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Online Giving: You can give securely on our website at www.gspbc.org.

Smart Giving: Text GSPBC to the phone number 71441. You will get an instant response with a link to information about our church and a donation page. There you can donate with a credit or debit card easily and securely.

Givelify: The Givelify mobile app is available on the App Store and Google Play, and it costs nothing to download or use. Givelify pinpoints your location and intelligently identifies the GSP worship service you're attending, effectively eliminating the need to search for it. Mark GSP as your home church so that you can easily find and make mobile donations as frequently and as generously as you'd like, even when you are thousands of miles away.

Automatic Bank Pay: This is an easy and effective way to systematically give through your checking or savings account. Simply log onto your individual bank account and follow your bank's instructions to set up GSP as a payee.

Reminders...

Don't miss a Worship Celebration. CD's and DVD's of our Services are available in the Administration Office. Live stream can be viewed every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on our website. Video-on-demand replays are also available on the site.

Stop by the Pastor's Café for coffee, juice, pastries, breakfast, and other goodies after the 8:00 a.m. Service!

Sunday Small Groups Sessions for men, women, and children begin at 9:45 a.m.

The GSP Kidz Nursery for children 6 months to 5 years of age is open for our 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration.

Do You Know Jesus?

If you desire a personal relationship with the One who created you, it is essential that you establish a relationship with Him. It can start with you earnestly praying this prayer:

Lord Jesus, I believe You are truly the Son of God. I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Please forgive all my wrongdoing, and let me live in relationship with you from now on. I receive You as my personal Savior, accepting the work You did once and for all on the cross. Thank You for saving me. Help me to live a life that is pleasing to You. Amen.

Bless Us
in this
NEW YEAR

O Lord

JANUARY 2017

*My times are in Your hands...
-Psalm 31:15*



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Facing the New Year



It's a new year, and as we look back over the last 12 months, one thing is for sure. At times, we have all struck out. It's good to be able to start over fresh. Most of us are recovering from the activities of the Christmas Season and are getting into the activities of the new year. What do you anticipate for this year?

Are you full of enthusiasm, looking forward eagerly to what each day will bring? Or are you filled with a sense of dread, worried that this year will be worse than last year was for you? May I suggest that your attitude, your frame of mind, your reaction to its events will largely determine whether this year is a year of victory or a year of defeat. The Apostle Paul was never one to let circumstances conquer him. Rather, with the help of God, he was determined to win the victor's crown. Listen as his attitude, dedication, determination shine through in these words found in Philippians 3:12-14. "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind & straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." With Paul's words fresh in our minds, here are some suggestions to help us be all that we can be this year. First of all, recognize the value of time. Secondly, don't be in bondage to the past. Finally, we need to establish God as the priority in our lives. Paul says it this way, "This one thing I do." Now Paul obviously did more than one thing. He made tents. He preached sermons and established churches. He healed the sick. He wrote books. He did a lot of different things. But he said, "The top priority in my life is to 'press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.'" Why not follow his example? Happy New Year and welcome to worship! – Pastor Joseph E. Simmons

Write Your Goals. Take the time to *write* down carefully what you want to accomplish with your life. Writing down your goals makes you more *decisive*. The 15 minutes you invest in making a Daily Schedule will be multiplied 100-fold before the end of the month. Visualization of a goal builds remarkable confidence. Planners can predict their success. The secret of uncommon achievers is linking tasks to their calendar. (Dr. Mike Murdock)

Meetings Calendar

Every Monday

6:00PM: Angel Choir
7:00PM: Children/Teen Choir
7:00PM: Young Adults
7:30PM: Dance Rehearsals

Other Monday Mtgs.:

January 2nd

New Year (Campus Closed)

January 9th

7:00PM: Board of Directors

January 16th

MLK Birthday (Campus Closed)

January 23rd

6:00PM: Prayer Ministry
7:00PM: COEM

Tuesday

January 3rd

6:00PM: Band Rehearsal
Music & Arts Council
7:00PM: Men's Council
Women's Council

January 10th

7:00PM: C&Y Council

January 17th

6:00PM: Music & Arts Council
7:00PM: Men's Fellowship
Women's Fellowship

January 24th

7:00PM: C&Y Council

Every Wednesday

7:00 PM: Life Elevation Bible Study

Other Wednesday Mtgs.:

