

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE

With Pastor Ryan Oswald
10:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 - 9:45am
Adults, youth, and children

MEETINGS

Trustees	May 14	6:00pm
Serve	May 19	6:30pm
EC	May 28	6:00pm



FROM PASTOR RYAN OSWALD

Dear Church Family,

If you've watched the news, scrolled social media, or sat through a family dinner recently, you've probably noticed something: the world feels a little... tense. (And that may be the most polite way I can say it in a church newsletter.)

That's exactly why, this May, we're diving into a new sermon series called Faith Under Fire: Responding with Courage When the World Shakes.

Over four weeks, we're going to tackle some big, real-life questions:
 What is truth when everyone has an opinion?
 What does courage look like in everyday life?
 How do we love people we disagree with (without losing our minds)?
 And what is the church supposed to do in a divided world?

Spoiler alert: we're not going to solve all the world's problems in four Sundays. (I checked—we're booked through Pentecost.) But we are going to open Scripture together and discover how Jesus calls us to live with clarity, courage, love, and peace—even when everything around us feels uncertain.

So come ready to think, laugh a little, and maybe be challenged in the best way possible.

Because when the world shakes, faith doesn't have to.

Grace and peace,
 Pastor Ryan

Weekly Devotional and Sermons

Our weekly devotional and sermon text from Pastor Ryan is available on our church website. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the message throughout the week, revisit key scriptures and points, and grow closer to the Lord. [Click here to view.](#)



Current Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study

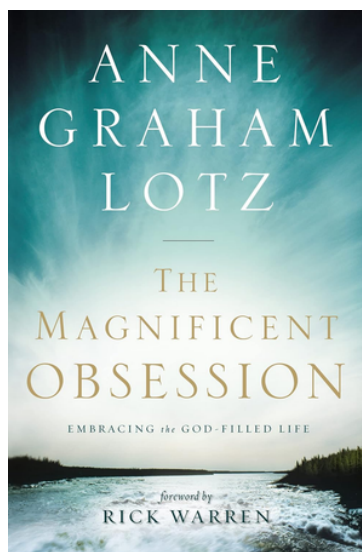
Mondays 6:30pm
Coffee Area
Led by Chad Brown

Ladies Bible Study

The Magnificent Obsession
Wednesdays at 6:15pm, Coffee Area
-OR-
Thursday at 10:00am, Coffee Area

Digest the Message Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:15pm
Led by Deacon Sam Brensinger



PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:
Warren Grant, Janet Grant,
Jerry Sheffer, Emily Harlow, Luther Ramsey, John Koch, Michele Miller, James Neff, Pam Hall, Rose Tolley, Shay Suter, Christian Brown, Joann Reid, Bob Paul, Davis Norcross, Pattie Phelps, Linda Hildebrand, Kathryn Moran, Juanita May

LITURGIST

May 3: Becky Cox
May 10: Sharon Creamer
May 17: Youth
May 24: Don Cromer
May 31: Jim Strother

Pilates: Fit for Service



Join us on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm** in the Family Life Center for "Fit for Service" Pilates class with instructors Jocelyn Jazwinski and Sharon-Ann Tolley.

St. Paul's attendees are \$5.00 a class
Spread the word, bring a friend, their cost \$10.00 a class.

Church Trips

thank you!

We would like to extend a big thank you to St. Paul's first trip planning team, Debbie Robbins and Bonita Wine! These ladies have graciously accepted this role and are excited to plan fun and exciting trips for our community.

If you have any suggestions for future trips, please take a moment to write them down and place them in the "Future Trips" suggestion box, located in the coffee bar area.

Coffee with Jesus

Join us for morning fellowship and enjoy light breakfast items

Next Meeting:
**Saturday,
May 2nd
9:00am**



LIBRARY HOURS

Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:30am
Sundays: 9:30 - 10:00am,
11:00 - 11:30am

Vacation Bible School: Rainforest Falls



Mark your calendars! We are excited for Vacation Bible School this summer as we host Rainforest Falls! At Rainforest Falls, kids will explore the nature of God. You'll root your kids in the fertile truth of meaningful, life-changing characteristics of God - their loving Creator who knows them and will love them forever! You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in faith!

