

# *The Epistle*

*Please welcome  
our newest Disciples!*



Doris Self Dietert

Doris grew up in New Braunfels and is now retired. Before retiring, she was a secretary with San Marcos CISD. Doris continues to live in San Marcos. She has two grown children, Deanna and Dwayne, a granddaughter and a great granddaughter.



The Smock Family

Charles and Brittney both grew up in New Braunfels. They have a son, Hunter, who is a year old. Brittney enjoys taking care of Hunter and swimming. Charles is self-employed and enjoys watching sports.



The Warren Family

Walter and April moved from the Mid-West and have made San Marcos their home for the past 37 years. They have 3 married daughters and 2 grandchildren.

April enjoys caring for and watching God's creation on their 5-acre home site. She also enjoys crafts and sewing. Walt is a cellist in the Starlight Symphony Orchestra and a long-time member of men's Bible Study Fellowship in New Braunfels.

## *Mini-Mission to Austwell*



"They first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God".  
- 2 Corinthians 8:5

Paul was talking about the Macedonian churches and their generosity, even though they were poor themselves. They gave themselves, their time, thought, energy, and resources, because they allowed the will of God to work upon their will. Let's commit ourselves to being as generous as the Lord has been with us.

Commit yourself to one day or more in Austwell, Texas to rebuild and help others. Some residents are still displaced, and others are only using one room in their homes. We will mostly be removing mold, repairing walls, painting and sheet-rocking. We're making progress, but there's still work to do!! For more information, contact Liz Doss at 830-237-3280.

*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*



### *Paul Owens, Senior Pastor*

Our stewardship story, Part 1

For me, my first recollections of giving money back to the Lord go back to little Sunday school offering envelopes when I was in elementary school. My parents used them as a teaching tool. I remember dad and mom teaching me to put money in the envelopes and then to put my envelope in the plate each Sunday. But my stewardship story began long before me. My parents, Sandi's parents, and their parents before them, were tithers... cheerfully giving to the Lord the first 10% of what he gave to them. Ever since Sandi and I have been married we have been tithers. 25 years ago, we learned to go beyond ten percent with our offerings.

Why do we do this? Well it's pretty simple. It's really not something we do, we simply take God at his word and *he* takes care of it. In Malachi 3, the Lord instructs us not to rob him, but to give the full 10% to him and he promises to open the windows of heaven and pour down blessing upon us, more than we could ever need. And in II Corinthians, chapter 9, Paul tells us that "God doesn't want us to give reluctantly, for God loves a cheerful giver." God is not a liar ☺; he's able to make all grace abound for us. Sandi and I have received from him all sufficiency in all things at all times.

It's true: God love a cheerful giver...And he's making you into one right now ☺.

Read Pastor Paul's article in it's entirety at: <http://www.nbstpaul.org/articles/>

### *John Magness, Congregational President*

Meet our newly elected Council members (some have already been serving).



Susan Montgomery  
Treasurer



Sue Schwab  
Christian Ed



Tex Brown  
Evangelism



Nancy Schlather  
Preschool



Ed Berich  
Worship

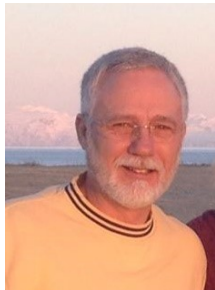


Lynn Lear  
Youth & Family

Meet our newly elected delegates to LCMC Texas District and LCMC National Gathering.



Rodger Johnson  
TX Dist & National



Randy Wallis  
TX Dist & National



Tex Brown  
TX Dist



Rusty Brockman  
TX Dist & National  
Alternate



Emily Harborth  
National Alternate

CONGRATULATIONS! Praise God for your service!

July Flowers



July 1 - Matt & Michelle Rivera  
 July 8 - Jenna Kieke  
 July 15 - Open  
 July 22 - Open  
 July 29 - Ralph & Ann Schmidt

Preschool Ministry



The Preschool Ministry is very busy this summer spreading the word about Jesus! We have 26 elementary school aged children participating daily in a camp style program along with 75 children from 1 year to 5 years old. This is a grand total of 101 children and their families participating in our Christian based curriculum and learning ministry. We would like to thank God for the many blessings and the opportunity to witness to these young children, students and their families.



Camp Eagle 2018



Thank You!

I would like to thank all of my church family for the many cards, phone calls, visits, and food which was sent to me and my family during these past 6 months.

Saying thank you does not seem to say enough of how I feel. The visits by Pastor Paul, Pastor Chip, and all the many prayers that were said for me were very comforting during such a difficult time.

All I can say is "Thank You All For Everything". Prayers are answered.

