

THE EPISTLE



Psalm 46:10 “Be still, and know that I am God.”

August is here! Those of you on an academic calendar have turned your attention to the start of a new school year. Those of us on a church conference calendar are preparing for Charge Conference season and a time of nominations, budget-preparations, and ministry reports. Others of you are pulling out your purple, garnet, or orange football shirts and gearing up for another season of games.

In the midst of busyness that always seems to come with the end of summer, our church coach, Paul Nickerson, reminds us of a quote from evangelist Harry Varner who said, *“If you don’t come apart for a while, you will come apart in a while.”* Nickerson reminds us that “Jesus always seemed to be unhurried; with time for people, time for prayer, and time for healing. In a hectic world traveling at a frantic pace, we in the church need to show others that being a Christian means living at a different pace; a pace that has time for people.” If we neglect to schedule time for rest and reflection, if we rush through our morning devotional and prayer time, we will likely find ourselves too focused on our own agenda and needs, while neglecting those people around us whom God has called us to love and serve in God’s name.

As you move through the many activities of the next few weeks, schedule some time each day to be alone with God. Then go into your day, remembering to look around you and to see the people you are moving past. Speak a kind word and linger long enough to look someone in the eye and share a smile. You might just be the ray of light or voice of hope that someone is searching for.

With peace and purpose in the whirlwind,
Pastor Susan

“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. (Matthew 3:14-16, The Message)

Nurture a College Student

If you or your family would like to support a college student during the 2018/2019 school year, contact Cecelia Yonce. This involves encouraging them by sending notes throughout the year so that they know their home church cares and is praying for them on occasions such as their birthdays and during exams.

From the Trustees

Thank you, members, for volunteering to help with St. Paul's yard work.

A trustee has met with most of you to talk about your section of the grounds, but feel free to contact Kay Rankin if you have any concerns and/or questions.

We still need volunteers for the area around the Family Life Center. Anyone who knows about pruning is needed.

Please remember that certain areas of the church will need painting soon. Donations designated for future renovations will be appreciated.

Back to School Blessings

August 12th, at 10:00 A.M., we will offer special prayers and blessings over our students and all those employed by the school system.

Lunch and Learn

You are invited to an August Lunch and Learn Bible Study with Pastor Susan. There will be four sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays—August 15 & 16 and August 22 & 23 from 12:00-1:00.

Bring a sack lunch and join us in the Social Hall for a study based on Matthew's Gospel. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Promotion Sunday

We are excited to announce Sunday, August 19th, as Promotion Sunday, where youth step up to the next level of Sunday school and increasing their Biblical foundation. Meet upstairs in the Educational Wing on Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. for a fun celebration!

You Are Invited:

Pre-K to 3rd Grade

4th Grade - 6th Grade

7th Grade - 9th Grade

10th Grade - College

See you there!

Learn about Jesus!

New classrooms! **New** Teachers! **New** Fellowship!
Bring your friends!

Church's New Email



stpaulsaluda@gmail.com

Church Council

Church Council will meet August 22th, at 7 P.M. in the Social Hall.

Attn: Parents

Parent, guardians or anyone interested in pre-school through college age programs are invited to attend a meeting in the social hall on August 12, immediately following the worship service. We need your thoughts and ideas on our children and youth programs. Please plan to attend and be a part of the future programs St. Paul will offer these groups.

Volunteers Needed

School begins August 20th, and Saluda Primary School needs volunteers to help direct parents and children safely to and from the school between the hours of 7:15-8:15 A.M. and 2:15-3:15 P.M. A sign-up sheet is provided in the vestibule.

Fundraiser

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, August 26

11 A.M. — 2 P.M.

\$8 per plate

The youth will be selling tickets throughout the month of August. Please support this fundraiser and help the youth with their endeavors.

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Asbury Hills

Since 1961, Asbury Hills has been serving all people for Christian birth, growth, and renewal by offering summer camp and retreat group experiences for all ages. The camp covers over 2000 acres of mountains and hills, creeks and waterfalls, and forests and lakes in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Asbury Hills offers age-specific programs for campers from 2nd grade through high school, family camps, and serves retreat groups from 8 to 280. Asbury Hills is a part of SC Camps and Retreat Ministries and a ministry of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference.

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on October 20, 2018 for our annual Fall Festival! Bring your friends and family to see Asbury Hills camp just as the leaves are changing.

Any youth/adults wishing to participate in these activities, please contact Maurica Easler (msalleneasler@gmail.com) or call 803-917-2000.

