look at what Solomon has to say about comparison and what we can do to stop trying to measure up and start finding peace.

Middle and high schoolers are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by exciting group games and crowd breakers, passionate worship and biblical teaching and small groups. Dinner is \$3. Register in advance on our website: stpaulumc.org. Time together ends at 8 p.m.



Parents vs. Students Night

Parents are invited to join students on Sunday, September 24 for a free spaghetti dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by an epic game of Parents vs. Students dodgeball. We will also worship together and meet to talk about what is coming up next year.



St. Paul Fall Family Camping Retreat Nov. 3 -5

Register Online by October 3: stpaulumc.org
Lakewood Retreat—Brooksville, FL

Join us this fall for a camping retreat for all ages and grow closer to God, your family and friends! There will be group activities, devotions, and a worship service Sunday morning. Plus opportunities to have fun with activities and amenities like:

- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Mini golf
- Hayrides
- Campfires
- Outdoor Sports
- Porch Games
- Nature Trail
- Petting Zoo
- Glide Ride
- Human Foosball
- Shuffleboard
- Disc Golf
- Treehouse

St. Paul will grill up hamburgers and hot dogs on Saturday night and we ask everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Each family/group will then provide their own additional meals throughout the retreat.

Cost

There are multiple lodging options for the camping retreat so that everyone can participate. Rates are for the entire weekend:

- Tent Camping - \$25/Site
- Pop-Up Site - \$36/Site
- RV Site - \$50/Site

There is also a \$20 cost for each person to cover use of the facilities and activities. Children under 4 are free.

Questions?

For more information contact Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 x233 or bobby.v@stpaulumc.org

To register visit stpaulumc.org
and fill out the online registration form.
The deadline to sign up is Monday, Oct. 3.

You can pay online on our Giving page, or by cash or check. Be sure to put "Camping Trip" and the name your group is registered under on your payment.



Arts and Crafts Show Volunteers Needed

The United Methodist Women are hosting the 22nd Annual Homespun by Hands and Hearts Arts and Crafts Show on October 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event helps to fund the UMW's missions and ministries, including Open Arms and other ministries in our community. If you can help on the day of the event, or with set-up, visit the Connection Center and sign up on the form there or visit our website - stpaulumc.org - to fill out the online sign up form.



Help Unload Pumpkins

The Pumpkin Patch is coming! Pumpkins arrive on October 7 at 9 a.m. The more people we have, the faster unloading goes and the more fun we have, so come join us! Wear clothes that can get dirty and you may want to bring a pair of gardening or work gloves as well.



Funeral/Memorial Hosts and Hostesses

When we hold a funeral or a memorial service at St. Paul, volunteers from our Funeral Ministry Team help to host. Duties include preparing the sanctuary by turning on lights and lighting candles, arranging flowers, placing signs and guestbook, as well helping the family in other ways. If you are interested in serving by helping grieving families, please fill out the Connect Card on page 4 and let us know.

GIVE IN LOVE



Heralds of Harmony Sponsors Needed

On November 12, we're proud to be hosting the Heralds of Harmony again! The Heralds are a talented and award-winning local acapella group, and this concert is not just a fun afternoon, but one of the fundraisers needed to fund our yearly budget. Tickets will be \$20 and will go on sale soon, but for the concert to be a success we also need sponsors!

Sponsorships cost \$100 and include a listing in the concert program. The proceeds of this concert fund ministries like the Back to School Jubilee, Open Arms, Handicapable and more so this is a great way for businesses to show they are FOR Pinellas. Individuals are also invited to sponsor if they would like to support St. Paul and our ministries. If you'd like to be a sponsor, contact Arch Johnson in the church office at arch.j@stpaulumc.org or 727-584-8165. If you know of a business that might be interested, we can provide you with a letter explaining what they would be sponsoring and how it will help to promote their business. Visit the Connection Center or the church office to pick up a letter.



Carpenter's Shop Saturday Work Day

In addition to their normal work times on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon, the Carpenter's Shop will have a work day on Saturday, September 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. We have jobs for all skill levels and ages. You do not have to be an experienced woodworker to help make toys for kids in traumatic situations!



Middle School After School Ministry

Our afterschool ministry for middle schoolers is launching September 19! The ministry will offer after-school activities, mentoring and help with homework to students from Largo Middle School on Tuesdays each week. We need volunteers! If you can help in any of the ways listed below, please fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

- **Tutoring Supervisors:** We need adults to supervise pairs of high school mentors/tutors and middle school students. The tutoring will be done by high schoolers, and adults will make sure that the pairs are staying on track and be available to assist with tutoring if needed. The commitment is 4 hours per month, every other week from 4-6 p.m.
- **Early Supervisor:** We need one adult per week to help supervise the high school tutors from 3:30-4:30 p.m. before the middle school students arrive.
- **Bus Supervisor:** We need one adult per week who can ride the bus to get the students from Largo Middle School. You do not need to drive, just to help supervise the kids on the bus.
- **Cooks/Servers:** We also need volunteers to help cook and serve a simple meal. We would like to get enough people signed up that we can create a team rotation so people don't need to serve every week.

If you are interested in helping with this new ministry, also include on the Connect Card your earliest availability to be here on Tuesday evenings.

