

October 29, 2017

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! Our current message series is about "Risky Prayers." Have you ever prayed and asked God to use you, to test you, or to examine your heart? Were you really prepared for the life changing answer you could get?

As we enter November and December, we are in the midst of a very busy time at St. Paul. We have two fundraisers coming up, as well as holiday events for adults and children. We also have our Surviving the Holidays seminar for those who are grieving, our Open Arms Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions, and our Christmas Eve worship, just to name a few. Be sure to take a look at the weekly bulletin, and visit our Facebook page or website, to keep up to date on everything that's coming up. I hope that as the holiday season rushes on, we all take time to reflect, pray and find those moments of peace and quiet when we can focus on the true meaning of the season.

Thank you all for being part of all we are accomplishing for the Lord!



Bob Martin

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

OCTOBER IS



PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH



CHECK THE BACK
PAGE FOR SOME IDEAS
ON HOW WE CAN SHOW
OUR APPRECIATION
YEAR ROUND.

GLORIFY GOD

WORSHIP at 9 AM



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Prelude	Cindy Triffon, Interim Accompanist	
Introit	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Welcome		
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You And Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>	No. 64
	<i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i>	No. 79
*Apostle's Creed		No. 881
Prayer with Lord's Prayer		Pastor Pam Dubov
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8		
Offertory	<i>My Life Is In Your Hands</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i>	No. 94
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Transitional Hymn	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	No. 496
Message	"Use Me"	Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	No. 593
*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: Bev Haskell & Nadine Crockett

10:30 AM Greeters: Jean Arms & Rita Fowler

Our Greeters Today are Members of the United Methodist Women

Today, members of our St. Paul United Methodist Women are acting as our greeters. The United Methodist Women has approximately 800,000 members worldwide whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders, and advocating for justice and empowerment. The vision of the UMW is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Our St. Paul UMW circles: Dorcas, Hannah, and Rachel-Lydia, each support missions in our local community and beyond, as well as offering members the chance to Grow in Faith together at monthly meetings. If you'd like to know more about the individual circles, talk to the ladies in the lobby!

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.

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
StPaulUMCLargo

Looking for the prayer list? Turn to page 9.

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.



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

This week's flowers were given by:

♥ Jewel Ahrns, in loving memory of my husband, Pete Ahrns

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. Flowers can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. worship or at the church office on Monday. Flowers can also be donated to the Flower Ministry and distributed to those who are in the hospital or in rehab.

Upper Room

Looking for a copy of the Upper Room? We have copies of the current issue available in the Connection Center. Large print is \$2 and regular print is \$1.

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: October 29, 2017 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ ☐ Home ☐ Cell

Address: _____

I am a:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <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?

- | |
|---|
| <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
- ☐ Funeral/Memorial Host

- ☐ Usher on Sunday Morning

- ☐ 9 AM Usher
- ☐ 10:30 AM Usher

- ☐ Connection Center Host

- ☐ 8:30–9:05 AM ☐ 10:10:35 AM
- ☐ 11:30–11:45 AM

I plan to attend:

- ☐ Discover St. Paul—Nov. 12 at 11:45 a.m.
- ☐ Surviving the Holidays—Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.

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 Nov. 12 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, 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). This Tuesday, Pastor Pam will teach. 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 him at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, November 19 | 2 to 4 p.m. | Room 101 (CLEC)

When you're grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions & traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

Join us for this encouraging seminar. Refreshments and childcare provided. Cost of the Survival Guide booklet is \$5. It includes over 30 daily devotions with insights from GriefShare experts, powerful Scriptures and prayers, as well as tips to manage the holiday season during this difficult time.

If you plan to attend, register by calling the church office at 584-8165 or filling out the Connect Card.

Wednesday Nights

Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?

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

Prayer is often the most uplifting time of the believer's day, but it can also be frustrating, confusing, and fraught with mystery. Have you ever wondered why we pray at all? This study by Philip Yancy dives into the practice of prayer and more. The Participant's Guide costs \$8.

Parent's Lounge

Mariposa Café—CLEC. 6:30-7:30 PM.

The Parent's Lounge is a casual environment where parents can hang out, build relationships, and support each other through the challenges of raising their children. Each week we'll discuss a different parenting topic. You can miss a week and jump right back in. Coffee and desserts are provided.