Prayer List

Nursing Home: Dorothy Phillips, Ann Thompson, Billy Coleman, Kathleen Padgett, Irene Riddle

Shut Ins: Ruby Herlong, Linda Beber, Grace Givens

Military: Chuck Bearon, Ryan Caulder, Robbie Grafton, Shannon Corley, Parker Hite, Patrick Wilson, Matthew Rollins, Ben Walker, Ryan Matthews

Friends and Family: Taylor Dorward, Darlene Hartley, James Grasso, Eileen Quattlebaum, Roy Rogers, Esther Sample, Gene Minick, Kosta Brown, Family of Gloria Reames, Henry and Ann Wills and their daughter, Ann Haltiwanger

(Friends and Family will be listed for three weeks. To add or delete a name from the prayer list, please call the church office or use the prayer cards located in the pews.)

Condolences

The pastor, staff, and congregation extend loving sympathy to the families of

- ◆ Trey, Gina, Reagan, LeeAnna, and Ryan Fingerlin in the death of his mother, Joyce Fingerlin.
- ◆ Bob and Gwen Shealy in the death of her mother, Mary Corley.

Thank You

I'd like to thank my St. Paul family for my devotional book. It sure will come in handy for good and bad days in college. Also thank you all for everything and every opportunity I have been given. I couldn't be where I am today without my church family!

Sincerely, William Yonce

Thanks for all the cards, calls and especially the prayers for my recent back surgery. It is comforting to know that your faith friends are so supporting.

Walker Beddoes

Birthdays and Anniversaries

AUGUST

- 1-M/M Tim Taylor
- 3-M/M Samuel Stevens, M/M Fred Easterlin
- 5-M/M Ronnie Able
- 6-Michael McMullan
- 9-Brenda W. Moons
- 10-Ben Smith, Katie Rhodes
- 11-Debra Rhoden, Hunter Webb, Keeli McDaniel
- 12-Keth Turner
- 14-Reagan Fingerlin
- 15-Charles Rollins, Cooper Crouch
- 16-M/M Toni Smith
- 17-Scott Martin, Ashlynn Vereen
- 18-Nancy Padgett
- 19-Carl Murray, M/M David Werts, Jr.
- 20-Allie Able, Sheila Horne, Mac Cromley
- 21-Jackie Dorn, Meg Davis
- 25-Tricia Crouch
- 26-Tonia Hudson
- 27-Peyton Hite, Thom Sample, Ann Watkins
- 28-Sam Hendrix, Kayla Turner
- 29-Julia Wills

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August 2018

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Sat

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Back to School Blessings 10 A.M. Children & Youth Program Meeting 11:00 A.M.	13 Vision Statement Task Group 6 P.M.	14 Team Coaching Call 7 P.M.	15 Gospel of Matthew Lunch & Learn 12-1 Vision Statement Task Group 6 P.M.	16 Gospel of Matthew Lunch & Learn 12-1	17	18
19 Promotion Sunday 9 A.M.	20 Volunteer Day at Parking Lot at Saluda Primary School 7:15-8:15 A.M. 2:15-3:15 P.M.	21	22 Gospel of Matthew Lunch & Learn 12-1 Church Council 7 P.M.	23 Gospel of Matthew Lunch & Learn 12-1	24	25
26 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 11 A.M.--2 P.M.	27	28	29	30	31	

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Save the Dates

September 9

Epworth Work Day Offering

Wednesday, September 19 & Thursday, September 20

Covenant Bible Study, Part 2,
“Living the Covenant” begins

Saturday, September 22

Tune-up Day
with Coach Paul Nickerson
10 A.M.—3 P.M.
in the Family Life Center
If you are interested in
helping our congregation
grow and become more fruitful,
this event is for you.

October 14

Homecoming with Dr. Tom
Norrell

October 20

Asbury Hills Fall Festival

October 29

Charge Conference at 7 P.M.

November 2 & 3

Greenwood District
Men’s Retreat at Hickory Knob
State Park

Hits for Hearts Softball Tournament

BENEFIT FOR HENRY WILSON

Saturday

August 11, 2018

Raffle, Burgers, and T-shirts

**Ridge Road Community
Leesville, SC**

**Team Entry Deadline August 9
\$200 a team
5 girls, 5 guys
6 girls, 6 guys**

**To register contact Madison Guy
at 864-992-5081 or Kaitlyn Rose
at 803-430-8801.**