

THE EPISTLE



“Bring One.”

At a recent evangelism conference, I met a gentleman from Uganda whom I will call “John”. As a minister in the 1970’s, John was sent to establish a Christian church in a predominately Muslim area of Uganda during the rule of Idi Amin. The assignment was risky both for himself and for those who would become part of his congregation. Some of you may remember that Idi Amin was known as the “Butcher of Uganda” and did not respond well to those who were interfering with his political influence in the Muslim community.

John recalls that he spent several years praying with his five congregants for God to guide them in how to grow this small church. One day, as John was praying, he heard the Lord say to him, “Bring one.” From that day on, the congregation of five members plus John adopted the goal of “Bring one” and the church began to grow. Over the next two years, the church grew to two hundred members. You see, instead of focusing on programs and events that would reach large numbers of people, the congregants decided to each focus on one person at a time---building a relationship, sharing their story, and inviting them to church. These practices multiplied as new members joined and the church grew in numbers and strength.

As I listened to John’s story, I was reminded of how we as the church often focus on plans that involve many people at once and forget the one person who may live next door or who works at the desk next to ours. Who is one person with whom you could build a relationship, share your faith story, and who just might say “yes” if you invite them to church?

How might our church and community be enriched if we each decided to “bring one”?

God’s blessings,

Pastor Susan

Back to School Blessings

August 11th, at 10:00 A.M., we will offer special prayers and blessings over our students and all those employed by the school system. All school employees of the congregation are asked to be present to accept a gift from the church.

Loved Ones Gone Support Group

Every day we lose the one's we love. I lost my husband May 21, 2019, and have been overly blessed by the love and support shown to me by so many. I know others are not as fortunate. It has been laid on my heart to start a support group for those that have lost loved ones and who could use a little extra support. My vision for this group is to provide the extra support in a monthly meeting where stories and advice can be shared. This group would consist of any one who has lost a loved one. I encourage anyone to attend who has lost a loved one whether the loss has been weeks, months, or years. The advice and inspiration and knowing YOU are not alone is very comforting. Right now, this group will meet the second Tuesday of every month at St. Paul United Methodist Church. This is not a church function just a function being held at the church. Our second meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7:00pm. Julie Lawson

Guest Preacher

District Superintendent, Rev. Love, will be preaching on the Sunday morning of August 18. Make plans now to be present!

Promotion Sunday

We are excited to announce Sunday, August 25th, as Promotion Sunday, where youth step up to the next level of Sunday school and increase their Biblical foundation. If you have a rising 3rd grader, please contact the church office at 445-2232.

Adult Ministries

On Tuesday, August 27th, we will tour the Saluda County Historical Society and then go to Fred's for ice cream. Meet in church parking lot at 10:30am. Bring \$ for ice cream at Fred's!

For our September activity, we are considering a basket weaving class but would like to know if you are interested before scheduling. Susan McFarland of Maxwell and Main would lead us in making two bread baskets on September 18, one of which we would keep and one we would donate. This activity would take about four hours to complete and would cost \$40. Please let Maurica Easler know if you are interested.

Charge Conference

Charge Conference will be held August 29, at 7 P.M. in the Sanctuary. All members of the of the Administrative and Ministry Teams are expected to attend. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Crossroads Homecoming

Crossroads UMC (formerly Branch Hill UMC) invites you to celebrate new beginnings and fond memories with us on August 11, 2019. We are having our Friends and Family Day Service at 11:00 A.M. and Church Homecoming Service at 2:00 P.M. God has truly been with us over the past year and we want to share with you in his greatness. Please join us on this special day. Our new location is: 1269 McCormick Hwy., Saluda

Small Group Bible Study

A NEW 7-WEEK STUDY is being offered during the Sunday School time slot. This is a great opportunity to join in a small group Bible study without making a long-term commitment to a regular class.

Beginning Sunday, September 15, "The Grave Robber" by Mark Batterson will be offered in the Family Life Center from 9:00-9:45AM. In this study, Mark shares true stories of modern-day miracles and brings to light the countless everyday miracles we take for granted---miracles that point us toward the One who healed the sick, calmed the storm, and even raised the dead. If you long to see God work in miraculous ways in your life and in your church, come participate in this study.

A bonus: the videos for this study are filmed on location in the Holy Land in the places where Jesus performed his miracles. The setting brings the Scripture to life.