Blessings,  
 Carol Schorn

Breaking Bread



New Breaking Bread groups are forming!!!! Have you been wanting to get plugged into a small group, break bread, and share in God's love for one another? Then joining a Breaking Bread group is for you! It's a great way to get to know others at church and develop long lasting relationships. There are many groups forming and one to fit your needs whether it's for young families, retired couples, singles, and many more! Contact Dotty Collins at (830) 629-5129 or [Dotty@postofficerealty.com](mailto:Dotty@postofficerealty.com) for more information and to get plugged into a group.

## Financial Wellness

Contributing Author: Lisa Schmidt

An important aspect to overall wellness is financial wellness. For me, my commitment to financial wellness began when I was a young child. My father, Beverly Lloyd, stressed the importance of living below your means and to never getting into debt. Although I cherished his message, I didn't really know how to do these two simple things.

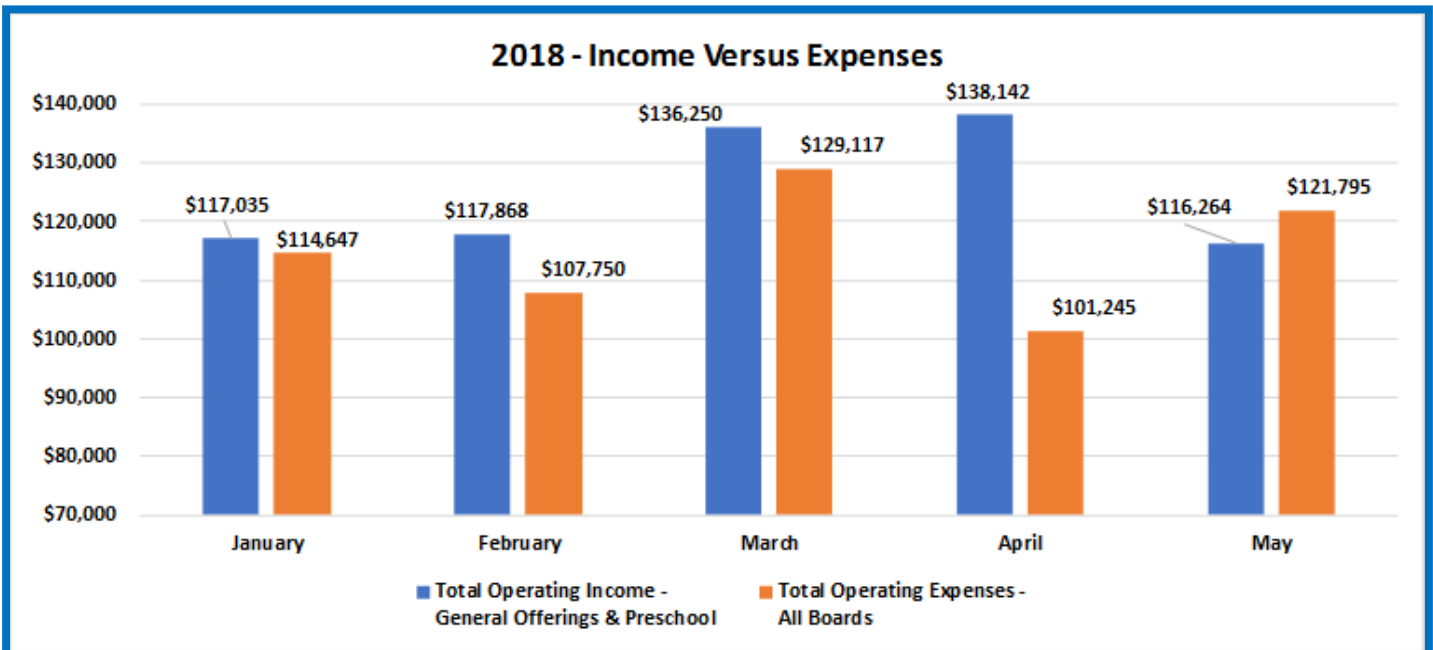
During my twenties and thirties, I was fairly normal, living paycheck to paycheck, having a car loan, and carrying some credit card debt. In my forties, my husband, Eric, and I became weird. We got on the same page about money. We realized the differences between our wants versus our needs. We got on a written budget, closed our credit cards, and started using cash for purchases. We are now 100% debt free, and we live and give like never before.

