



Kimberly Clayburne is graduating from New Braunfels High School and will be attending Texas A&M University, studying business. A meaningful verse for Kimberly is "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



Morgan Garcia is graduating from Canyon High School and will be attending Texas State University, studying Civil Engineering. A meaningful verse for Morgan is "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Cor. 16:13-14



Cameron Ikels is graduating from Canyon High School and plans to pursue college or tech school. A meaningful verse for Cameron is "Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35



JR Pfluger is graduating from Canyon High School and will be attending UT Arlington, studying Computer Science. A meaningful verse for JR is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6



Terrin Solbrig is graduating from Canyon High School and will be attending trade school. A meaningful verse for Terrin is "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23



Sierra Lou Taylor is graduating from New Braunfels High School and will be attending Baylor University, studying Apparel Design and Product Development. A meaningful verse for Sierra is "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Kenzie Wing is graduating from New Braunfels High School and will be attending The University of Mary Hardin Baylor, studying nursing. A meaningful verse for Kenzie is "Do not gloat over thine enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light." Micah 7:8



Presley Wirebaugh is graduating from Canyon High School and will be attending Texas A&M University, studying Animal Science. A meaningful verse for Presley is "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

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

Normal life

To Christians who were dislocated, dispersed from their normal life, Peter wrote “Conduct yourselves under Christ’s lordship throughout the time of your exile” I Peter 1.17b. You probably would not think of these days under corona quarantine as normal, but that’s exactly how Peter encourages you and me to live them... not because we are somehow immune or prideful, but because Christ is our Lord. So, here’s freedom for you from our Lord to do some of the normal things you would do in the month of May.

Celebrate **Mother’s Day**... take the time to worship together online and give thanks to God for mom. And do something nice for her; the small gestures can say so much. In our household we will plant flowers.

Perhaps you have a high school or college graduate in your family. Just because you won’t gather in a large auditorium and sit for a long time, that is no reason to neglect taking time to thank God for the gift of **education**. Turn the TV off, cook a nice dinner at home, pray together, and talk about the difference between a vocation and just hunting for a paycheck. The purpose of learning is far, far deeper than just walking a stage and receiving a diploma. The purpose of your education is to better equip you to serve your neighbor. For families with graduates we will have an event at church most likely (contact Kimberly@nbstpaul.org for details).

Sunday morning **worship**: soon we will be able to come back together, but as I write this we worship together online. Whether its pajamas and bacon at your house or you get to put on some clothes and be together; join in our live online services at 8:00 and 10:30... and hit that Facebook “share” button.

Dinner table devotions. What happens at your family table is so important. Again, make sure the TV is off and talk about the day, read a Bible story together, and pray. In our house we just finished reading our way through I Corinthians and we’re starting up with a Psalm each evening.

Normal life... Conduct yourselves under Christ’s Lordship throughout this time... sure beats letting Satan rob you of your life in Christ.

See y’all soon,
Pastor Paul



Chip Reynolds, Pastor

I nearly died this last week. No, we didn’t get attacked (unless you consider the sun an offensive weapon.) No, I didn’t get into fight over toilet paper in the latrine building. And yes, I have been isolating and wearing my mask as I am supposed to. None of those things tried to take me out. I nearly got bit by a poisonous snake. Yes. A snake. A saw-scaled viper to be exact. In the desert. A snake.

It was just after dark and I was making my evening check-in with the family. I had walked along the outside wall and sat down to talk on a concrete ledge. As I leaned forward to rest my elbows on my knees, I looked down at me feet that were up on the edge of a 4x4 plastic square piece of walkway. It had a trough in the middle of it about 18 inches from my toes. Nicely nestled in that trough was my new friend. I had walked on that board several times in the conversations that I had that night and no doubt stepped right over him. I never knew the difference. Never realized that death was literally right under my feet. And there’s the metaphor... We walk through this life so intently focused on what is happening in our lives, what is going on in our world, and what the world is focused on and we are completely oblivious to death right at our foot. Satan has us totally unaware. So unaware that we have a tendency to not even notice his presence in our lives at all. Until the damage is done. *Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* I Peter 5:8

We have to stay focused and aware of the evil one. Don’t get lulled to sleep by all that happens around you but stay tuned to God and what He has for you. Then the snakes of this world are less likely to sneak up on you. God light exposes all the evil that the darkness of this world holds. So stay alert.

