



CANTATA TODAY
3 PM IN THE SANCTUARY
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

 **ST·PAUL**
United Methodist Church
March 25, 2018

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long time member of our St. Paul family, I'm so glad that you've joined us during the season of Lent. Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry in Jerusalem. My message will look at "The Crucifixion," one of the "Seven Events that Changed the World." This week is Holy Week, and we have several special worship experiences planned that will take you from the shadow of the cross, to the light of the empty tomb next Sunday, Easter morning. Check page 6 for more about our upcoming worship times.

I invite you to come back later today for a beautiful and inspiring cantata presented by our choir and some wonderful guest musicians. The music will take you on an emotional journey alongside Jesus as he travels to the cross, and then triumphantly conquers death and returns as he promised he would.

Take this bulletin home with you or visit our website, stpaulumc.org, to keep up with everything going on at St. Paul. I am so thankful that you have chosen to be part of St. Paul and all we are accomplishing for the Lord.




Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

Glorify God

WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude		Cindy Triffon, Accompanist
Introit	<i>Ride On, King Jesus!</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Welcome		Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You And Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	No. 278
	<i>At the Cross</i>	
*Nicene Creed		No. 880
*Prayer with Lord's Prayer		Pastor Pam Dubov
Offertory	<i>Via Dolorosa</i>	Lyn Sears
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i>	No. 94
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Scripture Reading: Matthew 27: 32-44		
Message	"The Crucifixion"	Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	No. 301
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

*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: Kay Hisey and Nancy Brock

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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Turn to page 4 for the Prayer List.



GROWTHguide

The Growth Guide is a weekly e-mail with devotionals based on Sunday's message. Scripture, challenge questions, and more take you deeper into the topic and help you keep in touch with the Lord all week long. If you would like to receive the Growth Guide by email, you can sign up on the Connect Card on page 3 of this bulletin. The Growth Guide is also posted on our website under the Past Messages section.

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.

10:30 AM WORSHIP

A typical 10:30 a.m. 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.



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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

This Sunday's flowers were given by:

♥ Julia Smith, in loving memory of my husband, Alvin Smith

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.

Please Enter Through the Double Doors

In an effort to better secure our building on Sunday mornings, we ask that you enter through the main double doors. All other outside doors leading to the sanctuary building will be locked Sunday morning for security. Thank you for your cooperation!

Requested a Name Badge?

If you requested a name badge, don't forget to pick it up in the Connection Center! Badges are ready to be picked up the week after they are requested.

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: March 25, 2018 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Home Cell

Address: _____

I am a:

- 1st Time Guest 2nd Time Guest
 Regular Attendee Member(s)
 Winter Resident: Here from _____ to _____
 Please update my information.

I came today because:

- I drove by I visited the website
 I've been here before I received a mailing
 I was invited by _____
Other: _____

I want to join your e-mail list:

- Weekly Pastor's E-Note Growth Guide
 Weekly St. Paul Newsletter Children
 Students
Other: _____

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

How can we pray for you?

- For Military Prayer List
 Do NOT publish in bulletin.
 Do NOT include on prayer chain.
 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 Sunday
- Livestream Team on Sunday 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Sunday Coffee Team 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Connection Center Hosts 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Memorial/Funeral Hosting
- Usher 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Jumpstart Supervisor Mentor Tutor

I plan to attend:

- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast—April 14
Ministry Area(s) I Serve In: _____

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. The next Discover St. Paul is on April 8 at 11:45 a.m. in the Connection Center.



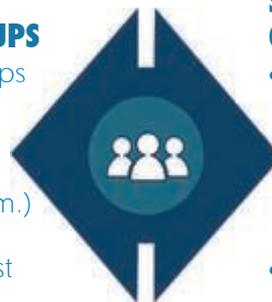
STARTING POINT CLASS

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, TNT)
- Small Groups
- Sunday School (9:15 & 10:15 a.m.)
- Parents' Lounge
- United Methodist Women



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 enjoy fellowship together! The church provides beverages. For more information, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or 584-8165.

Parent's Lounge

Mariposa Café—CLEC. | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to come build relationships and support each other through the challenges of raising children. Each week we discuss a different parenting topic. You can miss a week and pick right up the next week with a new topic. Coffee and desserts provided. During this time children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Worship Arts in room 201 of the CLEC.



TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties)

TNT will not meet this Sunday or next Sunday on Easter. Enjoy time with your family and friends on this special day! We resume with XPerience Sunday on April 8.

