



The SPIRIT

St. Paul United Methodist Church

May 2024

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"Others"

There is a story about William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army. At the time he was an old, weak man. He was expected to speak at a huge convention, but because of his physical condition he was unable at the last minute to go. Instead he sent a telegram. Thousands gathered at the convention, eager to hear this great man of God speak. That night, at the appointed moment, someone came to the platform with the sealed telegram and explained that General Booth was unable to be there, but that he had sent a message to be read. As he opened the seal, the crowd grew hushed in expectancy. There was only one word in the telegram: "Others."

In a world that encourages people to give in to the impulse to live self-centered lives, it is good to remember the telegram and life message of William Booth and people like him. "Others" matter. When we live as though this is true, our lives will matter more as well. This was far more than a concept for him. It was not only a direction he was pointed in but

a passion that shaped his life and drove him to make a difference with the power of God. He said, "God has had all that there was of me" and also, "I am not waiting for a move of God, I am a move of God!"

What are we waiting for? Do we see a need for God to move in the world? Why not through our life?



"And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

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10:00 a.m. Wednesdays
 May 1 & 15
 Meet in the weight room.



May
 8 & 22
 5:30 p.m. in
 the Activity Center

Our mid-week Dinner and Worship service is open to everyone! Join us as we gather together around the table to enjoy time with friends and family. This is a dine-in experience so, bring your friends! Donations appreciated.

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8
 King Ranch Chicken & Dessert

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22
 Cheeseburgers, Fries, & Dessert



FOOD OF THE MONTH
 canned veggies



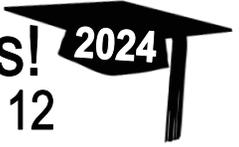
*a little honey
 is on the way*

BABY SHOWER

3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 25
 In the Parlor

Parents, Kelie Cobb and Dacoda Morris invite you to celebrate their little honey on the way, **Wyatt Ray Morris**, the great-great grandson of Ray Griffin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, in the Parlor at St. Paul.

*Registered at:
 babylist.com Kelie Cobb*

Congratulations
2024 Graduates! 
 Sunday, May 12
 at the 11:00 a.m. Service

Graduation recognition will be on Sunday, May 12, during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Our 2024 college graduates are Kylie Gioletti, Aislyn Hensley, Julia Kent, Maximillion Valadez. High school graduates are Jack Hewitt and Jack Gilliam. We will have a card box in the Atrium for cards of encouragement. We are so proud of you all!

Ministries & Meetings

10:00 a.m. Wed., May 1	Backpack Ministry
7:00 p.m. Thurs., May 2	Tulsa Festival Ringers
5:30 p.m. Wed., May 8	Dinner Church
6:30 p.m. Tues., May 14	Bridges Graduation
10:00 a.m. Wed., May 15	Backpack Ministry
5:30 p.m. Tues., May 21	Finance Meeting
5:30 p.m. Wed., May 22	Dinner Church
3:00 p.m. Sat., May 25	Cobb Baby Shower
5:30 p.m. Mon., June 3	Church Council Meeting

5:30 p.m. Tuesdays	Bridges Out of Poverty
5:30 p.m. Wednesdays	Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Wednesdays	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Thursdays	Ladies Handbell Choir



All women give so much of their time, talent, and hearts to the “raising-up” the next generation that we would like to take the opportunity while observing “Mother’s Day” to show honor to our community of women. We invite you to be our guest at the worship services on Sunday, May 12, to receive a special gift from St. Paul.

Church Camp - Summer Fun!!

SUMMER CAMP @ EGAN 2024



OK CAMPS
United Methodist Camping Ministry

Contact Barbara Kent to get registered or if you need more information. Church office: 918-687-7571 or cell 918-840-0104.

Grade	Camp EGAN	Dates
6th-12th	Egan Youth Camp	June 10-14
3rd-5th	Growin' in Grace	June 17-19
1st-2nd	Sonshine	June 22-23



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2024 Summer Reading Camp
9am - 3pm June 3 to July 25
Mondays - Thursdays
Grades 1-5 Camper Fee: \$10

Registration is online. Contact the church office for more information or email: pt@stpaulmuskogee.com

MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>Oklahoma Annual Conference 2024 The World FOREVER Our Parish Thursday May 30 - Saturday June 1</p>			1 10:00 a.m. Backpacks 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	2 10:00 a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir Reh. 7PM Tulsa Festival Ringers Spring Concert	3 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	4
5 10:00 AM Sunday School Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel 11:00 am - Sanctuary COMMUNION SUNDAY	6 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	7 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty	8 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool 5:30 p.m. Dinner Church 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	11
12 10:00 AM Sunday School Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel 11:00 am - Sanctuary 11AM - Grad. Recognition	13 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	14 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty GRADUATION!	15 10:00 a.m. Backpacks 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	16 10:00 a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir Reh.	17 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	18
19 10:00 AM Sunday School Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel 11:00 am - Sanctuary	20	21 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	22 5:30 p.m. Dinner Church 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	23	24	25  Baby Shower Kelie Cobb 3:00 p.m. in the Parlor
26 10:00 AM Sunday School Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel 11:00 am - Sanctuary	27  MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	28 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty	29 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	30  CHURCH OFFICE HOURS MON-THURS. 8am-5pm	31  CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED on Fridays	UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OKC May 30-June 1