Children from preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend Worship Arts during this time. See page 7.

IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

All adults from 18-30s are invited to join IGNITE at 7 p.m. tonight in room 202 of the CLEC. They're finishing up their study on *Forensic Faith* by J. Warner Wallace this week. Next week IGNITE leaders, Rachel and Ben Shockey will host a potluck dinner at their house. Bring a group game and a dish to share. Email youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com for address and any other info. Follow IGNITE on Facebook for info on current and upcoming studies, events, and cancellations.



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Church Conference

Thursday, November 9 | 6:30 PM

Student Room (CLEC)

Join us on November 9 for our Church Conference! This will be a time to celebrate our ministries and elect leaders as recommended by the Nominations and Lay Leadership Team. All active members of St. Paul are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available.



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.

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.



Free Parent's Night Out

Parents are invited to take the night off on Saturday, Dec. 2, while your kids have fun at a free PJ Party with us! Get your Christmas shopping done, have a date night, or just spend some time relaxing. Kids will have dinner, watch a movie, and do lots of fun activities.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR THIS FREE EVENT
stpaulumc.org

Worship Arts on Wednesdays

Kids in preschool through 5th grade are invited to Worship Arts on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Join us for games, music, art and more as kids have fun and learn about different ways to worship God. 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



Tonight: Fall Fest

5:30 - 8 PM

by the Pumpkin Patch

Tonight students are invited to join us by the pumpkin patch for our annual Fall Fest. We'll have hayrides, a corn hole, a big group challenge, costume contest and pumpkin decorating. Dinner is BBQ chicken sandwiches. Cost is \$5. Students should bring camp chairs,

It's almost Halloween! Get your pumpkins!
If you haven't already bought your pumpkin from the patch, don't miss the last couple days to get one!





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 November 12. 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. If you plan to attend, mark the Connect Card on page 4 to let us know.



SAVE THE DATE

Candlelight Christmas

Friday, December 1, 2017 - 6:30pm

LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall-CLEC

Entertainment by singing duo: Krossing Jordan

Tickets: \$25

Childcare provided.

Tickets go on sale Sunday, November 5th.



About the Heralds of Harmony

The Tampa Bay *Heralds of Harmony* Chorus has been entertaining Florida audiences in the Barbershop style for 71 years. The Tampa Chapter is part of the *Barbershop Harmony Society* and consists of more than 50 men who share in the enjoyment of singing. Unaccompanied by instruments, barbershop music is a unique American art form with four-part close harmony which produces "ringing" chords. In their performances, the *Heralds of Harmony* try to preserve the long-standing tradition of barbershopping while including today's exciting melodies. The unique four-part barbershop sound is enjoyed by young and old.

In the last twenty-four years, the Heralds have achieved national acclaim, winning district contests and placing near the top in International Competition. The chorus placed 11th in the world the last time they competed in 2017 in Las Vegas.

The *Heralds of Harmony* perform throughout the year for major social, civic, community and charitable events throughout West Central Florida and offer quartet entertainment for a wide range of audiences including businesses, service and social organizations, and the Tampa Bay Community.

In addition to providing an enjoyable and enriching opportunity for men to engage in the performing arts, the Tampa Chapter supports several charitable organizations in its community outreach each year.

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 FOR A
CONCERT FROM THE HERALDS OF HARMONY.**

America the Beautiful

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

IN THE COURTYARD ON SUNDAYS

AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

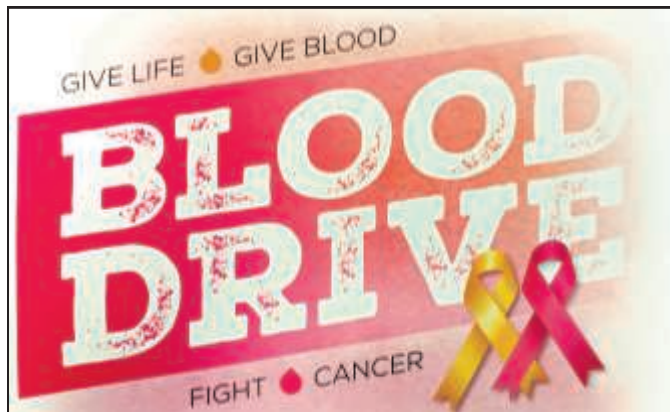
CALL 727-584-8165

PROCEEDS HELP TO FUND THIS YEAR'S ST. PAUL BUDGET.

