

ST PAUL THE ROCK

more than church, we're a family!

May

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St. Paul's has had a long history within this community. We recently celebrated 150 years of service for Jesus Christ in 2007!

Having been founded in this southern part of York County, rich in German heritage, St. Paul began as a Lutheran congregation in the year 1857. While we are now a non-denominational church, we still hold the following foundational beliefs true today.

GRACE ALONE

God loves the people of the world, even though we are sinful, rebel against Him and do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable and give us what we do not deserve, forgiveness and everlasting life.

FAITH ALONE

By His suffering, death and resurrection as the substitute for all people of all time, Jesus purchased and won forgiveness and life for us. We who hear this Good News and believe it, have this everlasting life and hope that it offers.

SCRIPTURE ALONE

The Bible is God's inerrant and infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law, His Truth and His Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is the sole rule and source for our Christian belief and doctrine.

We pray that God will richly bless you as you discover that, because of our love for Jesus Christ and this community, **we are more than a Church, we're a Family!**

Welcome Home!

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Pigs & Frisbee

When I was just a young fellow of about 9 or 10 years of age they came out with a new toy. It looked like a plate to me, but man could it soar through the sky. It was a Frisbee and mine was green. Nothing fancy, just your basic disc. I practiced throwing it for hours aiming at old cans and trees. I didn't have anyone to play catch with so I hit things with it (all boys like to "hit" things, that's why we break more windows than girls do).

This one particular day I was aiming at an old sign on the side of the barn that my grandfather had nailed up to cover a hole (we still try to cover up holes in our lives with signs, but that is another lesson). I had become quite the marksman and I hit it dead square, but instead of dropping it continued around the side of the barn and into the pig pen.

I never really thought anything of it at the time, after dinner Grandmother would give me the bucket and I would go "slop" the hogs. I was used to going there and standing on the fence as I "slopped" them. They all ran to eat when I called "sooieeeeeee" real loud and I got to know them all somewhat. What I didn't know was that a few days earlier the sow had a litter. Sows are very protective of their piglets and she was no exception.

Without thinking I jumped right in the pen and sauntered over to my Frisbee and started back to the fence when I hear a "grunt". Fred, one of the farm hands happened to be nearby and saw what was happening. Jumping up on the fence he cried out "Run to me boy! Run!", and I did! I had no idea something that big could move that fast. Fred grabbed me by the scruff of the neck and just barely lifted me out of her reach as she slammed her 300 lbs into the fence.

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May Events Calendar

- **May 4** - 6:15 covered dish supper followed by Adult Bible Study on the book of Romans and Kid's program, 7-8pm
- **May 7** - Our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held at Stewartstown Fire Hall beginning at 6pm with a catered meal followed by entertainment and judging of your decorated hat! Our theme for the evening is "Come to the Garden".
- **May 10** - SAINTS ALIVE meets at 11:30am at Round Hill Church in Cross Roads, PA. This is a monthly, ecumenical gathering of people 55 and older. Each family brings a covered dish and enjoys Bible study, entertainment and great fellowship. This is the last meeting of SAINTS ALIVE until fall.
- **May 11** - 6:15 covered dish supper followed by Adult Bible Study on the book of Romans and Kid's program, 7-8pm.
- **May 14** - Monthly Men's Breakfast at 8am, Pastor Howard will be speaking. Following the meeting those who can help are asked to bring tools for trimming bushes, planting flowers & sprucing up the church grounds.
- **May 18** - 6:15 covered dish supper followed by Adult Bible Study on the book of Romans and Kid's program, 7-8pm. This is the last meeting of bible Study until fall.
- **May 22-25** - Mission Conference

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MAY 22ND THROUGH MAY 25TH

Sunday Morning, May 22nd at 10am – Special Music by **Karen Knight** and **Adoration**. Missionary Speaker is **Don Trott** with ABWE. (Location: *Stewartstown Fire Hall*)

