

# MYTHBUSTERS

## St. Paul United Methodist Church

August 4, 2013

### Glorify God

- Live worship
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### Grow in Faith

- Women's Event
- New Toddler Room
- Youth Week

### Give in Love

- School Supply Drive
- Preschool Help
- Rummage Sale

### Welcome

We are so glad you are here today. Please join us again at least two other times so you can get a real feel of what St. Paul is all about. We are temporarily holding worship in our Christian Life Enrichment Center (CLEC) while our sanctuary undergoes renovations. Join us next Sunday, August 18 for our grand reveal in the sanctuary building across the street.

### It's Vacation Bible School Sunday

You're here on a very special day, Vacation Bible School (VBS) Sunday! Today we celebrate our campers who have spent the whole week at Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God. They learned about the principles of faith and shared how they saw God every day. Today we celebrate the children, all they have learned and will get to see them share their gifts during both of our worship times.

### First time here?

If this is your first time at St. Paul or you have questions, please visit our **Connecting Point in the lobby**. It's a place where you can get information, ask questions and meet others. Our hosts would love to help you! We also invite you to grab a cup of coffee and a snack as you wait for worship to begin or before you head out to continue your day. It's a wonderful time to meet others!

### What can we do for you?



As our guest or regular attendee, please fill out a registration pad, or click on this QR code with your smart phone and let us know what we can do for you and to register your attendance.

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## 9:00 Sanctuary Worship

### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude		Judi Hurst, Pianist
Welcome	Sherry Plate, Director of Children's Ministry	
*Greeting	<i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>	
*Opening Hymns	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	No. 384
	<i>'Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	No. 496
Special Music	<i>Knowing You</i>	Sanctuary Choir

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Skit	"The Way We Pray" The Skit Guys, <a href="http://www.skitguys.com">www.skitguys.com</a>	
Sermon	"MYTHBUSTERS: Prayers Can't Change Anything"	
	Genesis 18:23-33	Pastor Bob Martin
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer		No. 895
Offering	<i>You Gave</i>	

### SENDING FORTH

VBS Celebration	<i>Stand Together</i>	VBS Campers
	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	
	<i>Stand Strong</i>	
*Benediction		
Postlude		

\*Please stand, if you are able. An usher or greeter would be happy to help you.  
with large print hymnals or hearing assistance.

## 10:30 Fountain Worship

Christian Life Enrichment Center (CLEC)

"MYTHBUSTERS: Prayers Can't Change Anything"

Pastor Bob Martin

Genesis 18:23-33

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## Worship is LIVE!

**Can't make it Sunday morning? Want your out of town friends and family to attend St. Paul?** Log onto [stpaulumc.sermon.tv/live](http://stpaulumc.sermon.tv/live) every Sunday to watch worship at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Just log onto that page five minutes before worship time, click the **"play" triangle and you are part of the congregation.** If you tune in a little early just be sure to refresh to catch the live stream.

## Flowers

**Today's flowers are provided by Lyn Sears** in celebration of Steve's birthday and daughter Jill's post graduate degree from University of South Florida. Flowers are needed for every Sunday and are a great way to celebrate a milestone or honor a loved one.

If you would like to order flowers, please contact Flower Coordinator, Kathleen Della Rosa at [ballstate80@yahoo.com](mailto:ballstate80@yahoo.com) or 459-2768 and give her your desired date and inscription. The cost of the flowers is \$40 per bouquet.

## Missed a Message?

If you have missed a message, or want to share one you have heard, visit our You Tube channel ([stpaulumclargo1](http://stpaulumclargo1)) or our website ([stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)). Recent sermons are posted and able for you to view when it is convenient. You may also request a DVD of the message for a \$5 donation by contacting the church office.

## Own a Piece of History

There are still some pews from the sanctuary renovations available for purchase. Five Rows of pews have been removed to add chairs that will better accommodate people with physical needs.

**The pews are 19'4" and have endless possibilities for uses.** These will be sold on a first come, first serve, **"cash, you carry" basis. Make us an offer.** For questions call Director of Church Administration Arch Johnston at 584-8165, ext. 245.