Where: St. Paul's Church

When: **June 22-26, 9:00am - 12:30 pm**

If you have a child ages 3 years old - 5th grade that you would like to register, [click here](#) to sign up!

Help Wanted!

For VBS to be a success, we need all hands on deck!! First, anyone who would like to volunteer during this fun filled week of sharing God's love with the children of our church and community, please contact Chris Lyle at [290-2858](tel:290-2858) or email lyle.chris@gmail.com.

Second, we will be in need of food donations for snacks and other supplies during this week. Look for a list in the narthex as time draws closer! We look forward to a great week of helping children grow in God's love!

Volunteers Needed:

STATION LEADERS:

- Bible Storytellers - These volunteers would tell the story for each day
- Imagination Station - These volunteers would get to work with students by introducing them to a Sciency-Fun activity that connects to the Bible Point for the day. It's super interactive!
- Music - These volunteers would focus on teaching the music and the movements to the students each day
- Games and Recreation - These volunteers would lead the groups in fun games and activities each day!
- Crafts - These volunteers would lead children in making a craft each day
- Sticky Scripture - These volunteers will watch a video with the groups each day that will encourage an understanding of God's Word and foster the ability to apply it
- Snacks - These volunteers would get snack ready for each of the groups of kids throughout the morning.

OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Crew leaders - These volunteers would be responsible for getting groups of children from station to station
- Registration - These volunteers would check-in the children as they arrive and equip them with a name tag
- Decorating - These people would help to get the areas decorated prior to VBS beginning



Pentecost Picnic

Join us, **May 24th**, after service for our annual Pentecost Picnic!

- St. Paul's will provide burgers and hot dogs. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring a side or dessert.
- Fundraising Dunk Tank: Our Deacons, youth leader, and even Pastor Ryan will be in the tank! Dunk them to support their favorite charity or mission.
- Rubber duck fishing for kids up to 10 years old with prizes. (If you have any spare rubber ducks, the connect team would love them!)
- Bouncy house and cornhole

Mark your calendars and bring your family and friends for a day of food, fun, and fellowship!

SERVE News

Thank you to St. Paul's and all our Serve volunteers for your incredible work during the first four months of 2026! Your efforts have made a real impact in our community:

- Prepared 400 meals for Valley Mission and 50 meals for WARM.
- Filled 70 baby bottles with donations for Comfort Care Women's Health.
- Delivered 53 Easter baskets, filled by our youth group, to Hillside Residential.
- Provided financial support for Weekday Religious Education (WRE), New Directions, Magnolia Rose, and Habitat for Humanity.

Here are upcoming opportunities to serve your community:

May 1: Martha's Meals on Wheels

Two Serve members will make their "maiden voyage," delivering pre-made meals to Staunton residents. Meals are picked up at Armstrong's at 10:30am and delivered along pre-mapped routes in under 2 hours, Monday – Friday. Volunteers can deliver regularly or as substitutes. [Click here](#) or call Sally at (540) 886-1219.

May 2: Stride for Life



Join ComfortCare Women's Health for Strides for Life on **Saturday, May 2, from 5:00-8:00pm**, starting at Crossroads Baptist Church in Fishersville and ending at the ComfortCare Clinic. This family-friendly event raises donations to provide no-cost care for patients. If you can't walk, become a Prayer Warrior to support the event through prayer. For more details, visit our supporter's Facebook page, scan the QR code, or contact Team Captain Sharon-Ann Tolley at (540) 460-1715 or sharonanntolley@yahoo.com



June 9: Love INC

Help feed students and leaders at the “Change Your Life” classes, which teach important life skills in a Christian environment. We need 8–12 volunteers to prepare and serve dinner at 5:30pm at Tinkling Springs Presbyterian. Serve will provide the food; volunteers simply heat and deliver it. Sign up in the Narthex.

June/July: Sock Drive

We will collect new socks and underwear for Augusta County Public Schools. Details coming soon.

July 11: Save the Date: Rise Against Hunger

Join us for our second annual meal packaging event! We aim to package 10,142 meals for worldwide shipment.

Volunteers needed:

- 70 total volunteers on July 11
- 7 who can lift 50 lbs
- 6 volunteers to set up 18 tables and chairs the evening of July 10



Registration details will be shared soon. This is a wonderful way to serve, have fun, and experience teamwork in action!