Sunday Evening, May 22nd at 5pm – a covered dish dinner followed by special music featuring **Troy Winemiller** and **Adoration**. Special Missionary speakers for the evening will be **Kari Kinard** and **Dr. Bob Cropsey**, the Director of Healthcare Mobilization for ABWE, enlisting healthcare professionals with a heart for helping others in developing countries. (Location: *Stewartstown Fire Hall*)

Monday Evening, May 23rd at 6:30pm – Special music by **Doc Seitzland**, former musician with the *Glen Miller* and *Tommy Dorsey* bands as well as the director of The D.C. Big Band. Special Missionary speakers for the evening will be **Tony and Heather Book**, career missionaries with SEND International serving in Manila, Philippines. (Location: *Stewartstown Fire Hall*)

Tuesday Evening, May 24th at 6:30PM – Special Music by **Set Free!** Guest Missionary speakers will be **Todd Jackson with Servants Inc.**; **Lori Zeigler with House of Hope**; and **Chaplin Jim and Jacqueline Smalley with Transport for Christ**. (Location: *Stewartstown Fire Hall*)

Wednesday Evening, May 25th at 6:30pm – Special Music by **Troy Winemiller** and **Mark Briley**. Guest missionaries will be **Chet Joines with Macedonian Ministries** and **Mark and Cindy Anderson** speaking about short term sports missions. Tony and Heather Book will be doing a special program with the children. (Location: *St. Paul's*)

After everything settled down Fred looked down at me and simply said, "It's a good thing I wuz here or you'd be dead. The good Lord must be a lookin' out for you boy." Fred never learned to read or write, but he knew hogs. Later he explained to me that, "Them sows has got razor sharp teeth and when they has little ones they's powerful dangerous."

Little boys don't think about death too much, and the next day the whole thing was forgotten. Looking back though, I see that Fred was right. It was a good thing he was there and cared enough to help me. All around us are folks who are in danger and don't even know it. They have gotten themselves in the "pig pen" of life and don't realize how dangerous it is. We don't have to "preach" at them, but we do need to hold out our hand and offer to help. The scripture says

"My brothers, if any of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this; Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins."

James 5:19-20

Fred was right about one other thing also. The good Lord is looking out for me. He is looking out for you too. The question is; are we looking out for those around us?

Keep Looking Up!

Pastor Howard

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BIBLICAL MOTHERS

Naomi

She was the Mother-in-law of Ruth. Ruth accompanied Naomi to her homeland saying 'Where you go, I will go, where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.' She guided her daughter in law into a marriage with Boaz.

Hannah

She was the wife of Elkanah. She was childless for many years, but after much prayer, became mother to Samuel the prophet. She dedicated him to the Lord and brought him a linen ephod every year

Elizabeth

She was the Mother of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the Lord. She was Mary's cousin and a godly woman who in her old age, God allowed her to give birth.

Sarah

She is the wife of Abraham and gave birth to Isaac when she was over 100 years old. Isaac was the father of Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Mary

She is the Mother of Jesus and it often remembered for her answer faith when she answered the angel Gabriel. 'I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said.' (Luke 1:38)

Bathsheba

She was the mother of Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived. She is mentioned in Jesus' family tree - Matthew 1:6 - 'whose mother had been Uriah's wife.'

Eve

She is known as the "Mother of mankind" because she was the very first mother.

Rebekah

She ensured that the more righteous son, Jacob, receive the patriarchal blessing from his father, as the Lord intended (Genesis 27).

Abijah

Her son Hezekiah was a king who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. 2 Chronicles 29:1, 26:5 , 2 Kings 18:2

Jochebed

When the Pharoah an gave order to kill all the baby boys of the Hebrews, she hid Moses for three months. "By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict" (Hebrews 11:23).

Rachel

She was the mother of Joseph who had a coat of many colors mother.

Search for these mothers in the puzzle below.

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- NAOMI
- RACHEL
- REBEKAH
- SARAH

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