

The Epistle

*Please welcome
our newest Disciples!*



Scott & Susan Johnson

Scott & Susan are long time residents of Comal County, and live in the Smithson Valley area. Six years ago, Scott returned to his passion of building, now as a self employed General Contractor. Susan is enjoying being a very active Grandmother. They will be celebrating 45 years of marriage this year, have two married daughters, and 5 grandchildren.



Laura Martin

Laura grew up in New Braunfels and moved back to the area. She is a Speech Pathologist and enjoys babysitting. Laura loves to ballroom & country western dance, travel, & crafts.



Eldon & Pamela Henderson

Eldon & Pamela recently moved to New Braunfels to be closer to family. They are a retired school administrator/ teacher with 75 total years of experience . They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.



Daniel, Rachel, Amiah, & Ainsley Phife

Daniel & Rachel are both graduates of Texas State University. Daniel is a Regional Sales manager for KB Homes. Rachel is an Instructional Coach at Kyle Elementary in Hays CISD. They have two daughters, Amiah, 10, and Ainsley, 7.



Donna Lancon

Donna and her husband, Chris, moved to Canyon Lake a few years ago. They have three daughters and three granddaughters, two age 6 and one age 8. Donna enjoys family gatherings and working as a Substitute Teacher in the Comal, Blanco, and Wimberley I.S.D.'S.



Kim Bond & Scarlett Thalken

Kim and Scarlett moved here from Austin, to be near San Antonio relatives and the Guadalupe River. Kim is an artist and graphic designer (branding/ advertising) and Scarlett is an active 5th grader that likes rollerblading, basketball, music and singing.

As a Christ-centered, Gospel-driven Congregation, we are called by our Lord Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations. We will be a congregation that engages people in order to help families follow Jesus.

* Promote a culture of family ... supporting home prayer & Bible study with parents as key teachers

* Increase our outreach and mission presence outside our walls* Strive for excellence in spiritual leadership



Craig, Kendall, & Kael Kuhrt
Tyler & Luke Loessin

Craig and Tyler are engaged to be married. Craig and Tyler are both teachers at Ki Charter Academy in San Marcos, Texas.

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Jason Heath and Brenham Heath

Jason is a graduate of Texas State University and works in San Antonio. Brenham is 2 1/2 years old and enjoys cars and trains. Jason and his family have lived in New Braunfels for several years.



James Martin & Michelle Kennedy

James works at Coleman and Michelle works here at the Preschool. They enjoy spending time with family and going to the beach.



Nathan, Stephanie, Nathan Jr., & John Bostick

Nathan and Stephanie met at Texas Lutheran. Stephanie is an accountant in San Antonio, and Nathan is a stay-at-home dad. They have two homeschooled boys, Nathan Jr. and John Henry. Nathan Jr. is 6. He likes to play video games and football. John Henry is 5 and loves to do math and eat candy.



Jim & Annette White

Jim and Annette haven't been married 29 years. They are both chefs and owners of the Underground Pizza restaurant here in New Braunfels.



Fraser Chisholm

Fraser is engaged to be married to Ellie Pietsch on April 21, 2018 at St. Martin. Fraser is a maintenance technician at Samsung Austin Semi Conductor. He has 6 children and enjoys restoring automobiles.



Robert Nentwich

Robert is retired and enjoys singing in the St. Paul Choir.



Joseph, Lauren, & Rylynn Schneider

Joseph is the owner/manager of Chicken Express in Seguin. Lauren is a CPA. They enjoy spending time with family, hunting, water sports, outdoors, and exercise. Rylynn will be 1 in August.



Brett & Holly Davis

Several years ago, Brett & Holly returned to their home state of Texas, settling in New Braunfels for retirement. In addition to traveling together, Brett enjoys golf and Holly enjoys genealogy research. Their two adult sons live in Austin.



Paul Owens, Senior Pastor

This poem by George Herbert is a conversation between “Love” (the risen Jesus) and you, his beloved. In the next to last line, the word “meat” is an old English term for provision, sustenance... you could even think of it as the best barbeque of all.

Love (III)
by George Herbert

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked anything.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.

For a sublime musical rendition of this message, follow this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNMnGNL0-uw>

April Flowers



April 1 Kelly Pfluger
April 8 Benny & Carol Schumann
Betty & Melvin Pankau
April 15 Mike & Tara Kohlenberg
April 22 Open
April 29 Carl & Ann Hafer

We Welcome into Baptism

March 11, 2018
Atticus James Cervantes



March 18, 2018
Benjamin Robert Ross Ellington



Blessing our Graduates

St. Paul will be Blessing **all high school and college graduates** on **Sunday, May 27** during the 10:30 service. The high school graduates are invited to set up a “Memory Table” in the Lobby and/or Fellowship Hall before 9:00am. These tables are a wonderful way for students to share with the congregation the many blessings they have received. Contact Kristin Martinez to reserve a space for your “Memory Table”. There will be a cake & reception during the Sunday School hour for the congregation to congratulate each graduate.