Operation Christmas Child

As you are shopping for Back to School Supplies, remember to pick up items for Operation Christmas Child and place them in one of the baskets at the church.

LIF  -2019

Ladies in Fellowship Together

St. Paul United Methodist Church
Saluda, SC
Tuesday, October 22, 2019

*Dinner 6:00 pm –Family Life Center
Doors open at 5:30

Tickets Required for Dinner
-Tickets \$10-purchased in advance
available at State Farm-Kelly White Agency
and AllSouth FCU Jill Able

*Service 7:00 pm-Sanctuary
No tickets necessary

The evening will consist of ladies sharing food, fellowship, laughter and tears through God's faithfulness in the storms of life.

For more information please visit our Facebook page
St. Paul UMC of Saluda, SC

Nurture a College Student

If you or your family would like to support a college student during the 2019/2020 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.

Prayer List

Nursing Home: Ann Thompson, Kathleen Padgett, Irene Riddle, Eileen Quattlebaum, Lewis Bobb, Peg Bolton

Shut Ins: Linda Beber, Grace Givens, Helen Humphries

Military: Chuck Bearon, Ryan Caulder, Robbie Grafton, Parker Hite, Patrick Wilson, Matthew Rollins, Ben Walker, Ryan Matthews, Susannah Nunamaker, Recruit James Therell (Lima Company-3rd Bat, Platoon 3065, Box 16345, Parris Island, SC 29905-6345), Saluda National Guard, who have been deployed to Kuwait for one year.

Friends and Family: Charlene Herlong, Marvin Grief, Van Shealy, Rosa Eva Rankin, Caroline Herlong
(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.)

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-Keith Turner
14-Reagan Fingerlin
15-Charles Rollins
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
26-Tonia Hudson
27-Peyton Hite, Thom Sample, Ann Watkins
28-Sam Hendrix, Kayla Turner
29-Julia Wills

Prayer Walk Groups

On **Tuesdays, beginning August 6 , at 7 P.M.** , a Prayer Walk Group will meet at St. Paul in front of the Education Building. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please contact Jill Able or Melinda Taylor.

On **Wednesdays, beginning September 4, at 5:15 P.M.**, a Prayer Walk Group will meet at St. Paul in front of the Family Life Center. Come join us! If you have any questions please contact Cece Yonce, Connie Sample, or Myrle Holmes.

For the “early risers”, a Prayer Walk Group is offered on **Mondays and Thursdays at 7 A.M. beginning September 9.** Meet in front of the Family Life Center. If you have any questions contact Sheree Riley or Kelly White. Join us!

For those who would rather knit than walk, there is a group in the organizational stage that will meet in the Family Life Center once a month to pray and knit. If this is an opportunity you would like to be a part of, keep an eye and an ear open—more details will be coming soon.

Israel Trip 2020

For those going on the trip to Israel in January of 2020, there will be an informational meeting with Rev. Keck on Thursday, September 12, at 6:30 P.M. in the Social Hall.

August 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 Nominating Committee 6:30 P.M. in SH	2	3
4 Communion	5	6 Prayer Walk 7:00 P.M.	7	8	9	10
11 Back to School Blessings 10 A.M.	12	13 Loved Ones Gone Support Group 7 P.M. in SH	14	15	16	17
18 District Superintendent, Rev. Love preaching 10 A.M.	19 First Day of School	20	21	22	23	24
25 Promotion Sunday 10 A.M.	26	27 Adult Ministries to Saluda County Historical Society 10 :30 A.M.	28	29 Charge Conference 7 P.M. in Sanctuary	30	31

St. Paul United Methodist Church

*102 E. Butler Ave
Saluda, SC 29138*

Phone: 864-445-2232

E-mail: stpaulsaluda@gmail.com

www.stpaulsaluda.com

On Facebook---St. Paul UMC of Saluda, SC

Save the Dates

September 4

G.I.G. Kids Kickoff
Prayer Walk

September 8

Epworth Work Day Offering

September 15

"The Grave Robber" Bible Study
begins

September 29

5th Sunday Breakfast and
Worship in the Family Life Center

October 19

Asbury Hills Fall Festival

October 22

LIFT
Ladies in Fellowship Together

October 31

St. Paul's Halloween Trick or Treat
Fall Festival

"Bring One."

***Who is one
person with whom
you could build a
relationship, share
your faith story, and
who just might say
"yes" if you invite
them to church?***