The behaviors that we have adopted have not only improved our financial wellness, but have also enhanced other areas of wellness:

- The top line in our budget is giving. (Spiritual Wellness)
- Because my husband and I have learned to communicate about money and together we have learned to live below our means, we don't have money fights. Our marriage is stronger than ever. (Emotional Wellness)
- I take my lunch to work most days. I save money, and I save on calories. (Physical Wellness)
- I chose not to join a gym and pay membership fees. I walk outdoors with friends. (Social Wellness)
- I read personal finance books. (Intellectual Wellness)

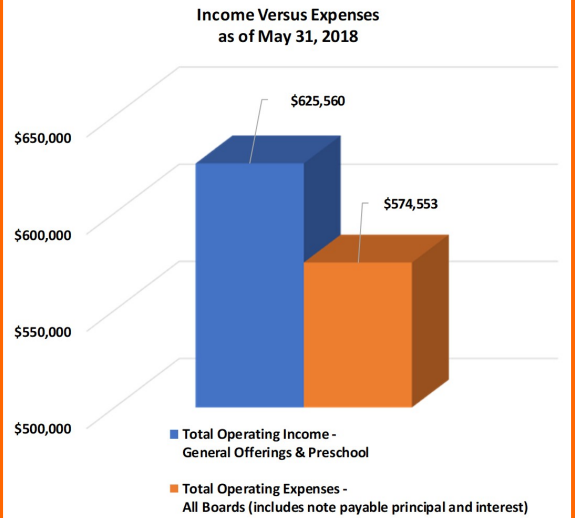
The last example, and probably the most important, is that we talk to our sons about financial wellness. Jacob is 8 and Lucas is 5. They have already learned that hard work pays off. With the money they have received as gifts and earned while performing jobs around the house, they have learned to give a little, save a little, and spend a little. Though so young, they are already on a solid path to financial wellness.

Though the purpose of this article was to share with you our path to financial wellness, I would be remiss to not explain the true reason why Eric and I chose to take this path. Early in our marriage, Eric and I realized that we wanted a closer relationship with God. We began attending church regularly, studying the bible, discussing God's Word, and serving God. We realized that while we were very blessed, we were not managing God's blessings. We needed to change our ways. To be a good steward, we needed to learn how to better manage God's blessings, God's ways for God's glory. Financial wellness is not the only answer, but it sure makes up a significant part of the answer.



## Phase 1 - Building Note Payable

Amount Financed w/ Thrivent	\$1,350,464
1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Additional Principal Payment	\$ 28,383
Estimated 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Additional Principal Payment	\$ 21,928
Estimated Principal Balance July 1, 2018	\$1,288,258



### Thank you

Preschool and VBS – A perfect match!

The Preschool ministry would like to thank and commend the VBS coordinators, Kim and Jenny, as well as the numerous volunteers and supporters for a wonderful Vacation Bible School experience. The message was clear – Jesus helps us in the storms of life. Jesus is our rock, our redeemer, our refuge and our light.



### Vacation Bible School

At Shipwreck VBS, our kids discovered how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. We had an amazing week full of fun for over 200 kids and 60 volunteers. Thank you for everyone who helped us with this amazing week; a week where we shared Jesus with kids and placed Him into their hearts. We will share more details and pictures in the next Epistle.

### Save the date!!



Slumber Falls  
Camp

This year's theme is "God Strengthens Me". Be sure to join us for 3 days of fun-packed Bible stories, games, music, swimming, crafts, gaga ball, and more! Please sign up online at [nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/children](http://nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/children).

Date: July 23—25; Time: 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Ages: Completed 2nd - 5th grade; Cost: \$50

**LCMC Texas District Convention** will be held here at St. Paul, **July 27-28, 2018 (Friday-Saturday)**.

Let's Get Excited Everyone!!! "Jars of Clay" is the theme for the convention. There will be speakers and events for the adults and youth (grades 6th-12th). This is the first year that the convention will have a youth branch. Please consider helping with this event. Follow this link to register:

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/f/f2.asp?formid=731b40e3-fcb6-4bf8-82f7-6754faef6194>



# Mission Moment

To read Pastor Bryce's latest article, please go to: <http://www.lcmctexas.org/mission-moment>