## Sunday Prayer Requests

Drop your written prayer request in the offering plate/basket. The prayers are collected and delivered to the Upper Room of Prayer to be prayed over individually.

## Prayer Requests Online

Submit your prayer online at [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org). Click on **"Grow in Faith", then "Prayer".** You may choose to make your prayer private.

## Prayer Phone Line

Call 727-559-PRAY around the clock to leave a recorded prayer need.

## Stay and Pray the First Sunday

Stay after worship on the first Sunday of every month for a special time of prayer. A prayer team is waiting for you at the altar.

## Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the family and friends of Myron Alexander who recently passed away, and for those people listed below with immediate needs:

June Aldrich	Lynn
Andie	Jim Mascato
Bill, Paul	Melody
Mike Bossard	Mike
Nancy Burns	Paulk family
Dorie, Do, Chuck, Dixie	Joan Pitts
Pat Harris	Polly, Ron, Christy
Joanne Hayes	Michael Prodanas
Linda Ingram	Rose
Jeanine	Ed Rose
Francis Johnson	Shirley Rudd
Jan Joyce	Danny Seamon
Judy	Betty Sellers
Kevin	<b>Beulah "Boots" Stapleton</b>
David Kirk	Duane Wells
Linda	Chris & Sharon Williams
Mary Ivey	Peggy Woodruff

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## MYTHBUSTERS

Not everything you hear about Christianity is correct, and not everything you hear is wrong. We're taking the next few weeks to explore what is true and what is myth during our MYTHBUSTERS series.

NEXT WEEK:

### MYTHBUSTERS: You Don't Have to Belong to a Church

If the Bible says Jesus has saved me, what else do I need? Next Sunday morning at 9:00 and 10:30, we'll take a look at belonging to a church and what that has to do with my relationship with Christ.



### Brass Ensemble Forming

We are in the beginning stages of starting a brass ensemble called Joyful Brass, here at St. Paul, and you have the opportunity to be in on the ground breaking of this new ministry.

If you have played a brass instrument and have the desire to get your chops back in shape and to share in the joy of making music with others, this is that opportunity. Pull your horn out the closet and get ready to make some beautiful music for the glory of the Lord.

The first gathering is Sunday, September 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the choir room. You may have a friend or two that would enjoy being a part of this group, so be sure to invite them along.

## Annual Church Conference

Location  
TBA

Wednesday,  
October 9  
7:30 p.m.

### Simple Way to Give

Take the hassle out of giving by setting up a recurring contribution today. It's convenient, easy and secure. You don't have to write out checks or prepare that giving envelope weekly.



Another option is to scan this QR code with your smart phone. This will take you to a mobile version of our giving site where you can securely and conveniently give.



### We Are Going to Be Debt FREE

The church has worked to eliminate the debt by more than 51% since 2010. Help get closer to reducing the debt altogether by being part of the Gideon's Army.

For as little as \$1917 a unit, paid over two years, with an army of 300, we could be debt free. We invite you to give as much as you can, or you may pledge to sponsor a unit. All that is given will go toward attacking the principal of our debt.

Pledge cards are available in the lobby kiosk or you can set up your payment online under the "Glorify God" tab at [www.stpaulumc.org](http://www.stpaulumc.org).

# Grow in Faith

**Children** *infant-5th grade, Sherri Plate, Children's Ministry Director, sherri.p@stpaulumc.org*

## NEW Toddler Room Opening

Our Son Kissed Preschool has expanded its care by opening a Toddler Room for one-two year olds. Toddler Room hours are 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Tuition is \$200 a week plus \$85 registration fee. Your child will be loved and cared for by experienced child care specialists.



Son Kissed still has openings for the 2013-2014 school year. Stop by the preschool or call 727-585-8596 for more information.



Lil' Kidz Care is available every Sunday for infants to 4-year-olds, at 9:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. You will sign in and be given a badge to ensure your child's safety.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to the Mariposa Café for Small Group Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. and/or to the Youth Room at 10:30 a.m. for Children's Worship.