GIVE IN LOVE

Hostesses Needed for Candlelight Christmas

We are looking for hostesses for the Candlelight Christmas event on December 1. The hostess decorates a table and welcomes those who sit with them. They would need to provide the tablecloth, tableware and a centerpiece. The centerpiece must have a least one candle. You can also rent the church china and flatware for \$5 and a white tablecloth for \$5. A full list of items needed at each table will be provided. Please contact Lyn Sears if you are interested. She will be selling tickets in the courtyard starting November 5th.



Give Blood Today

The Bloodmobile is here today from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. One donation can save up to three lives. Everyone who donates will get a limited edition Cancer Awareness t-shirt, as well as a free wellness exam including cholesterol and iron count. If you are able, consider giving blood today.

Open Arms Thanksgiving

Our Open Arms Ministry plans to give away Thanksgiving dinner for 400 families this year! You can donate Thanksgiving food items like mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, etc. in the bin in the lobby or place a monetary donation toward the purchase of turkeys in the offering plate. Make sure it's labeled "Thanksgiving Turkeys."

Ushers Needed

Ushers are an important part of our Sunday morning worship. They welcome people into the sanctuary, hand out bulletins, collect the offering, and offer help to those who need assistance with seating or during worship. If you are interested in being an usher on Sunday, fill out the Connect Card on page 4.



Auction to Benefit St. Paul—Nov. 18

On Saturday, Nov. 18 we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a silent auction, followed by a live auction of a few "big ticket items." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Live auction begins at 7:15 p.m. We want to reach outside our St. Paul family and get the community involved! The more exciting items we have to auction off, the more people will attend. You can help by donating items, or reaching out to local businesses or others in our community for donations.

Donate items for the auction



Take a Tag. We have tags available in the lobby with some suggested donations that can be combined to make gift baskets. These might include gift cards or themed groups of items. Other items are also welcome, these are just suggestions!



Hand out flyers. We have flyers in the Connection Center advertising the auction. Take one or two and leave them at your favorite coffee spot, your neighborhood bulletin board, etc.



Approach a business. Many businesses are willing to offer gift cards or donate items if they are asked. We can provide you with a letter explaining how their donation will support ministries in our community.



Big Ticket Items. We are especially in need of big ticket items like hotel or time share stays, cars, boats, golf outings, event tickets, sports memorabilia, etc. Donations are tax-deductible so if you have a "big ticket item" you are planning to sell, you can write it off and let the church sell it for you!

Want to help, but not sure how? Contact Arch Johnston at arch.j@stpaulumc.org or call 584-8165.

Coming this Week

Sunday, October 29

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
Student Fall Fest	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

Toy Making	8:00 AM
Community Bible Study	9:00 AM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Prayer Study	6:30 PM
Parent's Lounge	6:30 PM
Worship Arts Class	6:30 PM
Volleyball	7:30 PM

Thursday, November 2

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
Handbells Rehearsal	5:30 PM
GriefShare	6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Friday, November 3