Follow TNT on Facebook for info on upcoming studies, events, scheduling and more.



Email: youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com.



Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast SATURDAY, APRIL 14 - 9 AM

If you serve at St. Paul, you're invited to join us on Saturday, April 14 for a volunteer appreciation breakfast. We're blessed to have so many people at St. Paul who generously share their time and talents to help others, and we want to take a moment to thank you for all you do! Let our staff serve you as you enjoy breakfast and some small tokens of our great appreciation!

RSVP

If you plan to attend please RSVP so we can prepare the right amount of food! You can fill out the Connect Card in the bulletin, send an email to church@stpaulumc.org or fill out the form on our website: stpaulumc.org



Discover St. Paul

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 Sunday, April 8. We would love to get to know you better, answer questions you may have, and help you connect more deeply at St. Paul!



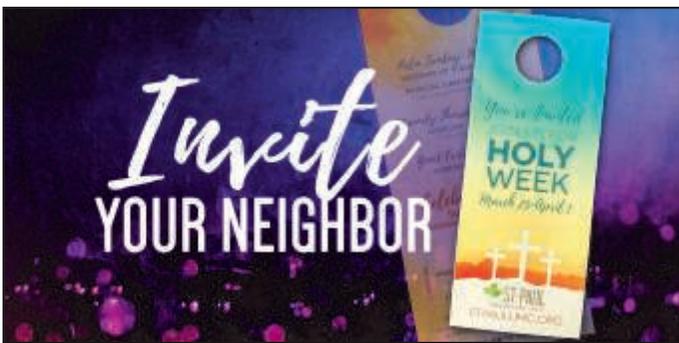
Lenten Cantata: Hallelujah! What a Savior!
 Today | 3 PM | Sanctuary
 Today at 3 p.m. our choir brings the Passion Story to life through moving music and narrative. Join us for an unforgettable worship experience as this inspiring cantata takes us from the euphoria surrounding Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the desolation of the lonely Garden as He fully embraced God's plan and ensuing death; from utter despair as He died on a cross to triumphant joy as Christ's followers realized that His prophetic words had become reality.



Maundy Thursday - March 29
 6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary
 The choir leads this service where Holy Communion will be served as we remember the Last Supper and the importance of the new covenant Jesus made with us.



Good Friday—March 30
 6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary
 Join us at the cross as we focus on Jesus's sacrifice for us. The joy of Easter comes from experiencing the pain of Good Friday.



Invite Your Neighbor
 Pick up a few doortags in the Connection Center and hang them in your neighborhood. Holy Week and Easter are the perfect time to invite someone to worship because many find their hearts are seeking God at this time of year!

April Communion

We normally serve communion on the first Sunday of the month; however, Easter Sunday is the first Sunday in April. Communion will not be served on Easter, but we will serve communion at our Maundy Thursday worship on March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us then to receive the sacrament.



Bring a Flower for the Easter Cross

One of our St. Paul Easter traditions is to decorate the cross each year with fresh cut flowers. We invite you to bring a flower next Sunday, or use the ones provided, and visit the courtyard to place your flower on the cross.



Children Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Zimmerman,
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.

Sunday Morning: 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.



Worship Arts on Wednesday

Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Kids learn about worship in creative ways that include

arts and music, play fun games and more. Pick up is at 7:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to the Parent's Lounge (Mariposa Café) while your kids are in Worship Arts. Discuss parenting topics and hang out with other parents.



Summer Camp Registration Is Open

This summer K-5 kids are invited to join us all summer long for CampXP! Our theme this year is "The Sweet Life," and kids will learn about how sweet life is with Jesus. Every week brings special activities, field trips, and lots of fun all day long.

Visit our website to find out more about this year's summer camp and register your kids to join us for a summer of fun: stpaulumc.org



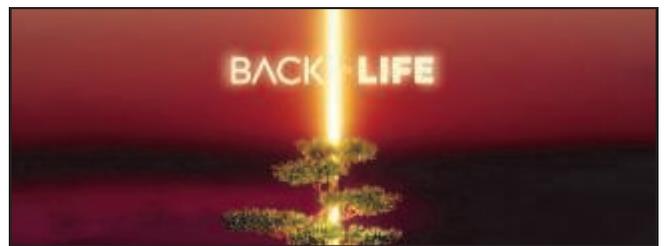
Student Ministry

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



Sunday Night Student Ministry

When life gets hard and things don't turn out the way we hoped, it's easy to believe that God is distant and that our story is over. But Easter reminds us that the opposite is true. Through Easter we'll discover that Jesus is a God who isn't distant and hasn't abandoned us. In fact, He's always working to bring our stories back to life.