## Sunday Morning *Starting Next Sunday*

Lil' Kidz Care will be available every Sunday for infants to 4-year-olds, at 9:00 a.m. in the Children's Ministry Center Lil Kidz Rooms. You will sign in and be given a badge to ensure your child's safety.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to the South Fellowship Hall of the Children's Ministry Center for Small Group Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. and/or to the same location at 10:30 a.m. for Children's Worship.

## JOY on Tuesdays

Our older adults are invited every Tuesday morning at 10:30 to the Christian Life Enrichment Center for fellowship, lessons, and prayer.

A lunch may be ordered ahead of time for \$6 or you may bring your lunch. This Tuesday, August 13, Pastor Bob will be teaching. Lunch is a grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chicken orzo soup and a cookie. Contact 584-8165 ext. 233 to order your lunch.

## When your life feels like a circus...

Come meet the Ringmaster!

All ladies are invited to join all United Methodist Women from the District on Saturday, August 17 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. This is a free event in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Enjoy the circus themed meeting and fellowship with other Christian women. We will be serving popcorn, cake, ice cream and other snacks.



Our own Handicapable Ministry will be presenting a program for your pleasure directed by Horton Townes. **You won't want to miss this. Mark your calendar to join us for this wonderful event.**

## Hannah Group Invites You

The United Methodist Women's group called, Hannah will meet Tuesday, August 13 at 6:45 p.m. in Community Room 201. Everyone is invited to join them for refreshments, devotions, fellowship and a wonderful program by Denise Nothrup from Design Innovations. She will teach us some simple new decorating ideas to reuse, repurpose, recycle and refinish!

## Rachel Lydia September Meeting

The next Rachel-Lydia meeting is September 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the Carpenter Room 101 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. All women are invited to join!

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**Youth** 5th-12th Grade, Alison Van Duyne, Youth Ministry Director, [alison.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:alison.v@stpaulumc.org)

## Sunday Night Youth Group

Tonight's middle and high school youth group time kicks off a special youth week! Every day this week we have fun activities outlined below. Pick up a flyer from the kiosk in the lobby and make your reservation today.

Tonight, students should wear their favorite jersey or sports duds during youth group. Dinner is provided for \$4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mariposa Café. Youth worship and activities follow in the Youth Room of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Through 8:00 p.m.



Monday, August 12 Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, August 13 Teen Tidal Wave

Wednesday, August 14 Movie Night/Dessert Bar

Thursday, August 15 Messy Olympics

Friday, August 16 Lock/In/Out

\*Pick up a flyer from the lobby kiosks or online

## Sunday Mornings

Our new worship times have begun and that means more time for you to serve at St. Paul! We are live streaming the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services, so join the tech team. There's camera operators, technical director, sound, lighting and worship software positions to fill. No experience is necessary and it's fun! Contact [laurel.f@stpaulumc.org](mailto:laurel.f@stpaulumc.org) to let her know you are interested!



Disney's Night of Joy is around the corner, on Saturday September 7. Artists scheduled for that night are Newsboys, TobyMac, Francesca Battistelli, Building 429 and more. Cost is \$55, due TODAY. Payment WILL NOT be accepted past this day.

Meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, the event goes from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. You will arrive at the church at 3 a.m. Parents can pick up then or at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning. There will be no youth group on Sunday, Sept. 8.



Young Adults *Felix Koutsourais, Ignite Ministry Leader, [c24go1@aol.com](mailto:c24go1@aol.com)*

Now is the time to join IGNITE, our Young Adult Ministry. The group will be starting a new study next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in room 207 of the southwest campus. Tonight the group is offsite. To stay up to date on all of our happenings, like their page on Facebook.

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**"Don't worry about anything;  
instead, pray about everything. Tell  
God what you need, and thank him  
for all he has done."**

**Philippians 4:6**

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# Grow in Faith

## SOURCE GROUPS

### Youth and Adult Source Groups

You may see or hear the term Source Group but what does it mean? A Source Group is a small group of up to twelve people whose purpose is to grow closer to God, each other and the Word through study, service, fellowship, and fun in a group of up to twelve people. Sound good? Contact our Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at [Bobby.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:Bobby.v@stpaulumc.org) to join one today.