All high school seniors should plan to wear their graduation gown for the 10:30 service and arrive by 9:00 a.m. to participate in the reception. We would like to have all high school and college graduates listed in the church bulletin. Please contact **Kristin Martinez at (210) 452-4519 or email her at bengalsmom7@gmail.com or Jennifer@nbstpaul.org by May 13**, with the following information that applies:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Student Name
Name of High School graduating from
Future Plans - College Name & major area of study
Military Service – specify branch
Employment opportunities

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Student Name
Name of University
Degree received
Future Plans - Pursue Post Baccalaureate Degree
Employment Opportunities
Military Service – specify branch
Marriage



Final Lesson and Dinner

St. Paul requests the presence of all of our high school graduates and their parents at a Dinner and presentation. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 2, at River Hofbrau in New Braunfels at 6:30 p.m. The graduates meal will be provided. Contact Kristin Martinez by April 25 so more details can be emailed to you. The Dinner is in honor of our graduates and hosted by the board of Youth and Family Ministries. Each graduate will receive the final lesson in the “Graduate Blessing Stepping Stone” program and a special gift. Please reserve your space today!



John Magness, Congregational President

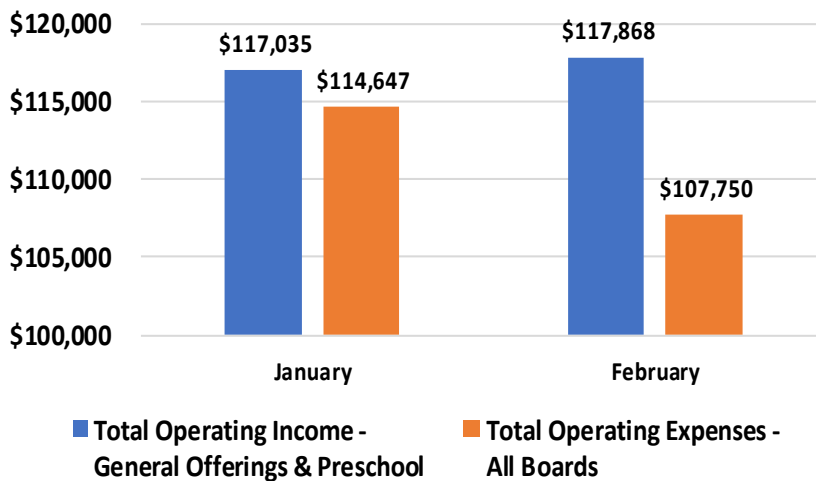
In March our Treasurer and Vice-President presented the good news that your giving has allowed us to reduce our monthly mortgage payment by \$536.33. Thank you. In keeping with Biblical stewardship, we need to increase our giving so we can pay off our mortgage early. Rest assured that your Church Council is doing all it can to wisely use spare money to reduce the debt.

I also need to mention other areas of specific need which will require our prayerful consideration of giving. We need classrooms. We now are not able to provide space for classes which are too large and space for new classes for our new members. We need to update our Preschool with new furniture and curriculum materials. We need to continue supporting our Mini Missions which currently are concentrating on rebuilding the Hurricane Harvey devastation. There are others. Thanks be to God that He has provided abundantly so that we can share.

Please ensure your tithing (and other monies) is given to our operational (Offerings and Tithes in the bulletin) fund, - this is where it is needed most. Your council has done a good job of placing these monies to their best use. We also have "Special Gift" options for that extra money that you wish to share.

Finally, thanks again for being so willing to share what God has given us. We are growing and glowing. Continue to study God's word. Pray for our congregation. Remember to share Jesus and your helping hand. God's blessings on everyone!

2018 - Income Versus Expenses



Financial Peace University will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. beginning April 3 and ending May 30 in Room 212. Facilitators will be Tim Cook and Sandi Owens. Childcare will be provided on Wednesday only. Online sign-up links will be available on the

Capital Campaign/Building Fund Goal Ending 12/31/2017:	\$1,000,000.00
Actual Capital Campaign/Building Fund Gifts:	<u>1,021,436.91</u>
Amount Exceeding Goal:	\$ 21,436.91
Anticipated Monthly Payment:	\$ 8,333.33
Actual Monthly Payment*	<u>7,797.00</u>
Difference	\$ (536.33)

*Loan was finalized and first principal/interest payment made on 2/15/2018

*St. Paul will made additional quarterly principal payment utilizing 2018 building fund gifts, thereby reducing the length of the note.