We will have a training date on September 12 in room 201 of the CLEC for both adult supervisors and high school tutors. Adults will meet from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and stay for a meet and greet with the tutors from 2:30-3:30 p.m. High school tutors will meet from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Coming this Week

Sunday, August 27

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Contemporary Worship	10:30 AM
Children's Worship	10:30 AM
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, August 28

Girl Scouts	6:00 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 29

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
JOY (Just Older Youth)	10:30 AM

Wednesday, August 30

Toy Making	8:00 AM
Community Bible Study	9:00 AM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Volleyball	7:30 PM

Thursday, August 31

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	4:30 PM
GriefShare	6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
AA Meeting	7:00 PM

Friday, September 1

Church Office Closed

Emmaus Reunion	6:00 PM
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Saturday, September 2

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Toy Making	9:00 AM
Adult Basketball	5:30 PM

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THE CHURCH OFFICE IS
CLOSED ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4
FOR LABOR DAY

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If you have an event to schedule,
contact us at 584-8165 or e-mail
kerry.k@stpaulumc.org

Making a Prayer Request

Write your prayer request on the Connect Card and drop it in the Connection Center or in the offering plate. You can call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate prayer needs:

Aaron Medlin	First Responders &	Megan Cox
Alisha Johnson	Their Families	Meghan Timberlake
All of America	George & Vicky Spencer	Melinda
Allison Hall	Gilbert Quinn	Melissa, Sarah & un-
Andrew Medlin	J.J. & Leo	born baby
Andy	Jace Michael	Melvin Crockett
Ann Marie	Jackson	Michael Ruchab
Ariel	Jan Dale	Mike & Diane Luttmann
Armatha	Jane & Husband	Mike & Rita Schniepp's
Aubri & Jessi	Jane Gaugh	Son
Audrey Talbert	Jane Huter	Mike Whelan
Barb Martin	Jenny Walter	Nedra Woodroof
Barbara Dumbleton	Jim Lucky	Our World
Blaze Rockwell	Jim P	Pat Greely
Bob & Troy Hartel	Jimmy Vann	Patsy & Jerry
Bobby Quinton	Joan Buchwald	Penny McElyea
Bonnie Wismer	Jodi	Peter H
Brad Jones	John Dibble	Rich Stemboroski
Brandi, Karlaine & Kami	John Fady	Richard Buckley
Brian Greely	Jonathan & Family	Rick Holland
Bruce Medlin	Josh DeLoach	Rita
Bud Cooke	Joyce E VanDervoort	RLT
Caitlynn Timberlake	Joyce Walker	Ron & Judy Getz
Carl J	Kat Farhangi	Rosemary
Carol Quinton	Kathleen H	Ruth Aaron
Carolyn Fields	Katie & Dereck	Ryan J Walls
Carolyn Goodwin	Kayla McKagan	Samantha
Chad M	Kenneth A.	Sandra Bell
Cherie & Dick Hunt	Kerry Thoeni	Sandy P
Chris	Kim Morris	Sherry Hartel
Cliff Armbruster	Kit Johnston	Shirley
Cline Family	Kristi Burslem	Shirley & Harold Regis-
Dale Metler	Larry Ruark	ter
Daniel Penabade	Lee	Steve
Darlene Mitchell	Libby Burke	Steve Harvey
Dave	Lillyann	T.B.
Dave & Trish	Linda Weaver Hank	Tammy Barker
Dave W	Loretta Siegfried	Terry B
David Barrett	Lynn Jennings Mom	Todd Smyzer
Dr. Williams	Marcus Jenkins	Travis
Elizabeth Thoeni	Margie Stillwell	Trevor Birt
Evelyn B	Mark LaPolla	Vickie
Family of late Mary	Mark Nadau	Vin D'Angelo
Moore	Mary Barrett	Wanda & Ron Barker
Family of late Ruth Ann	Mason Deal	Zackary Kueker

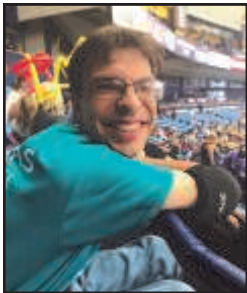
GOOD NEWS



Swimmers honored at Handicapable Worship

Handicapable Special Olympians Honored

On Wednesday evening, August 16, fifteen of Handicapable Ministry's Special Olympians were recognized for their successful efforts in Special Olympics Swimming on August 12 at the Dunedin Highlander Pool. It was a record day for those from Crossroads Group Homes as their ten participants won thirteen first-place ribbons and three second-place ribbons. Way to go!



Our Special Olympians also had the chance to attend a special day at the ballpark sponsored by the Tampa Bay Rays and Special Olympics of Pinellas County. Last Sunday over 20 Handicapable members attended the game and were recognized for their valiant sporting efforts. You can see by the smiles of the Handicapable Special Olympians at left how much fun was had by all! Thank you to everyone who made this wonderful day of celebration possible!



We're so proud of all our Special Olympians and the volunteers who train and work with them!

WE'RE NOW ON
Instagram

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We are on twitter and facebook as StPaulUMCLargo.
Keep up with us on your favorite platform!



Our Next Message Series: Repent

Next week we begin a new message series called "Repent." In Jesus' time people would travel great distances from their homes to make sacrifices at the temple in Jerusalem to atone for their sins. The need for forgiveness and restoration overwhelmed them to the point of making a long and difficult physical journey. What about today? We all hurt others or stray from the path through our words and actions. Would you be willing to make the journey to find or give forgiveness? It has been too long. The time is now to **free your heart. It's time to Repent!**

Sept. 3: When Obeying God Becomes Inconvenient

We all want to obey God, right up until it becomes inconvenient or goes against our own desires.

Sept. 10: Steps to Freedom

Steps to freedom outlines a way to overcome all the negativity of a grieving heart hurt by sin.

Sept. 17: Restitution

When we take the difficult steps to overturn our errors, restitution can truly come.

Sept. 24: Removing the Excuses

Gaining a clear conscience begins with a heart of humility towards God, but the process is only complete **when we also make things right with the people we've sinned against.** Clearing our consciences can be hard work, but it's time to stop making excuses.

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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