(There were no snakes hurt in the writing of this note. It was removed and sent out to a far desert place...which really didn’t have to be all that far considering where I am. And other than my heart getting a workout, I’m fine.)

Stay safe. Wash hands. Don’t sneeze on people. And know that I pray for y’all daily.

In His arms,
PC



Tex Brown, President

Wow we have been in the midst of a pandemic virus that has over taken our nation and the world. But we MUST remember God is in charge and we who have faith should not fear but turn our eyes upon Him. A verse in Psalm 91 speaks to this exact situation. Psalm 91:6 - "Do not fear....for the pestilence that stalks in darkness or of the destruction that lays waste at noon." Psalm 91 is one of my FAVORITE Bible chapters as it truly says we should NOT fear when we have God and Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. It is called the Psalm of protection and often referred to as the Soldier's psalm thus many warriors memorize it and call on it when they are in danger. This pandemic reminds us of our frailty and the need to draw on Him for strength.

Now as we see our governor and other officials begin to open things up, we too, at St. Paul will look at the possible resuming of services as we once knew them. We will likely continue to stream services on-line as we have found this to be a great way to reach so many other people, but we need to gather together as a congregation when it is possible and safe to do so. God's people need to gather for worship, Bible study and friendship. Your Council is already in motion of studying how and when we can safely resume Sunday activities. The federal and now state guidelines are very helpful and we will soon hear from the local authorities. We are also talking to the leaders of other churches in our area so that we step out in similar fashion. Nothing is going to change right away but we might have services in person some time in mid to late May. We may have to impose restrictions of how many can attend and we will most likely highly encourage our members over 65 to stay home.....Oh, that includes me!! More to follow and as your SPLC Council deliberates and comes to consensus, you will be advised and kept up to date. Until then stay home, stay safe.

One last shout out to our church staff. They have gone over and above the call of duty to keep us safe, give us Live stream and keep the Pre-school operating for those families of essential and first-responder parents. Our staff is the BEST and they have continued to work (mostly at the church). When you get a chance, thank them for their untiring efforts and loyalty to SPLC and our mission. God Bless us all and God Bless America.

Matthew 25 Fund

The Matthew 25 Fund helps members of St. Paul who are in need of financial assistance due to job loss, insurmountable medical bills, elderly on fixed income, divorced mothers with minor children, spouses of deployed military service members, etc. Distributions from this fund shall be in keeping with Matthew 25:35-36 – "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." There are funds in excess of \$30,000 readily available to assist our members that are experiencing difficulty during these challenging times. If you know someone in need, please contact the church office (830) 625-9191 so that we may disperse these funds to our neighbors in need.



We would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for your patience and love!

Full Steam Ahead for Rocky Railway VBS

NOW JULY 27-31, 2020



The Coronavirus may try to derail us, but it's full steam ahead for Rocky Railway VBS! Mark your calendars for our new date of July 27-31, 2020. Registration for both participants and volunteers is available at <https://www.nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/children/>. The ride may be a little bumpy leading up to VBS this year, so be sure to stay tuned for additional details as we approach our new departure date.

Recognizing Our College Graduates

The St. Paul family is so proud of our college graduates too! We would like to recognize and congratulate all those graduating from college during the 2019-2020 academic year. Please include university or college, degree and future plans. This information can be sent in by email to Kimberly Wunderlich at kimberly@nbstpaul.org by May 15.



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