Texas District

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth

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

# July 2018

**\*\*\*Sundays\*\*\***

8:00 am Traditional Service  
 9:15 am Bible Study Hour  
 9:30 am Covenant Band  
 10:30 am Informal Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> COMMUNION ***See Above***  11:30am 4th of July Celebration	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Youth & Family Board	<b>3</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafting Ministry	<b>4</b> 4th of July <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b> 1:00pm Bridge Board 6:00pm Congregational Life Board	<b>6</b> 7:00am Prayer Group	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> ***See Above*** 11:30am National Youth Gathering Mtg	<b>9</b> 5:00pm Personnel Board	<b>10</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafting Ministry 1:30pm Mah Jongg 4:00pm Executive Committee 6:30pm Property Board	<b>11</b> 11:00am Staff 6:00pm Open Gym	<b>12</b> 2:00pm Our Place Memory Cafe 3:00pm Birthday Buddies	<b>13</b> 7:00am Prayer Group 5:00pm Eat Out Friends	<b>14</b> 9:00am Council Summer Retreat
<b>15</b> COMMUNION ***See Above***	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Council	<b>17</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafting Ministry	<b>18</b> 11:00am Staff 3:00pm Eden Home Devo	<b>19</b> 9:00am Grandma's Stocking Guild 10:00am Crocheters 1:30pm Bridge 6:00pm SPICE <b>National Youth Gathering</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00am Prayer Group	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> ***See Above***	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafting Ministry 1:30pm Mah Jongg 5:30pm Worship Board 7:00pm Stewardship Board	<b>25</b> 11:00am Staff 3:00pm Kirkwood Devo 6:00pm Open Gym	<b>26</b> 4:30pm St. Martin Com. 7:00pm Evangelism Board	<b>27</b> 7:00am Prayer Group	<b>28</b> 6:00pm Domino Friends
<b>29</b> ***See Above***	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafting Ministry	<b>Slumber Falls</b>	<b>Slumber Falls</b>	<b>LCMCTX District</b>	<b>LCMCTX District</b>

## July 2018 Service Calendar

	Sun., July 1	Sun., July 8	Sun., July 15	Sun., July 22	Sun., July 29
<b>Altar Guild</b> Vicki Hollmig			Marij Polay		
<b>Lay Minister</b> Fred Terry	BJ Hageman	Lanelle Rudolph	Fred Terry	Jerry Hamilton	Rodger Johnson
<b>Scripture Readers</b> Leslie Wellbrock	8:00 Nancy Becker	Becky Krueger	Pat Quade	Susan Montgomery	Chris Markulin
	10:30 Corey Burger	Chip Franck	Karen Mims	Marij Polay	Sue Schwab
	8:00 Harvey Borgfeld	Russell Stollewerk	Russell Stollewerk	Kevin Dornbusch	Kevin Dornbusch
<b>Ushers</b> Ed Berich	Berno Engel	Kenneth Wunderlich	Kenneth Wunderlich	Paul Finley	Paul Finley
<b>Acolytes</b> signumpgenius					
<b>Audio Tech</b> Greg Schlather	8:00 Mark Sohn	Paul Luckemeyer	David Wagner	James Walls	Christian Reynolds
	10:30 Mark Sohn	Paul Luckemeyer	David Wagner	James Walls	Christian Reynolds
<b>Video Tech</b> Greg Schlather	8:00 Greg Schlather	Lorrie Cook	Greg Schlather	Joe Clayburne	Rod Mueller
	10:30 Rodger Johnson	Lorrie Cook	Rodger Johnson	Joe Clayburne	Rod Mueller
<b>Communion Preparers</b> Lydia Baese	8:00 Craig & Vicki Hollmig		Carolyn Johnson/ Gail Krueger		
	10:30 Kim Bond/Jenna Kieke		Ellie Chisholm/ Peri Ikels		
<b>Communion Servers</b> Lydia Baese	8:00 Susan Kanz/ Nancy Becker		Erna Diert/ Roxy Duelm		
	10:30 Jeannie Anderson/ Cheryl Hamilton		Ginger Dicker/ Marij Polay		
<b>Greeters</b> Nancy Becker	8:00 Martin McFarlin/ Sharon Schroeder	Pete & Susan Montgomery	Phil & Kim Moore	Benny & Carol Schumann	Michelle Kennedy/ James Martin
	10:30 Jason & Rhonda Giesen	Korvan & Jill Kruesler	Lavene Kruckemeyer/ Robert Nentwich	Dan & Becky Krueger	Jason & Lynn Lear
<b>Friendly Visitors</b>	Mark & Mindi Wing	Dwayne & Cheryl Koopp	Dwayne & Cheryl Koopp	Carolyn Zunker	Carolyn Zunker
<b>Coffee Crew</b>	Brian & Heather Knetsch	Cindy Orsak/ Kay Magness	George & Letty Gracia	Danny & Carolyn Zunker	Glenn & Leslie Wellbrock
<b>Pew Pals</b> Tracy Granado	Dina Dorrburg	Dale & Julie Goos	The Granado's/ Kelly King	Quade Team	Hildy Solcum Team
<b>Hospital Visitors</b> Nancy Becker	Nancy Becker	Doty Collins/ Kathy Lamom	Nancy Becker	Pat & Kathy Quade	Glenn Wellbrock

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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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