Weekly at St. Paul:

Sunday:

AM 9:00 Worship—Sanctuary
 10:00 Sunday School for everyone!
 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary

Monday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 9:00 Learning Tree Preschool
 10:15 Staff Meeting

Tuesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 PM 12:00 Al-Anon
 5:30 Bridges out of Poverty

Wednesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 9:00 Learning Tree Preschool
 PM 5:30 Dinner Church (2nd & 4th)
 5:30 Youth Group
 6:00 Emotions Anonymous (1st & 3rd)
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 PM 6:00 Good Shepherd Clinic (1st & 3rd)
 7:00 It's in the Book (AA) Women only

Friday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 9:00 Learning Tree Preschool

Saturday:

AM 9:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
 PM 7:00 It's in the Book (AA) Women only

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
 Monday-Thursday
 Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Altar Flowers

to the glory of God

- May 5** Charlene Schoeppel, in loving memory of her husband, Roger Schoeppel
- May 12** Charlene Pruden, in loving memory of Booker Pruden
- May 19** Margaret Wagner, Laura, & Lynne, in loving memory Steve, Werner, Beulah, and Flo
- May 26** Don & Lana Reed, In honor of our grandchildren, Zian, Jack, who will be graduating, and Olivia, with whom we have been most blessed. Also, in remembrance of those loved ones who have gone on to be with the Lord.

Anniversaries

- 10 Sam & Ann Cox
- 24 Todd & Terral Graybill

Ministries

USHER MINISTRY (Monthly rotation)

9:00 a.m. Ushers

- 1st Sun.:** Virgil Rose, Ben Robinson
- 2nd Sun.:** Marilyn Gilder, Jo Gibbs
- 3rd Sun.:** Omar Reed, Kermit Lyday
- 4th Sun.:** Don Elgin
- 5th Sun.:** Bob & Bonnie Belle Dunkelberger

11:00 a.m. Ushers

- 1st Sun.:** Weldon Key, Ed Johnson, Robert Hall, Ted Hine, Mike Pierceall
- 2nd Sun.:** Ron Wright, Todd Graybill, Bill Settle, John Griffin
- 3rd Sun.:** Johnny Broome, Bob Woods, Jim Neely, Scott & Sam Hensley
- 4th Sun.:** Tracey Szabo, Rachael Ritchie, Erin Goss, Jenee' Hensley, Amber Hilfiger
- 5th Sun.:** Eric Elgin, Don Elgin, Roy Flinn, Michael Blakeslee

Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Mary Jo Blakeburn | 14 Christi Hix |
| 1 David Jones | 14 Janey Boydston |
| 2 Charlotte Crank | 15 James Morris |
| 3 Art Hinshaw | 17 Robbie Evans |
| 3 Connor Howerton | 18 Abby Admire |
| 4 Autumn Moore | 18 Alex Hurst-Fore |
| 4 Hewitt Hilfiger | 18 Athlyn Pool |
| 6 Margaret Wagner | 19 Keith Bishop |
| 6 Stephen Felts | 19 Catherine Wagner |
| 7 Laura Cobb | 26 Chrissie Wagner |
| 7 Diane Reynolds | 27 Sheila Dause |
| 9 John Griffin | 28 Barbara Wright |
| 9 Linzy Gaston | 28 Jack Hodge |
| 9 Parker Wilkerson | 29 Jack Pool |
| 10 Kendley Noahr | 29 David Vanderford |
| 10 Gloria Nicholson | 29 Karren Rogers |
| 11 Martin Bebb | 30 James Kolb |
| 12 Ron Wright | 31 Eric Hall |

GREETER MINISTRY (Monthly rotation)

9:45 a.m.

- 1st Sun.:** Ray Griffin
- 2nd Sun.:** Ted Hine
- 3rd Sun.:** L. & P. Christensen
- 4th Sun.:**
- 5th Sun.:**

10:45 a.m.

- Ed & Pam Johnson
- Linda Garrison
- B. Flinn/B. Hearon
- Kermit Lyday
- J. Boydston/B. Hearon

VAN MINISTRY (Monthly rotation)

- 1st Sun.:** Drivers: Kelly & Diane Beach
(May 5) Caller: Linda Foster
- 2nd Sun.:** Drivers: Scott & Sam Hensley
(May 12) Caller: Joan Odell
- 3rd Sun.:** Driver: Robbie Evans, Tamra Scherer
(May 19) Caller: Renee McMillin
- 4th Sun.:** Driver: Kermit Lyday, Manny Ramirez
(May 26) Caller: Margaret Thacker

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Return services requested



**“Getting Ahead”
GRADUATION**
6:30 p.m. on Tuesday,
May 14, 2024

You are invited to St. Paul UMC to show community support as the graduates of Bridges out of Poverty celebrate their graduation.



Learning Tree Preschool
Fall Enrollment Open
Applications in the Atrium
& on the church website

**Summer Hours begin
on Tuesday, May 28**



OFFICES CLOSED
Monday, May 27

Church Office
Summer Hours:
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday - Thursday
Closed on Fridays

Church Council Meeting



Church Council Meeting
5:30 p.m. Mon., June 3
in the large conference room.