TONIGHT: BECAUSE OF EASTER, JESUS MATTERS

If the story of Easter feels like a distant thing that's hard to believe, then you're not alone. As we look to understand how we can believe the Easter story is more than just a story, we'll also come to understand why the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus truly matters in our lives today.

Students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Small Groups. Dinner is \$3. Register in advance: stpaulumc.org. Time together ends at 8 p.m.

No Student Ministry on Easter Sunday
Students are invited to worship next Sunday with their families at 9 or 10:30 a.m.

XPerience Sunday: April 8

Xperience Sunday usually happens on the first Sunday of the month, but has been moved to Sunday, April 8 due to Easter. Fifth graders are invited to join the students for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by worship, games and more until 8 p.m. High school seniors are invited to join TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties) in room 202 of the CLEC after student worship.

Give in Love

UMW Ditty Bag Project

You can help to provide bags filled with personal care and other necessities for the homeless and for migrant workers in our community. We're currently taking donations of the following items:

- Deodorant – **Men's and Ladies**
- Combs and Brushes – adult and kids
- **Children's books (coloring or reading)**
- Toothpaste – adult and kids

Drop items off in the donation bin in the sanctuary lobby on Sunday or at the church office during the week.



Security Training Day

May 5 | 9 a.m. | Sanctuary

Anyone who is currently serving or interested in serving as an usher, greeter, Connection Center host, or as part of our parking team or security team, is required to attend a security training on Saturday, May 5 in the sanctuary from 9 a.m. to noon.

The ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training is conducted by the Largo Police Department. It will prepare us to deal with potential emergency situations, intruders or violence so that we are able to recognize and respond to emergencies.

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.

Donate Blood for a Member of our St. Paul Family

One of the students from our Student Ministry is having surgery this April to correct scoliosis. Patrick has been dealing with health challenges his whole life, but he has not let them stop him from being an active part of our Student Ministry, or from serving others. The doctors are going to need blood for the surgery and the family is requesting a directed donation, where blood is designated for a specific patient and donated by family or friends.



Patrick (at right) serving at Patch Bash



Patrick serving on Mission Trip

Patrick is type A- so they need a donor that matches his blood type or a universal donor. If you are one of these blood types, please consider giving blood for **Patrick! Any donated blood that's not needed for the surgery will be released into the community blood supply to help other patients.**

The donation needs to be made by March 29 at:
One Blood Center
9900 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St N
St. Petersburg, FL 33716
727-568-2101

Tell the blood bank you're doing a Directed Donation.

You will need to provide:

The patient's name: Patrick Teehan
The Location of Surgery/Send Blood to: Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
The Date of Surgery: April 4, 2018

Be sure to also bring your ID.

For more information you can email the family:
mcmillan1109@gmail.com

Coming this Week

Sunday, March 25

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
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
Worship	10:30 AM
Children's Worship	10:30 AM
Cantata	3:00 PM
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM

Monday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 27

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Pack-a-Sack	9:00 AM
Students Busch Gardens	9:00 AM
Toy Making	9:00 AM
JOY	10:30 AM
Griefshare	2:30 PM
Jumpstart	4:30 PM

Wednesday, March 28

Toy Making	9:00 AM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Worship Arts	6:30 PM
Parents' Lounge	6:30 PM
Adult Co-ed Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, March 29

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making	9:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	4:30 PM
Maunder Thursday	6:30 PM

Friday, March 30

Church Office Closed

Good Friday	6:30 PM
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Saturday, March 31

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
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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 in the offering plate. You can call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for these people with immediate prayer needs:

