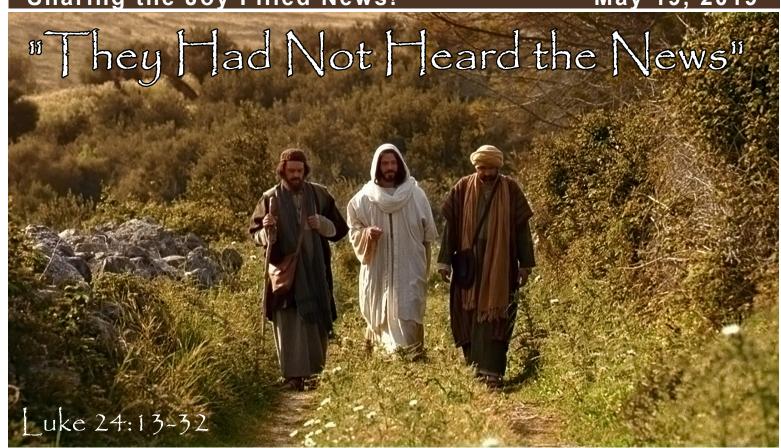


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Sharing the Joy Filled News!

May 19, 2019





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Are You Ready to Meet God?

The most important decision in life that one can ever make is the decision to repent and start living a new life in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is never too late to say "Yes" to God. Remember, God loves you.

God loves you and will forgive our sins if we sincerely ask.

Let me encourage you to pray:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your loving forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead so that I might have eternal life. I turn from my sins now and invite you to come into my heart and change me to live for your purposes. I will now trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior from this day forward. Amen."

Preschool Ministry Minute



On Friday, May 10, 2019, we celebrated mothers with the preschools annual Mother's Day lunch. Mothers were welcomed to a beautiful lunch prepared by Angela Bell and cards and gifts handmade by their children. Richard and Emily Norton, Susan

Havey, Ann Helfrich, Jean Keck, and Shelley Capps volunteered to help Angela prepare lunch, decorate the fellowship hall and clean when the event was over. We were able to fill every table in the hall with mothers, grandmothers, aunts and one very special great grandmother of 96 years of age.

The preschool is always looking for volunteers to read to the children, rock babies, etc. Please contact Arlene Wetmore if you would like to volunteer 724-0931 or arlenew@stpauljax.org

Upcoming PS Events:

Preschool Graduation will be **Friday**, **May 31st** at 7PM in the Sanctuary.

MAY EVENTS HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 23rd (Thursday) - Primetimers will meet for a concert performed by the Arlington Senior Singers at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. This dynamic group will be performing their Spring/Summer concert. Immediately following the performance we will have a covered dish lunch. We have invited the performers to join us for lunch so be sure to bring enough to share. Please invite friends for this time of fun and fellowship.

May 26th (Sunday) - Graduation Sunday lets celebrate all of our graduates!

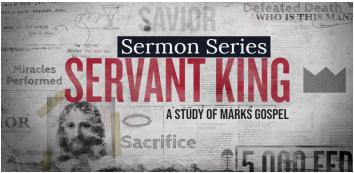
May 27th-June 2nd -Jennifer will be on vacation and will have limited access to email.

May 27th (Monday) - Office & PS Closed in observation of Memorial Day

May 29th (Wednesday) - No Email Blast this day

Please note there will be NO passionate worship meeting in May*







ON MISSION TOGETHER

The Bishop's Offering for Annual Conference 2019 will be divided evenly between a restart of the FAMU Wesley Foundation in Tallahassee and planting a new church in Lowell Women's Prison in Reddick.

Lowell Correctional Institution: The Florida Conference is joining a trend in the US by placing a United Methodist church inside a state prison. A pastor will be assigned to serve at Lowell Correctional Institution for women in Reddick, Florida. The idea to partner with Prison Congregations of America, a consulting group that helps denominations establish worshiping congregations in prisons, came after Bishop Carter heard about a church based in a prison in Tennessee.

Impact at Florida A&M University Wesley Foundation Part of our vision for IMPACT@FAMU Wesley Foundation is to create a "home away from home" for our students, an office/pastoral care area for the Executive Director, and a place to worship, gather, learn, play, and pray for the FAMU campus at large. We call this space the IMPACT House, a spiritual Living & Learning Experience for our IMPACT FAMUly. For more information, visit famuwesley.com.

Do You Know Someone Graduating?



Calling all graduates! We are preparing a celebration insert for Sunday, May 26th when we will recognize all of our graduates. Do you have a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew you would like to be included in the insert? If so please

contact Kurt Hyder at kurthyder@yahoo.com

Arlington Community Service Needs



A Message from Arlington Community Services (ACS): Our current pantry needs are: Cereal, Jiffy Corn Bread Mix, Jello, Pork & Beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Rice,

Dry Beans, Pasta Sides, Bar Soap, Toothbrushes, Tooth paste, and new socks for the homeless.

