



St. Paul's

Celebrating **150** Years
Jesus' Story Still Unfolding

Messenger
January 2023

The Confidence of the New Year
Jesus Christ Is the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever

Hebrews 13:8

Rev. Thomas Parrish

It is normal that children grow up gaining their identity from what others say about them. I am forever astounded at how many adults, that seek counseling guidance, are still defining who they are by the punishing comments of others. Here are some of the most common negative things heard:

“You’ll never amount to anything.”

“With a nose like yours Pinocchio has nothing to worry about.”

“Why can’t you be more like your older brother?”

“You were a mistake.”

“I have too much work to do, leave me alone..”

Unfortunately, there are many, many, many more. Parents and peers can get stupid and say negative things that define a young man or young women for the rest of their lives.

The Bible says a big “NO!” Who you are, why you are here, what you are supposed to do is not to be defined by others. You are defined by Jesus Christ and what his Word says about you.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before-

hand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

These are the things we need to be saying to one another, encouraging one another, comforting one another. Here is the best news of all. This same Jesus who has declared these things about those who trust him is defined by the Bible with these words:

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Never forget:

Jesus defines you and his attitude toward you and me will never change! Blessed New Year!!

Adult and Children's Sunday School

On Sunday, January 8, 2023, we will have a combined adult and children's Sunday school in the fellowship hall. A Coffee and continental breakfast are provided.

Men's Saturday Fellowship

Led by Pastor Tom Parrish

Saturday, January 7 & 21 at 9:00am

Coffee & donuts are Provided!

At St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

A graphic for an annual church meeting. The background is a blue-tinted photograph of a church interior with people. Overlaid on this is the text 'ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING' in white and yellow. 'ANNUAL' and 'MEETING' are in white, while 'CHURCH' is in a larger, bold yellow font.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

2023 Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be at 9 am on Sunday, January 29, 2023.

JANUARY ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAYS 9:00AM

Coffee Provided!

Adult Sunday School Classes beginning **January 15, 2023**

FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIANITY Taught by Pastor Kim Stevens

A beginning class for those new to Christianity or those wanting to refresh Christianity's foundational truths. You can enter at any time.

THE WORLD OF THE END

How Jesus' Prophecy Shapes Our Priorities

Taught by Cheryl Biel

This hope-filled series of DVD's is written and presented by Dr. David Jeremiah as he encourages us as believers to reflect on questions that are challenging us in our world today. "Why is this happening?"; "When will it stop?" and "What can we do?". The DVD's and our discussion following Dr. Jeremiah's message will include the following:

- In a World of Deception, BE HONEST
- In a World of War, BE CALM
- In a World of Disasters, BE CONFIDENT
- In a World of Persecution, BE PREPARED
- In a World of Betrayal, BE FAITHFUL
- In a World of Bad News, BE THE GOOD NEWS
- In the World of the End, Be DETERMINED

This study will focus not on the end of the world but what Jesus shares with His disciples in Matthew 24:1-14; the signs of the End of the Age, and how we as Christians can stand and actively live as the salt and light of this world.

STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Taught by Pastor Tom Parrish

Next to the Gospel of John, Hebrews is the most powerful book in the Bible! The chief underlying theme is the superiority and pre-eminence of Jesus Christ. Hebrews proclaims that Jesus is above everything else and everyone else in glory and power. There are many deep truths in the book recognizing His supreme position. It also will have a deep impact on our lives as we discover what Jesus' New Covenant means for living in this day and age.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Kids Sunday School upstairs Begins January 15
at 9:00am. All ages Welcome!



From New Dawn Ministries:

Peace to each of you. We encourage you to look forward with anticipation that is not shrouded in uncertainty or overburdened with care.

And so, with 2022 under our belts, New Dawn Ministries will begin -

Life Together's first gathering of 2023 is on Friday - February 3rd! - 6-8:30 pm

Praise the LORD, Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Psalm 112: 1, 7

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

Kurt, Judy, Nick, Phyllis

Weekly Bible Studies



Mondays Community Bible study 6:15pm

Monday Night at 6:15pm

Contact Kristi Bolson for more information

Tuesdays Afternoon Bible Study 1:00pm

We are studying Who I Am In Christ and please join us when you can. Coffee and cookies are provided.

Holy Grounds Coffee House Fridays 6:15pm

Join us in welcoming our neighbors with conversation, prayer and Bible time. Contact Kristi Bolson or Daniel Olson for more information.

Good News Club



Bible Lessons. Songs. Memory Verses. Snacks!

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 6-7pm

Where: St. Paul's Church at 1901 Portland Ave

**Who: For Children Ages 5-12 & parents
and older siblings**

Contact: Cheryl Rich @ 651-333-0119



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date
Ardelle Chelmen	01/10
Kent Bodurtha	01/14
Becky Bodurtha	01/16
Kristi Bolson	01/16
Emani cooper	01/21
Mirelia Showalter	01/23

Missionary Birthdays	
Name	Date
Elizabeth Jacobson	01/01
Jonathan (J.J.) Ose	01/03
Steven Ose	01/05
Tracy Eide	01/10

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JOIN US
Online Or In-Person!
Sundays 10:30 A.M.