April 2018 Service Calendar

		Sun., April 1	Sun., April 8	Sun., April 15	Sun., April 22	Sun., April 29
		Ann Stollewerk & Molly Knudson				
Altar Guild Vicki Hollmig			Jerry Hamilton	BJ Hageman	Rod Mueller	Paul Henfey
Lay Minister Fred Terry		Ken Wunderlich (sunrise) Lanelle Rudolph (8:00) Fred Terry (10:30)	Paul Finley	Becky Krueger	Kristen Rajdla	Kenneth Wunderlich
Scripture Readers Leslie Wellbrock	8:00 10:30	Dan Krueger Ken Brucks	Patty Brehn Kenneth Wunderlich	Steven Chapman Paul Finley	David Does Paul Finley	Jerry Hamilton Melvin Pankau
Ushers Ed Berich	8:00 10:30	Kenneth Wunderlich Russell Stollewerk	Russell Stollewerk	Kevin Dornbusch	Kevin Dornbusch	Wayne Graybill
Acolytes signupgenius	8:00 10:30					
Audio Tech Greg Schlather	8:00 & 10:30	David Wagner	Joe Clayburne	Christian Reynolds	Mark Sohn	Paul Luckemeyer
Video Tech Greg Schlather	8:00 10:30	Greg Schlather Rodger Johnson	Lorrie Cook Lorrie Cook	Greg Schlather Rodger Johnson	Joe Clayburne Joe Clayburne	Rod Mueller Rod Mueller
Communion Preparers Lydia Baese	8:00 10:30	Kay Magness (sunrise) Gail Krueger, Carolyn Johnson, Meredith Nyman Georgia Tadlock, Malcolm Fischer, Sandy Paulos		Erna Dieter/ Sandra Pfluger Kim Bond/Jenna Kieke		
Communion Servers Lydia Baese	8:00 10:30	Roxy Duelm, Susan Kanz, Chris Markulin, Pat Quade, Kathy Quade, Cindy Wilson, Fred Terry, Sharon Schroeder Jeannie Anderson, Ginger Dicker, Benno Engel, Jan Engel, Marilyn Pallani, Cheryl Hamilton, Barbara Johnson, Rodger Johnson		Nancy Becker/ John Magness Larry and Sue Schwab		
Greeters Nancy Becker	8:00 10:30	John & Ruth Suddarth Brian & Doty Collins	James Martin/ Michelle Kennedy Betsy Cunningham/ Peri Ikels	Bob & Cheryl Warnecke Nolan & Erna Dieter	Cora Jane Welsch/ Nancy Becker Roxanne Duelm/ Jeannie Anderson	Stewart & Kristee Wirebaugh Benno & Jan Engel
Friendly Visitors Carolyn Zunker		Dwayne & Cheryl Koepp	Dwayne & Cheryl Koepp	Nolan & Erna Dieter	Carolyn Zunker	Fred Terry
Coffee Crew Carolyn Zunker		Cindy Orsak/ Kay Magness	George & Letty Gracia	Danny & Carolyn Zunker	Glenn & Leslie Wellbrock	Janice Vader/ Harvey & Erna Haas
Pew Pals Tracy Granado		Faulkner Team	Dina Dornburg	Dale & Julie Goos	The Granado's/Kelly King	Quade Team
Hospital Visitors Nancy Becker		Kay Magness	Dotty Collins/Kathy Lamon	Nancy Becker	Pat & Kathy Quade	Glenn Wellbrock

*****Sundays*****
 8:00 am Traditional Service
 9:15 am Bible Study Hour
 9:30 am Covenant Choir
 10:30 am Informal Service

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**** Wednesday Family Night****
 5:30 pm Children's Choir (April 11)
 6:00 pm Open Gym
 CLIMB
 Women's Bible Study
 Men's Bible Study
 6:30 pm ARK
 FPU
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER COMMUNION 6:30am Sunrise Service 7:00am Breakfast 8:00am Traditional Ser. 9-45am Sand Story 10:30am Informal Ser.	2	3 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafting Ministry 6:30pm FPU, TNT'S	4 7:30am Mastercraftsmen 11:00 Staff **See Above**	5 1:00pm Bridge 4:00pm Birthday Buddies 6:00pm Congregational Life	6 7:00am Prayer Group	7
8 ***See Above*** 4:00pm Nominating Committee	9 5:00pm Personnel Bd 6:30pm Youth & Family	10 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafting Ministry 1:30pm Mah Jongg 4:00pm Executive Comm 6:30pm Property Bd 6:30pm FPU, TNT'S	11 11:00am Staff 5:00pm Christian Ed/ Children's Ministry 6-1:5pm Bell Choir Meeting **See Above**	12 2:00pm Our Place Memory Cafe 7:00pm Evangelism Bd	13 7:00am Prayer Group 5:00pm Eat Out Friends - Pat's Place	14
15 COMMUNION ***See Above***	16 7:00pm Council Meeting	17 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafting Ministry 6:30pm FPU, TNT'S	18 11:00am Staff 3:00pm Eden Home Dev'o **See Above**	19 10:00am Crocheters 1:00pm Bridge 6:00pm SPICE	20 7:00am Prayer Group	21
22 ***See Above***	23	24 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafting Ministry 1:30pm Mah Jongg 5:30pm Worship Bd 6:30pm FPU, TNT's 7:00pm Stewardship	25 11:00am Staff 3:00pm Kirkwood Dev'o **See Above**	26 4:30pm St. Martin Comm	27 7:00am Prayer Group WOMEN'S RETREAT	28 6:00pm Domino Friends WOMEN'S RETREAT
29 ***See Above*** WOMEN'S RETREAT	30					

