

## *Paul Owens, Senior Pastor*



### A load-bearing structure

We gave thanks to the Lord for moms last month and for dads this month. Recently in an interview, Peter was telling the impact his parents had on him. He said, "I learned so much at the family dinner table and from just watching my parents interact. Just seeing them together, enjoying each other, talking, sometimes arguing, and then forgiving and working it out... what I learned from just seeing, watching my parents, it is foundational for our marriage today." Indeed, Peter confesses the truth that God designed marriage and the family to be a foundation, a **load-bearing** structure.

But what if the model you observed wasn't so model? I had a very good friend in college; we played football together, shared a love for the same professor, and Mike was one friend I could count on to speak the truth in love to me. In the summer and when we were home on breaks, we were often at each other's houses. Mike commented once, "I love coming to your house. Your parents are there, together, and we always have valuable conversations around the dinner table." Several years after Mike and I graduated, his parents divorced, and he said to me: "It doesn't pull the rug out from under a guy any less when he's 30 than when he is 13. I realize now I need to look for a different model than the one I grew up with."

Whether your earthly dad was model or less than model, Christ Jesus shed his blood for him... and your heavenly Father and His love for you and your parents is perfect. He is the foundation who has borne the load... the weight of the world... and He is for you and your family.

## *Chip Reynolds, Pastor*



May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, Oh Lord, my rock and my redeemer.  
- Psalm 19:14

I love this verse for several reasons but mainly because it is a constantly calling me onto the carpet. It is a challenge for me personally (as I assume it is for a lot of people.) There are many, many times that I would love to catch the words with my hands as they come tumbling out of my mouth.

But, as important is the visual representations of those words, our actions. Is the way that I live my life reflective of the "meditation of my heart" for everyone around me?

I know that it is a constant battle, and it is a two-pronged battle. I not only have to pay fervent attention to how I am living my faith, but I also must work daily to assure that the meditations of my heart are what they should be.

Meditating and living. Prayer and action. Tightly knit together to form our testimony. So God can use us to reach those who need to hear and see His love. Because He is our rock and redeemer.

*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



## **David Doss, President**

### **St. Paul is God's House**

I read an interesting article the other day by David Butts. It was about how the Devil attacks us daily using the same four tried and true tactics. These tactics are Doubt, Deceit, Discouragement and Division. This article also reminded me of C.S. Lewis' Screwtape Letters. That old Devil is always working on our minds and hearts to drive a wedge between us and the love of Jesus.

One of the anecdotes in the article written by Butts was the retelling of an old story of how Satan uses discouragement. It is as follows:

#### **The Devil's Tool Sale**

It was advertised that the devil was putting his tools up for sale. On that date the tools were laid out for public inspection. They had prices on them, and there were a lot of treacherous instruments: hatred, envy, jealousy, deceit, pride, lying, and so on. Laid apart from the rest of the devil's tools was a harmless-looking tool, worn more than any of the others and priced very high.

"What's the name of this tool?" asked one of the customers.

"That, the devil replied, "is discouragement."

"Why have you priced it so high?"

"Because discouragement is more useful to me than all the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's heart with that when I cannot get near him with any other tools. It's badly worn because I use it on almost everyone, since so few people know it belongs to me."

There are a lot of great things going on at our church. The attendance is back to pre-pandemic numbers. We're moving in the direction that has us becoming more efficient in spreading The Gospel. I can feel the Holy Spirit working in St. Paul. This has always been a friendly congregation, but I'm feeling an even greater sense of fellowship than ever.

Let's all make sure we stay in The Word and keep our eyes upon The Cross. Each of us has spiritual gifts. We should all pray to discover our spiritual gifts. Once discovered let's all make sure we use them. We can all work together to thwart Satan and his minions at every turn. Through knowing God, trusting God, believing God and standing with God, we can fulfill God's mission through St. Paul Lutheran!

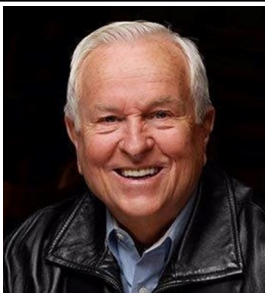
## **June Altar Flowers**



**June 6 - Rory & Roxy Duelm**  
**June 13 - BJ & Pixie Hageman**  
**June 20 - Open**  
**June 27 - Open**

If you are interested in providing Altar flowers, please check the flower calendar on the bulletin board in the Lobby for available dates or you can call the Church office at (830) 625-9191.

Thank you!



## **Men's Roundup**

June 8  
 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Josh McDowell is an evangelical apologist and evangelist. As an agnostic in college, he researched a paper to disprove the Christian faith and in fact came to faith and belief in Jesus Christ. He transferred to Wheaton College where he got his undergrad degree and then went to seminary at BIOLA Univ in Los Angeles. In 1961, Josh joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ International. Not long after, he started the Josh McDowell Ministry to reach young people worldwide with the truth and love of Jesus. Come hear Josh speak on Tuesday, June 8 Krause's Café.



Happy Father's Day  
 Sunday, June 20

### *New Disciples*

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest disciples. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself to our new brothers and sisters in Christ.



Doreen Bowers



Ray & Shirley Ferguson



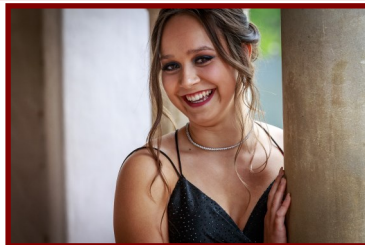
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Becky Krogness



Carl & Jonnie Meinhardt



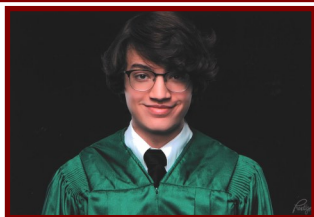
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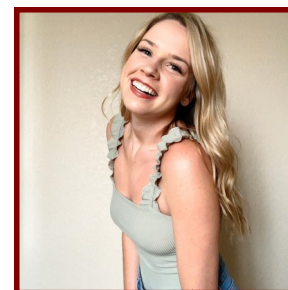


**Charles Christian Reynolds**  
Marion High School  
Blinn College in Bryan, Texas

### *Congratulations Graduates!*



**Teegan Luckemeyer**  
University of North Texas  
Health Science Center  
Master of Physician Assistant Studies



**Brittany Nolte**  
Texas State University  
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary  
Studies

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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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