



## *Paul Owens, Senior Pastor*

### **“We Do”**

In the midst of a pandemic and polarizing politics, many people are carrying on with daily life. Going to work, raising children, burying loved ones, celebrating births... and getting engaged. The Christmas holiday is a popular time for proposals, so again this January I get to work with several couples to help them prepare for marriage. In a culture where it has become increasingly popular to shun marriage in favor of adultery, many young Christians are still hearing God's call to this foundational human relationship. They are saying “we do” to marriage.

There is plenty of good news about marriage... there's also bad news about cheap sex. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, God calls you to teach and talk about marriage, the 10 Commandments, and our Christian faith. “These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You should teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deuteronomy 6.6-7; see also I Corinthians 6.12-7.40). For further support in your calling, read “The Future of Christian Marriage” by Mark Regnerus. <https://www.markregnerus.com/book-summaries>

In a culture that increasingly feeds its own desires and says “we don't,” Christians are equipped with the best foundation for saying “we do.” And that foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

See you at the altar,

Pastor Paul



## *David Doss, President*

### **As the World Turns**

Do you ever feel like you're stuck in a never-ending Soap Opera? I know I sometimes allow myself to fall into that mind set. There is so much news that has our emotions swaying back and forth. It reminds me of the old Archie Campbell skit on Hee-Haw (Don't judge me) “That's Good-That's Bad”. If you haven't seen it you may want to do an Internet search. It is humorous.

The world can sometimes feel like you're riding on a seesaw with a demon on the other side who out weighs you by 200 lbs. That would be a rough ride.

Praise the Lord that there is The Way to escape this worldly emotional roller coaster. Seek the Kingdom of God!!

As in the words in this beautiful song:

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of His glory and grace”

Peace be with you,

David

*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.*



### *Chip Reynolds, Pastor*

When is a burning bush just a burning bush? That's the question that I find myself struggling with this morning.

I loved sitting around a fire in West Texas. It was comforting to sit in the darkness and coolness in the evening and watch the flames dance in the night. Especially when you had a few dead tumbleweeds laying around to toss on the fire occasionally. The bright flare of the hollow twigs quickly going up in flames and then settling back down into the regular fire was enthralling. I loved it.

It's funny, though, because we seem to be those kinds of people all the time. We are drawn to the flames. I think that's why God used a burning bush to get Moses attention. One, it was out of place, in the desert like that and two, we are just drawn...lured in.

So, when I am in the midst of one of those burning bush moments in my life, I struggle with that question, "when is a burning bush just a burning bush?" Have I thrown twigs onto the fire and made it more that it needs to be or is it a burning bush that "though the bush was on fire it did not burn up?" (Exodus 3:3)

There are going to be moments like that in our lives, where the struggle is real, and the answer is not clear. That is when we must be still and listen. Calm all that is in us and know that if God is in it, we will hear His voice coming out of the flame...clear and unequivocally. He will make known that He is there with us. And He will follow through on His promise to us. That's the kind of God that we serve.

Even though we are firebugs from time to time.

In His arms,

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### *Raising a Healthy Preschooler*

February 21 – March 7  
9:15-10:15 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Learn about the physical, emotional and spiritual development of your toddler.

RSVP to Kimberly at [Kimberly@nbstpaul.org](mailto:Kimberly@nbstpaul.org).



### **WILD FISH DINNER**

February 20  
5:30 p.m.



### *Men's Roundup*

February 9

Join us for dinner and fellowship at Krause's Café to hear Rich Garza's story...College football at Temple University, the NFL, the USFL, the San Antonio Gunslingers and currently one of the chaplains for the San Antonio Spurs. Fellowship starts at 6, followed by dinner at 7! Rich Garza speaking at 8. Bring your friends for a meal and fellowship!



February 28 at 7:00 p.m.  
Watch on FaceBook



### February Altar Flowers

February 7 - Open  
February 14 - The Solbrig Family  
February 21 - Open  
February 28 - Open

The new 2021 flower chart is up in the Lobby or you may call the church office for a date.

### February Wednesday Family Dinner:



**February 3** - hot dogs, fresh fruit, chips, brownies

**February 10** - cowboy stew, pears, green beans, rolls, cookies

**February 17** - pancake supper

**February 24** - chicken spaghetti, salad, peas & carrots, garlic bread, pudding

### American Heritage Series Bible Study

Join us as we discover the forgotten and astonishing story of our nation's foundation in the American Heritage Series. From Separation of Church and State, to the Civil Rights Movement, the heroism of our founding Fathers to the building of our nation's monuments, this series will inspire every American to reclaim the Godly, true story of our nation. This outstanding Bible study is scheduled for Thursdays at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 212 beginning February 11th. For more information, contact Paul Giese at paul@benefits-explained.com.

### VBS Volunteers Needed!!



Treasured VBS is scheduled for June 21-25 and we need YOU to help show kids that they are priceless to God! We need co-chairs, station leaders, group leaders and more. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS in any way, contact Kimberly Wunderlich at kimberly@nbstpaul.org.



### Women's Retreat

T Bar M  
Saturday, March 27  
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Meals provided
- Child care offered at the church
- Singing, praying, visiting
- Studying the Word is the plan of the day with "Love Never Fails" (1 Cor 3:18)

T Bar M has been conducting gatherings over the last several months. They're taking every precaution to protect guests. Reserve your spot today! Go to the church website for registration details. <https://www.nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/adults/>

Moms, here's a special blessing for you: your children will get to experience their own version of "Love Never Fails" complete with activities, snacks, lunch, games and even T-shirts!

Scholarships are available - contact Kimberly@nbstpaul.org to inquire.

### Camp Eagle

June 13-17

Open to Middle School & High School Youth  
Registration deadline is February 21

Cost is \$200

\$25 deposit due at registration

Full payment due by June 1

Scholarships available and due May 1

Register at nbstpaul.org



**Camp Eagle**  
Adventure Camps

### Missing the Bulletin?

Instead of a Sunday bulletin, you should be receiving an email on Fridays with information for that week and highlighting many upcoming events. This email is packed with information, so you may wish to print it and keep it for reference. You may access the order of worship for Sunday on our website or by accessing the Ministry One church app. This app is full of information, it contains our online directory, events, order of worship for each Sunday, and much more! If you need assistance in downloading the app, you may contact the church office for help or we can send you written step-by-step instructions. We are working hard to keep you plugged in!

Michelle Rivera  
Executive Director



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**February 2021**



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**Sunday morning worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.**

**9:15 a.m. Bible Study Hour**

**We are continuing to live stream both services on our website, Face Book and YouTube.**



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