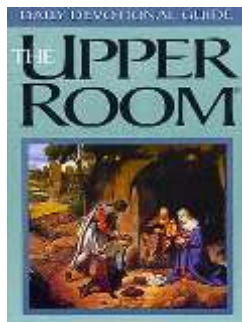
### Adult Sunday School

Everyone is invited to Grow in Faith at one of our three Sunday school classes for adults of any age. All classes are in the Christian Life Enrichment Center.

**Inspirations**-Rm. 101, **Friendship**-Rm. 201 \*Both begin at 10:30 a.m. **Crusaders**-Rm. 220, begins at 10:15

### Need a Devotional?

The daily devotional, "The Upper Room", is available in the church office in regular and large size print. Suggested donations are \$1.00 for regular print and \$2.00 for the large print. The Upper Room has a daily scripture reading, short devotional, thought for the day and prayer. It is suggested that it be used in conjunction with your Bible. The devotionals are for a two month period and there is a supply of July and August devotions now available in the office. A great way to start each day.



**You're Invited**  
to the  
**Grand  
Reveal**

**Sunday,  
August 18**

**9:00 &  
10:30 a.m.**

**St.  
Paul  
UMC  
Sanctuary**

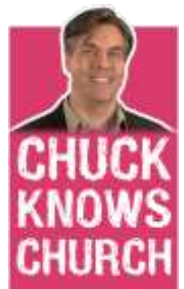
### Parent's Morning Out

Parent's Morning Out is a great time for you to get errands done or take time for yourself, without your child(ren). Care is \$10 per child, per day from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.. Reserve your spot by contacting the **Children's Ministry Office** at 727-584-8165, ext. 238.

### Chuck Knows Church, Do You?

Do you know what a licensed local pastor is? Find out this week by visiting [www.chuckknowschurch.com](http://www.chuckknowschurch.com).

Chuck Knows Church is a fun, informative, and free weekly web series about the objects, symbols and terms used in church.



# Give in Love

## Stuff the Backpack!

Help us stuff the giant, pink backpack with school supplies! Donations will be given to families who are served through our Open Arms Resource Center.

Donations of all supplies including backpacks, lunch boxes, pencils, markers, paper, crayons, notebooks, etc. may be brought to church on Sunday and placed in the giant pink backpack or you may drop them off at Open Arms Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please bring donations by August 13. No donation is too small!



## AUGUST Random Act of Kindness

When someone does something nice for you, return their generosity with a pleasant thank you note to let them know you appreciated their kindness.

In this day of technology many people will send emails or text messages. Be different! Think about sending an old fashioned snail-mail type of thank you note. Dig out your stamps and address book and send a note in the mail! It will be an added delight for your friend or family member to get physical mail.

This idea is courtesy of [www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org), where you will find many more great ways to be kind.

## Feed the Homeless

We serve around 100 people every Sunday in Clearwater. Servers are always needed to help load the truck, set up, serve and clean up. We leave from the church at 3:30 p.m. near the office entrance of the **Christian Life Enrichment Center**. It's a great way for you to Give in Love or even better, sign up your Source Group to take a Sunday. Contact Michele Wolfe at [m.wolfe10@verizon.net](mailto:m.wolfe10@verizon.net).

## Help Our Preschool

There's an easy way you can help Son Kissed Preschool! Clip box tops from participating companies, **save your Campbell's soup labels** or donate items listed below. You can bring them by the church office **weekdays** or place them clearly labeled "preschool" in the blue shopping carts on Sunday. Every little item helps!

Clear gallon storage bags, clear gallon freezer bags, basket coffee filters, boxes of tissue, napkins, any size **disposable cups**, **Elmer's glue sticks**, **bottle of Elmer's school glue**.



## Schedule a Rummage Sale Pick Up

**The United Methodist Women's** twice yearly rummage sale raises a lot of money that is then used to reach out to the community and support ministry. Be a part of the sale by donating your gently used furniture.

Pick ups for August: 8, 22, 29

Pick ups for September: 12, 26

Pick ups are made for furniture only. No mattresses or **large screen TV's will be accepted**. Call 727-420-2728 to schedule your pick date.