Aaron Medlin	Emil Pizzgrillo	Meghann Timberlake
Adrian Ocasio	Faith	Melissa & Sarah, Joan & Bobby
Ajay Ayers	Faith Bishop	Michael P. White
Allison Hall	Fred Ellard	Michelle Allen
Andrew Medlin	Gary Cradick	Mike Gusiella
Anne Davis	Gilbert Quinn	Mike Schniepp's Parents
Arch's brother	Jace Michael Jackson	Mike Whelan
Aubri & Jessi	James Glenn	My Family
Audrey Talbert	Jan Dale	P.J. Lauser
Baby Charlotte	Jane Huter	Pat Howell
Barbara Dumbleton	Jay Barker	Penny McElyea
Barbara & Rickie Martin	Jenny Walter	Peter H.
Barb-John Kuzin	Jim Lucky	Rich Stemboroski
Baumann's daughters & sons-in-laws	Jim M., Susan L., Rob S., Kinsley M., Paul C., Enid L.	Richard Barre
Bettie Maddrey	Jim Taylor	Richard Buckley
Bill Slavins	Joan Koth	Rita Fowler
Blaze Rockwell	Joe Evanson	Romaine
Bob Naja	John Fady	Ron Fowler
Bob Russo	Jon Clicke	Ruth Aaron
Bob, Troy & Fay Hartel	Josh DeLoach	S.A.
Bobby Quinton	Kami, Kara & Brandi	Seitz family
Brad Jones	Karen Goodin	Stephen
Brooke Cheido	Karissa's Dad	Steve Harvey
Bruce Medlin	Kat Farhangi	Suzie Evanson
Bud Haskell	Kenneth A.	Ted Pelyak
Caitlynn Timberlake	Kenneth Packard	Terry B
Carl J., John B., Evelyn B., Kathleen M.	Kim Morris	Thankful
Carol Quinton	Kristi Burslem	Todd Smyzer
Carole Diehm	Kristina Whited	Tom & Glenda Neville
Caroline Fields	Libby Burke	Travis Ward
Carolyn Goodwin	Linda Weaver Hank	Trevor Birt
Cherie Nix	Lois Thomson	Vin D'Angelo
Children, youth, women	Margaret Haggatt	Walker-Huff family
Chris, Brett & Jennifer	Margie Killingsworth	Welch family
Cindy Smith	Margie Stillwell	Wessel family
Cliff Armbruster	Maria Hayes	Zackary Kueker
Dean Nelson	Mark LaPolla	
Dick Lauser	Mark Nadeau	Deaths
Dixie Lee Ferguson	Martha Armstrong	Please pray for the family and friends of
Don Mitchell	Mary Jane Arn	Dorothy A. Miller
Donna Szabo	Medbery family	who recently passed on to life eternal.
Duane Wells	Meg, Jake, Dom & Char	

Good News



Handi Recognizes Special Olympians

Saturday, March 10, forty of our athletes and coaches were on hand at Lakewood High School in St. Petersburg as Special Olympians from surrounding counties demonstrated their athletic skills and strengths in numerous events. Our Handi athletes won numerous ribbons, and on Wednesday, March 14, Handicapable took some time during the weekly worship service to recognize its Special Olympian team and cheer for their great accomplishments.



Women's Prayer Breakfast

Many of the women of St. Paul gathered on Saturday, March 17 for the annual prayer breakfast. The ladies shared a delicious meal and spent a morning focused on prayer and worship. During the program on "Answered Prayers" the attendees had the chance to share stories of their own answered prayers and learn from Lauren Wolf and United Methodist Cooperative Ministries CEO, Pam Qualls, how UMCM answers prayers through action in the community. Pastor Pam Dubov, Kathy Gould and Rebecca Carefoot were also honored with special mission recognition.



Kathy Gould receiving special recognition

Carolyn Goodwin, our Missionary in Uganda Is Visiting Home in April

Carolyn Goodwin, our missionary serving the South Sudanese people living in refugee camps in Uganda, is coming stateside and will be in Largo for the month of April. Carolyn and her Support Group will be selling T-shirts to raise money for Christmas outfits and gifts for the children in Camp Rhino. Come by the church courtyard on April 8 and April 15 to visit with Carolyn, hear about her work in Uganda and buy a shirt to help to support her ministry with the South Sudanese people.



Carolyn is still holding Trauma Healing workshops at the camps in Uganda and plans to go back to South Sudan in June to work with UMCOR and their outreach with Intra Displaced Persons still in South Sudan. Carolyn also visits women and children in prison in Uganda on a weekly basis, and has been holding Bible studies all year on topics from creation to the resurrection. Her next program is on being a disciple for Christ.

The children of Grace House orphanage have been doing better since South Sudanese and Ugandan tutors have been brought in to help them learn and offer some stability. The children have prayers and devotions every day.

Carolyn looks forward to visiting with you while she is here, and we hope you will support her fundraising efforts this April by buying a T-shirt. The cost per shirt will be \$10.

Continued prayers are needed for Carolyn and for the healing of the land of South Sudan, for it to become a nation of peace and South Sudan to become a safe and secure place for the return of the people to their homeland.

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor
The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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