MOWING SCHEDULE

ZERO TURN

May 4: Bo Flint
 May 11: Bryan Lyle
 May 18: John Cline
 May 25: Mark Chambers

SMALL RIDING

May 4: Burk Hershey
 May 11: Doug Harris
 May 18: Jim Stuart
 May 25: *open*

DONATIONS

Valley Mission:
 Olive oil, ketchup, salad dressing, silverware

Marquis Memorial UMC Food Pantry:
 Canned vegetables and canned meat

Summer Game Nights Returns!



Join us, beginning Wednesday, **June 3rd at 6:00pm** for an evening of fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite game—or just come ready to play! We'd love to see you there!



WEEDING HELP

Weeding Islands are as follows:

1. The Walters
2. The Brensingers
3. The Riners
4. Tammy Chambers and Tamara Ambler
5. The Jones
6. Russell
7. Jackie McGovern
8. Abbott Graham
9. The Austins

The Courtyard: Glenn and Bettie Oberholtzer
 The Playground: Phil Morrisette
 The Road Sign: Cindy and Jim Stuart

Graduation Sunday



If you are a graduating senior, high school and college, or want to recognize a graduating senior, please submit their name to the church office or Kenzi Young. We want to acknowledge their hard work in front of the congregation with a special gift on **Sunday, May 17th**.

Thank You Notes

We wish to thank Pastor Ryan and the congregation of Saint Paul's for the visits, calls, prayers and altar flowers we received during Linda's surgery and recovery. We knew from our first visit to Saint Paul's that this was a special place. The caring and love you showed us during these past few weeks just reinforced that feeling. - Thank you all, Linda and John Hildebrand

To St. Paul's Church staff + members, Thank you so much for the flowers, cards, kind words, and support you have offered to me after the passing of my man. I am so appreciative of you all. Thank you for walking alongside me and my family in our time of grief and reminding us of God's love and comfort. - With sincere appreciation, Angela Smith

To Pastor Ryan and St. Paul's Church Congregation,
We would like to thank you for all the prayers for Kathryn Moran's recent surgery at UVA and the beautiful flower bouquet sent before the surgery. The healing service we attended before the surgery was also very special. Prayers are appreciated for a complete recovery.
Blessings, Max and Sharon Hirtriter, Jimmy and Kathryn Moran and family

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May

2 Catherine Desper
3 Teresa Hey
5 Lou Oswald
7 Baylor Norcross
8 Don Cromer
9 Isaac Eagle
11 Tracey Eagle, Ford Henry Young
12 Glen Moore, Bob Huffer
13 Josh Hall
16 Avalyn Dimeo
18 Jimmy Landes
19 Junior Conner, Sharon Jones, Tammy Tyree
21 Megan Corbin, Pattie Smith, John Koch
23 Emma Pultz, Adrienne Graf
24 Edmund Strickler, Carolyn Carver
25 Allie Huffer
29 Samantha Brensinger

May Anniversaries

1 Bokey and Cheryl Wright
3 Steve and Kara Malcolm
7 Randy and Kim Kiser
10 David and Tracey Eagle
15 Phil and Anna Morrissette
24 Max and Sharon Hirtriter

June

3 Kaden Eastep
4 Emily Minter
6 Earl Cox, Jr.
8 Donna Ludwig
10 Ryan Folweiler
12 Glenda Rickabaugh
13 Sara Fowler, Larry Hull
18 Colby Sheffer
19 Jim Brooks
20 Amanda Hall
25 Kara Malcolm
26 Ellen Webb
27 Luther Ramsey, Carlene Hicks, Wade Woolfrey
30 Jeff Allen, Jerry Sheffer, Iris Stout

June Anniversaries

6 Earl and Becky Cox, Jr.
Clarence and Dolores Forsyth, Jr.
9 Jeff and Susan Allen
14 Randy and Mary Brooks
17 Larry and Jeannette Hull
20 Jason and Brittany Melton
21 David and Donna Ludwig
22 Bo and Mary Flint, Jr.
25 Tim and Pam Austin

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 26, 2026

Library, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Call to order, Opening Prayer