If you can donate any of these items please place them in the large bins located in the fellowship hall next to the glass doors. Question? Please call or email (904)503-8496 Office Email: arlingtoncommunityservices@gmail.com

Dear St. Paul Community,

As some of you may know, one of our employees,

Taquawna Pender who is both a preschool teacher and Sunday nursery attendant, experienced the sudden loss of her husband Garrick on Wednesday, May 8th. We ask that you please be in prayer for her and her children, who range in ages from 2-12 years



old. Notes of comfort and condolence can be sent to:

The Pender-Mapp Family, 6020 Glenn Rose Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32277

As you can imagine, this time of loss has hit the family hard and as a body of Christ we want to wrap her family in prayer, love and support. We are going to be collecting a love offering to help with their current needs of funeral costs of \$8,000, moving costs of \$2,000, and general day to day necessities. Unfortunately, the family did not have any life insurance. If you are able to assist with any amount, please mark your gift "Love Offering Pender Family" bring your gifts to the office, drop them in the offering on Sunday or donate on-line (be sure to select Love Offering Pender Family as the fund).

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Straughn at 904-349-5999. Thank you in advance for your support.

Clothing Closet Needs

The St. Paul clothing closet has a few needs:

- **1.) Shoes for Men** of various sizes
- **2.) Blankets & Bed Sheets** of various sizes
- **3.) Male volunteers** for some heavy lifting and organizing needs

If you can help with these items please bring them to the clothing closet on Monday mornings or bring them to the church office during the week. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Bonnie Lindsay at 904-743-9822 or nlind22263@bellsouth.net





What is a Small Group/Sunday School?

A Small Group/Sunday School class is an intentional gathering. This group of people agree to share life together. They have a purpose for getting together, plan where and when to meet, arrange their schedules to be there, and meet regularly. They grow in their relationship with Christ through studies and sharing life experiences. Below is a list of classes currently offered at St. Paul and everyone is welcome to attend.

Meet Sundays After Service

Open Door, Meets in room 31 Spares & Pairs, Meets in room 33 BYKOTA, Meets in room 32

Good News, Meets in room 30

If you are interested in facilitating a new small group please talk to the Senior Pastor for guidance on how to get started.



In an effort to communicate up-to-date numbers for the church's finances, we have taken the entire 2019 budget and divided it by 52 (Number of Sundays in the calendar year). This means that each week we have a goal to collect \$11,511.62 to fund our 2019 budget.

Our Faithfulness In Giving

May 5th: \$13,674 May 12th: \$6,997

Single & Single Again Event



On Saturday, June 1st the Single & Single Again group will meet at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall for a meal prepared by Glen and Jonathon Winberry. They will be grilling steak/chicken with baked potatoes and salad as sides. We will need a firm reservation for Glen to order the meat.

Please RSVP to Sandy Crowley at 221-6697 no later than May 28th (or bring your own meat!!!). Please indicate how you would like your steak cooked if leaving a message. Hope to see you there!

Flower Ministry

The flowers that grace our pulpit on special occasions and each Sunday are provided by donors who contribute financially to commemorate a loved one, an event in their lives or to the glory of God, our Lord and Savior. If you are interested in purchasing flowers please contact the church office.

Todays Altar Flowers Are:

In celebrating of our 60th wedding anniversary!

by

Harold & Peggy Isgette

2019 Available Dates

June: 2, 23, 30 August: 25 October: 6,13, 27

November: 3, 10, 24 **December:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Thank you for being in worship with us today. We are a confident and joyful-filled church with BIG expectations of a GREAT God and we join you in faith today believing that, "Something Good Is Going to Happen to You!"

If you find yourself in need of ministry, we welcome you to contact us. Remember with God All Things are possible! Sharing God's Love, Changing Lives and Serving the Community. ~ Pastor Steve Souders

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PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the people on our prayer list.

We will list each name in 4 consecutive bulletins. Please resubmit the request to have it extended.

Jerry & Jackie Baucom
Ann Bianco
Russell Boyer
Shirley Brink
Jerry Brown, II
Aiden & Ashton Call
Family of Greg Campaninn
Herb Choate
Cathy Spearman Davis
Ellen Fletcher
Joe Gambert
Kathy Hudley

Jessica Justice

Carl Lawson
Patricia Lowe
Jim Mitts
Rodney Paul
The Pender-Mapp Family
Tom Phillips
Tim & Lauren Rowans
Joanna & Sandy Shockley
Barbara Spearman
Francis Taylor
Sylvia Whitlock
John and Shirley Wood

HOMEBOUND

The following is a list of those who are homebound and their caretakers. Please continue to love and support them through your prayers and presence.

Mary Jean Bardole
Amanda Buffkin
Herb Choate
Leon Clark
Margaret Davis
Dan & Joynie Defoor
Peggy Doherty
Fran Dubberly
Ellen Fletcher
Jean Johnson

Jane Lam
Carl Lawson
Catherine McKibben
Pat Merritt
Francis & Mona New
Greta Peterson
Cecil Ward
Sylvia Whitlock
John & Shirley Wood

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

Please join us in the fellowship hall each Wednesday starting at 5:00 PM for fellowship, friends and a home cooked meal. The cost is \$6 per plate

(Maximum of \$20 per family).

Chicken & Noodles, Green Beans, Rolls, Pound Cake

Now Hiring!

St. Paul UMC currently has an opening for a part-time Director of Children's Ministry (DCM). This position is



non-exempt, 25 hours per week, \$16,000 annually, mainly on Wednesdays and Sundays.

The DCM must have a passion for kids (Nursery thru 5th

grade) in growing their Christian faith and be able to demonstrate great interpersonal leadership skills in working with our existing volunteers and program. Prior Children's ministry or Christian Education experience is beneficial and a background check is required before hiring. A job description is available in the church office for more in-depth information.

All resumes should be sent to info@stpauljax.org or faxed to 904-724-0555