Save the date!!

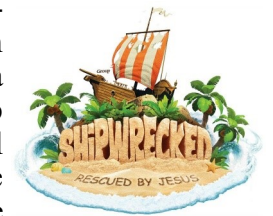
PSST!..... Praise, Silence, Service & Thanksgiving

St. Paul Women's Retreat - April 27-29, at a beautiful ranch in Stonewall, Texas. Join us for fun activities such as worship, music, fellowship, great food and door prizes. Morning session: Silence - Sandi Owens & Jenna Kieke; Afternoon session - Sandi Owens, Jenna Kieke, Lydia Baese. REGISTER NOW ONLINE: nbstpaul.org - April Events or (Search Women's Retreat Click registration form here) or Registration Form Available in Church Office; \$50 for Full Retreat OR \$25 for Saturday Only - Van Available for Saturday Attendees.



Camp Eagle 2018 - June 17-22, 2018 - for all current 6th -12th grade students. Monthly payments as low as \$50.00 are being accepted now in the church office. Make checks payable to SPLC and in the memo notate "Camp Eagle 2018 - child's name ". Each camper pays \$255.00 out of the \$420.00 registration fee. Total amount of \$255.00 is due by June 1, 2018.

VBS is right around the corner! **Vacation Bible School**, "Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus" is scheduled for **June 25-29, 2018**. We are getting so excited to share this week with our children in our church and community. We will need many volunteers to make this a fun, successful week for the kids. Please let us know if you can help in anyway to help plan VBS, or help during one day, several days, or all week long! Any and all help will be amazing! Registration for both kids and volunteers is currently open. Kids from age 3 - completed 5th grade are welcome to attend the fun activities planned to learn more about Jesus. Middle School kids to Great Grandparents are welcome to volunteer. Go to the church website to register today. If you have any questions, please contact us at VBS@nbstpaul.org, Kimberly (210) 383-8504 or Jenny (830) 708-6457.



Youth Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa - **July 16-21, 2018** - for all current 9th – 12th grade youth. Space is limited, so reserve your space now by making monthly payments as low as \$50.00. Each attendee is responsible for \$300.00 out of \$520.00 registration fee. Make checks payable to SPLC and in memo notate "Youth Gathering 2018 - child's name." Total amount of \$300.00 is due by July 1, 2018.

Slumber Falls Day Camp - July 23-25 for grades completed 2nd - completed 5th as of May 2018.

Sympathy to...

Tammy Seiter on the death of her father, Noland Koepp; John Magness on the death of his mother, Mary F. Magness; Cindy Orsak on the death of her grandmother, Zelda Atkinson; Holly Davis on the death of her mother, Ruth Chandler; Shayler Wagner on the death of her mother, Barbara Bradley; the family of Trudy Arndt; the family of Ronnie Dietel; and Lenora Mueller on the death of her sister, Lillian Lehmann.

A peek at Preschool...

Our Preschool Ministry is Daily Outreach in Our Community...We serve over 90 children and their families each day. In the classroom, we read the Bible, work on a memory verse, attend chapel weekly and send home art work for the fridge which includes the weekly Bible verse. The children who attend our Preschool Ministry year-round participate in 250 days of Christian Education. What an amazing ministry!!!



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

Save the Date...
2018 Annual Gathering
Friday-Saturday, July 27-28
St. Paul, New Braunfels

<http://www.nbstpaul.org/articles/>

Board & Committee Reports can be found on the website at
<http://www.nbstpaul.org/resources/board-reports/>

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Please join us on Sunday mornings for worship and the Bible study hour:
 Traditional Worship 8:00 a.m.; Bible study hour 9:15-10:15 a.m.; Informal Worship 10:30 a.m.



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