Church Office Closed
Fall Family Camping

Saturday, November 4

Fall Family Camping

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Emmaus Reunion	6:00 PM

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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	Huff-Walker Family	Mike Luttmann
Al Misuraca	Jace Michael	Mike Whelan
Alan Nuytten	Jackson	Mindy Van Alstine
Allison Hall	Jan Dale	Molly Sanders
Andrew Medlin	jane Denini	Neal W
Armatha	jane Huter	Nicole Andra
Audrey Talbert	Jason Smith	Nilo Cabrera
Barbara Martin	Jeanette Burton	Pat & Brian Greely
Blaze Rockwell	Jenny Walter	Penny McElyea
Bob & Troy Hartel	Jill	Peter H
Bob Russo	Jim Lucky	Rich Stemboroski
Bobby Quinton	Jim Meier	Rick Holland
Bonnie Wismer	Joan Chesak	RLT
Brad Jones	John Fady	Ron Fowler
Bruce Medlin	Josh DeLoach	Roxie Bole
Bud Haskell	Kale Grady	Salvation
Caitlynn Timberlake	Kat Farhangi	Samantha
Carla Guertin	Kayla McKagan	Sandra Peterson & Husband
Carol Quinton	Kenneth A.	Savannah Smith
Caroline Fields	Kerry Thoeni	Seitz Family
Carolyn Goodwin	Kim Morris	Shirley
Chad M	Kim Sudano	Shirley & Harold Register
Cheryl Aarrey	Kristi Burslem	Starnes Walker
Children, Youth & Woman	Kristina Whited	Stephen
Class of 72 of DHS	Libby Burke	Steve & Christine Brower
Cliff Armbruster	Lillyann	Steve & Tyler
Dale Anderson	Lily	Steve Harvey
Dale Metler	Linda Weaver Hank	Steve Zimerick
Darlene Coburn	Loved One	Sue & Jeff Welch
Darlene Mitchell	Luis Lorenzo	Suzie Evanson
Dave	Margie Stillwell	T.B.
Denis Ferland	Mark LaPolla	Terry B
DeYong Family	Mary Jane Arn	Terry Shepherd
Diane Mauch	Matt Lake's Family	Todd Smyzer
Don & Nancy Evans	Meg, Jake, Dom, Char,	Travis Ward
Donna Cordes	Peggy, Bran, Kami & Karaline	Trevor Birt
Donna Ryan	Meghan Timberlake	Vickie, Dereck, Ariel,
Duane Wells	Melanie Walter	Jodi, Katie & Deno
Elizabeth Thoeni	Melissa & Sarah	Wanda & Bob Barker
Family of Bill Davis	Michael P White	World Peace
Gary Craddick	Michael Ruchak	Zackary Kueker
Gilbert Quinn	Mickey Bishop	
Glyn Savage	Mike & Kristen	



October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and a good reminder to express our appreciation to our pastors. But rather than confine our appreciation to one date, below are a few ongoing ways we can show our appreciation.

PRAY FOR THEM

One of the greatest gifts you can give your pastors is prayer. Pray that the Lord will keep them and guide them. Pray that they will persevere in life and doctrine. Pray for their bodily and spiritual health. As you pray for your pastors, you will find yourself loving them more and more.

SHARE A LETTER OF SUPPORT

Share a letter (or an email) with your pastor, letting them know you support them, expressing the difference they have made in your life, or letting them know what their ministries mean to you. Pastors often receive criticism, and hear less often from those who support them, so a personal note means a great deal.

IMITATE THEIR FAITH

The writer of Hebrews challenges us to imitate our leaders. Of course, this is also a challenge for leaders to be imitable and does not mean our pastors are perfect, as Jesus is the only perfect One. But this does mean we can learn from our pastors and put into practice the faith we see displayed in them.

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

The Lord gives our pastors unique gifts and a specific passion for the churches they serve and the communities they serve in. Their passion, sense of mission, and specific gifting will and should impact the direction of the church.

A pastor never "clocks out." A pastor is a pastor all of the time. The responsibility is enormous as, to quote Martyn Lloyd-Jones, the pastor "is given charge of souls." **Let's encourage, love, and support our pastors** as they seek to fulfill all the duties of their ministries.

We have a wonderful group of faithful volunteers who help with our Open Arms Ministry. One of these giving people is Anne Louise Schafner. About two years ago, there was an Open Arms distribution at Crosspointe Church and Anne came over to ask what was going on. That one moment of curiosity changed her life in wonderful ways.



Anne Louise at center, with Yvette and Colleen

She felt the call to get involved with Open Arms, and for two years she's committed her mornings to helping others by doing food pick-ups. She also weighs the food received, and helps in other ways when needed. As she's served others, her relationship with Christ has also deepened and grown. Since she began at Open Arms she has been baptized, and found a passion for the Lord and for helping others. Yvette Carter, the Director of Open Arms, says it has been a privilege to see her transformed and to watch her be empowered to use her gifts for the Lord.



At her baptism



Anne Louise and Yvette

Thank you, Anne, for everything you do at Open Arms and for sharing your servant heart with so many! You are a testament to what it means to Give in Love!

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor
The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Out-



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