

Other news:

2018 Budget Summary

Beginning Wednesday, February 21 we will be serving dinner at 5:30 each Wednesday night.

If you are interested in helping with these meals, please contact Pam Zwickey.

Conference Apportionments-\$63,692
 Staff Compensation and Benefits-\$436,746
 Building Maintenance and Operations - \$126,524
 Office Operations-\$56,600
 Evangelism, Outreach and Missions- \$28,000
 Music Ministries-\$14,500
 Christian Education Expenses- \$16,450
 Youth Ministries- \$4,100
 Misc Exp - \$4,100
Total Budget \$750,712

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Joys and Concerns

Birthdays:

1-25- Scott Raines, 1-25- Mrs. Carol Schmieding, 1-26- Mrs. Nancy Jackson, 1-27- Mr. Berry F. Smith, 1-30- Mrs. Miriam Shi, 1-31- Mrs. Christina Huyck, 2-1- Mrs. Laverta Welty, 2-2- Mrs. Nancy Riffe, 2-4- Mr. Mike Connor, 2-5- Mr. Herb Stoner, 2-6- Mr. Asa Howard

Anniversaries:

1-3-1970 Gordon and Johnnie Swearengen, 1-9-82 Doug and Tadhi Hayes, 1-11-1984 Craig and Glenna Henderson, 1-15-1966 Danny and Jackie Alexander, 1-16-1966 Randy and Sherrie Haralson, 1-19-1952 Bill and Jean Braudt, 1-20-1964 Sonny and Jacklyn Nikkel, 2-5-1952 Herb and JoAnn Stoner.

Prayer Concerns

James Bagley, Ray Basinger, Tammy Bivins, Cheryl Bryan, Robbin Burrow, Kyle Burt, Cindy Brungardt, Mildred Everett, Vera Gallarneau, Norman Grigsby, Patsy Hutchinson, Lawrence Jaramillo, Charles Jones, Ruby Little, Larry Logsdon, Flo Martin, Don McMahan, Janet McMahan, Yvonne McCracken, Gerald Reid, Ruth Robinson, Claire Rigler, Sis Ritter, Phyllis Squyres, Mary Wayne Spurlock, Herb Stoner, Johnnie Swearengen.

A Great Year Ahead!

I'm excited about 2018! There are many great new things on the horizon! Here are just a few:

I've been working with Gordon Swearngen to reinvigorate the evangelistic thrust of Saint Paul. This year, we'll embark on a series of direct mail campaigns. Plans have already been finalized to mail 15,000 "Invite Cards" into homes in southwest Amarillo and the Bushland area for our Easter Celebration. Our Doorstep Ministry is up and running and Gordon is laying plans to inaugurate our Hospitality (Greeter) Ministry on Sundays.

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee created a new full-time position for Director of Family Ministries. The Administrative Board approved the funding for that position and we'll begin searching for the right person when we have a job description in place.

The Director of Family Ministries will have a dual focus on children and their families. It's not enough these days to create a place for kids. The church must also create a place for their families. Why? Because 8 year olds can't drive themselves to church!

On February 18, we're starting two new Sunday School classes. One of those classes is called "Foundations" and is focused on parents (single and married) with school age and preschool children. Jason and Stephanie Lindegren will teach that class. The other class is geared to all ages and people who want to go deeper through a systematic study of the Bible. Called the "Good Book Club," this class will be facilitated by Pamela Sirmon, Libby Talley, and Sue Rankin.

I'm also excited about our Mission Team's new international focus on Evon's Hope. I hope you've made plans to attend the banquet on February 20. Tickets are \$75 each and will benefit Evon's Hope.

Finally, thank you for being so faithful in your giving! We ended 2017 with a \$34,000 surplus. However, because of additional monies on hand, we've begun 2018 with \$50,000 in the bank. We're in a very healthy place financially. As always,

God's best to you!

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday night studies resumed on January 17.

Pastor Bill will be teaching January 31.

His topic **Search for Significance**.

Desserts are served at 5:45, and Bill will begin his lesson at 6:00.

We will be meeting in the basement.

Thursday morning Women's Bible Study resumed on January 11 at 9 am in the church parlor. We are exploring the study Finding I Am by Lysa TerKeurst. This same study was well received last summer when Pamela Sirmon was the leader. The six week study will look at the "I am" statements made by Jesus. The study book is \$14.99 and is available at LifeWay Book Store;. copies of the book will be available. Pam Zwickey leads this study.

Be sure to also mark your calendars for the annual chili cook-off on Wednesday, February 7. This is always a fun, competitive evening of food and fellowship. Prizes will be awarded. You may enter as a Sunday School class, small group, or individual. Don't miss it! Registration forms are in the church office.

Chili Cook-off


Wednesday, February 7
5:30 pm in Corinthian Hall.

Register now

Registrations are in the church office, or you may contact Pam Zwickey for more information.

Entry deadline is February 4.

Plan to attend this fun annual event.
Prizes will be awarded.



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JOIN US IN CORINTHIAN HALL DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR. ALL PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR THE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

January—February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				25 9:00am- Women's Bible Study 6-8:00pm- Scout Leadership Meeting in Basement 6:30 pm-Eagle Board Review	26	27
28 12:00pm.- Acolyte Training and Pizza Lunch	29	30 7:00pm.- Boy Scouts	31 5:45pm.- Pastor Bill Study "Search For Significance"	1 9:00pm.- Women's Bible Study	2	3 8:00-3:30pm.- Amarillo Youth Choir 9-2:00pm.- Scout Skills 6:00pm.- Walt Gibson Funeral Service
4 Youth Pancake Breakfast	5 7:30-5:30pm- ERT in Galation Hall	6 3:00pm.- PED in Parlor 7:00pm.- Boy Scouts	7 9:30am.- UMW in Parlor 5:30pm.- Chili Cook-off	8		

Billy Talley Appreciation Day



Mark your calendars for February 25 and plan to be present for a great day of worship and celebration as Saint Paul honors Billy Talley for his twenty years of service as our Director of Music Ministries! Billy's twenty-year tenure on our staff began in February 1998.

Festivities for the day will include a special Reunion Choir during the

10:50 am service. If you know of former Saint Paul choir members who have moved on, please pass the word on to them. We would to see former choir members fill the loft as we celebrate Billy's ministry!

At Noon, we'll have lunch in Corinthian Hall. During lunch, some special presentations will be made. So you'll want to stay during the entire lunch!

Reminders

Please call the church office if you or a loved one is in the hospital 352-5615. If not during office hours call Pastor Bill at 418-1728.

Altar Flowers— The calendars has a few spots left if you would like to reserve call Lynn today.

Newsletters are going out the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the upcoming few months. If you would like to add something get it in to us by the Tuesday before.