Mission Statement – growing in faith, living in hope, serving in love

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Ryan Oswald, Senior Pastor ☐, Tammy Chambers, HR Lead & Recording Secretary ☐, Clay Graham, Vice Chair & Financial Lead ☐, Bianca Brensinger, Young Adults ☐, Margie Strickler, Chair ☐, Ken Nicholas, Trustees/Transportation ☐, Members at Large: Jim Hite ☐, Tamara Ambler ☐, Kirk Ramsey ☐, Missy Huffer, Corporate Treasurer ☐

Guests:

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- 6:05 – 6:10 pm (5 min) January Minutes need to be approved:

Reviewed: Accepted as written; Accepted with corrections:

(Memorial Reports amount added from Feb. meeting \$1960.00)

- 6:10 – 6:25 pm (15 min) Ryan-Update on recent Congregational Meeting

The SPC team participated in mission work at a local school. A conglomeration of churches fed 200 carloads of families. Annual conference-licensed 2 ministers and ordained 2 new ministers. Our district added 1 church in Tennessee since the last conference. SPC was well represented. Mission work was a focus of discussion. No major business was covered.

- 6:30-6:35 (5 min) Tammy-Update on HR Conversation with employee-positive, well received-suggestion for adding updates on Youth Worship with a scripture focus for the month in e-weekly and prayer programs.

- 6:25 – 6:45 pm (20 minutes) Missy Huffer/Clay Graham: Financial Report -suggestion for motion sensor lights to save on utilities, concern about wasted utilities (lights left on and not needed). Donna, librarian, wants a discount librarian account with Barnes and Nobles.

Update on Hildebrand Account - Fidelity

Butler: \$97, 757.98

Hildebrand: \$169, 892.26

Holsinger: \$32, 766.48

Perry: \$152, 128.07

Showalter: \$93, 309.86

Regular Endowment: \$119, 963.48

TOTAL in Endowments to date: \$665, 818.13

General Operational Budget

- 6:45 – 7:20 pm (35 minutes) Old Business: Discussion on next five to 10 Year Plans for St. Paul's Marketing- before next budget session, we need 2 Ad hoc planning sessions to create a 10 year plan, committee would consist of members with marketing interest/experience-Goal would be to have interest & dividends from endowments pay utilities and eventually cover some salaries

- Ryan – Update on Second Worship Service Committee

(Ryan, Mike Frances, Shirley Eagle, David Eagle, Kim Kiser, Jordan Davidson, Bianca Brensinger, Cheryl Wright) -First meeting session was the week of March 17 - Discussed a survey pertaining to worship service needs-should go out to the congregation near the end of April.

- Guests: Jacque Walters & Amy Francis-proposal for event
- Jacque & Amy-want to bring a Lisa Harper in for a Women's Conference on October 9th, 2026- 3:00 pm, They are asking for an operational budget of \$5000 (450 women, music-\$25 tickets - could raise up to \$11,000)-details needed-parking (189 spaces)-swag bags for ticket-buyers- profits to be funneled back into church for future ministry outreach events. Margie-not sure I heard all of the details for this event.

Action Required: more information needed, costs, contract stipulation for Harper, other paid performers, etc..

Progress: n/a

New Business: n/a

Action Required:

Progress:

10 minutes - Reports from Members:

Ken Nicholas, Trustees/Transportation

Fobs: New request- as it was not an item expense in the last budget. Fobs are considered a Capital Improvement expense. Trustees will get an accurate quote for the updated fob entry system.

- Bianca Brensinger, Young Adults nothing

Members at Large:

- Jim Hite- question about Luke Haines contract/start date for May 13th-contract (will be finalized before next EC) - Tamara Ambler-nothing- Kirk Ramsey - follow up on the distribution of Hildebrand -still pending
- Action Required: get contract to Luke and have it signed and returned

Progress: Announcements: "Faithful Men" performing at SPC on Sunday, April 12 at 7 pm

Closed with Prayer: Next Meeting: April 23, 2026

Adjourned at: 8:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Chambers

KROGER REWARDS

Kroger has awarded St. Paul's Church another quarterly Community Rewards dividend check. Thanks to the 41 households who shopped at Kroger between December 1, 2025, and February 28, 2026, and applied their Kroger Rewards Card, our total received to date is \$10,403.79. If you haven't signed up for this easy fundraising program, [click here](#) to enroll and use organization number PG629 for St. Paul's. For assistance, please see Lou Phelps or the church office.