Other items may be donated at Open Arms Resource Center Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



# Good News

## Sunday, August 11

Lil' Kidz Nursery	9:00 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Crusaders	10:15 AM
Fountain Worship	10:30 AM
Friendship	10:30 AM
Inspirations	10:30 AM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth Group	5:30 PM

## Monday, August 12

Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:30 PM
Youth Week Fun	6:00 PM
Hospitality Team	6:30 PM
Adult Basketball	7:00 PM

## Tuesday, August 13

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Parent's Morning Out	9:00 AM
UMW Board Meeting	5:00 PM
Youth Week Fun	6:00 PM
UMW Hannah	6:45 PM
Adult Basketball	8:30 PM

## Wednesday, August 14

Youth Fun Week	6:00 PM
Handicapable Ministry	6:15 PM
Bible in a Year	6:30 PM
Adult Volleyball	7:45 PM

## Thursday, August 15

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Parent's Morning Out	9:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM
Preschool Open House	6:00 PM
Youth Week Fun	6:00 PM
Intercessory Prayer	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM

## Friday, August 16

*Church Office Closed*

VBS	9:00 AM
Adult Basketball	7:30 PM
Youth Lock In/Out	8:00 PM

## Saturday, August 17

Youth Pick Up	8:00 AM
UMW District Event	1:30 PM

*To submit your items to the calendar visit [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) Click on*

## Vacation Bible School Rocked!

Thank you campers, parents, guardians, and volunteers for an awesome week of camp!



*Join our Good News Team and send us photos and information of how you experience God at St. Paul. If you have good news to share, send it to [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org) and be sure to include a photo.*

## Stay Informed

We want you to know what is going on at St. Paul by sending you important information. Please include your email on the registration pads or email [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org) to receive our weekly emails and church communication.

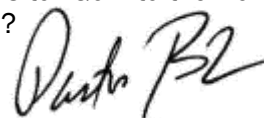
# Note from Pastor Bob

Can a professing Christian still live into their faith and live in the world? Some would say that isn't possible, that by living in the world means you have forsaken your beliefs for what the world offers. Interestingly, I would say that these are not one in the same. True, as followers of Christ we are called into a new life and with that life, a new direction is required of our lives. Many have argued that acceptance of Christ places a person in a new category and that category calls upon one's life to pursue nothing but God and perhaps ignore others who are around them. My experience says these "me and Jesus" types can become self-consumed in their own little world searching and seeking out those things that will only benefit them. They proclaim, in fact, "If I'm with Jesus, nothing else matters." I would argue, the new life they profess does in fact place them at odds with the Christian message and by ignoring the world around them they may be at risk of missing out on the true righteousness that comes with Christ. The same goes for those who feel they have no part "in the world" and only wish to hang out with other believers.

Are Christians solely to live their lives with other Christians or, are we to "live in the world?" Statistics tell us there are a large number of Christians who do not have any non-Christian friends. Jesus made it quite clear we are to be intentional about getting outside of the Christian bubble and become part of the lives of non-believers and welcome them, demonstrate upon them His grace, and invite them into our lives as well. This can be hard for many believers because they find a natural affiliation with other believers and want only to surround themselves with Christians. This is why as the Body of Christ we need to be more intentional and find a place where we can go throughout the week and hang out, meet, and begin relationships with non-believers.

The model of the church 50 years ago was merely to build a building, open the doors and expect everyone in the community to show up, worship and make the church their number one priority. The new millennium of which we now embark is quite the opposite. With so many things "of the world" taking away the attention of God's fleshy creation, our churches instead find themselves not echoing the sounds of hymns and songs sung in adoration to a loving and mighty God. Instead, the echos heard are declining numbers of voices bouncing off the barren walls of our block constructed sanctuaries.

Here's the good news. I am convinced the world is hungry for true spirituality, a spirituality that is not framed around judgmental attitudes and self-righteous or pious thoughts and words. Rather, service and care for others is at the forefront. The world does not teach us to reach out; instead, it says the opposite, "reach in". Christianity's mission for the people of the church is not to find themselves waiting for the crowds to come on Sunday mornings. No. Its mission is to "Go into the world." There is no sin in living in the world. Isn't that what Jesus did? What about you?



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