January 4th

12:00N: IMPACT Prayer
1:15PM: Seasoned Saints Council

January 11th

12:00N: Bible Study
7:00PM: Disc./Education Council

January 18th

12:00N: Bible Study
1:15PM: Seasoned Saints Fell.
7:00PM: Men's Fellowship
Women's Fellowship

January 25th

12:00N: Bible Study

Every Thursday

6:00PM: Praise Team
7:00 PM: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Other Thursday Mtgs.:

January 5th

6:30PM: Finance (Core Team)
SPEEDCO

January 12th

6:30PM: Finance (Core Team)

January 19th

6:30PM: Finance (Core Team)
SPEEDCO
7:00PM: Facilities
Greeters
Volunteers

January 26th

6:30PM: Finance (All)

Every Saturday

9:00AM: Evangelism/Outreach

Saturday

January 7th

10:00AM: Mothers

January 14th

10:00AM: Ushers

January 21st

9:00AM: USDA Bag Prep
10:00AM: Food Distribution

January 28th

10:00AM: Leadership Meeting

Coming in February



Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping with us today! If this is your first time at GSP, we hope you enjoy your experience! We encourage you to fill out the guest card you receive from our Greeters, so that we can stay in touch with you. Turn it in when requested during the Celebration Service, and get the special gift we have for you. If you've been our guest before today, thank you for choosing to worship with us again. To all our guests, please let us know if you have questions about Greater St. Paul Church and if we can be of assistance to you in any way. Restrooms are located in the Main Lobby. Parents, please use the restrooms for feeding and changing your infant child. Please don't bring food, gum, or drink into the Main Sanctuary. All worshipers should remain in their seats during prayer, Scripture reading, the sermon, the offering, and the altar call. In case of an emergency, please exit using the doors in back of the Sanctuary. Please silence all phones and other electronic devices, and refrain from using flash photography or videotaping in the Main Sanctuary.

We capture images of our audience (including minors) during videotaping and live streaming of our Worship Celebration Services. These images may appear on our website, social media pages, and in print. If you do not wish to be seen on camera or have photos taken of you or your minor child, please advise an Usher, so that you can be escorted to an area not generally included in the videotaping, live streaming, and photography of our Worship Celebration Services.

Prayer List & Requests

Please pray for those on our Prayer/Sick & Shut-In List: Virgil Bailey, Damita Barbee, Eloise Belle, Novella Benton, Helen Berry, James Caldwell, Sharon Conway, Julia Jackson, Lenard Keith, Ella Lockhart, Velma Miles, Sue Sapp, Elma Smith, Michael Spears, Kirk Thomas, Betty Mae Williams, and Mildred Williams.

If you have a prayer request, please complete a Prayer Card and drop it in the offering basket. Members of our Prayer Ministry Team will pray for you and your request. Prayer cards are available from an Usher, in the Main Sanctuary Lobby, at the Concierge Table, and in the Administration Office. If you would like someone to pray with you directly today, please let an Usher know and a member of our Prayer Ministry Team will pray with you.

JOIN US FOR CORPORATE PRAYER
6:00AM & 6:00PM Every Mon., Wed.,
& Fri. Dial Toll-Free: 712.432.8399
Access Code: 379099

Small Groups Studies Classes for December, January & February

Class: New Members Orientation Text: Christian Living Through God's Word

Description:

Welcomes the new member as a new Christian or a Christian by experience to the Greater St. Paul family. This study familiarizes the new member with GSP's Ministries, Leadership and Business Operations and helps to understand the beliefs, processes and protocols of our church. In addition, reviews the basics of the Christian faith and ensures a firm foundation for continued spiritual growth.

**Instructors: Various Day/Location: Sunday/Room 106
Cost: None**

Class: P.L.A.C.E. - Spiritual Gifts - Ephesians 2:10 Text: P.L.A.C.E

Description:

P.L.A.C.E. is a personal assessment tool designed to know and understand themselves in a more intimate and spiritual way. This Bible based curriculum facilitates radical change by helping individuals through **Personality discovery; Learning spiritual gifts; Abilities awareness; Connecting passion with ministry; and Experiences in life.** Participants come to understand who they are in Christ and how they can use their spiritual gifts to benefit others and the church.

**Instructors: Minister Karen Green, Elder Eddie Daniels Day/Location: Sunday/Fellow-hip Hall
Cost: approx. \$10.00**

Class: Transformed - Romans 12:1-2 Text: Transformed By Rick Warren

Description:

This study guides and transforms you by exploring what the Bible has to say about every essential are of our lives: **Spiritual, Physical; Mental; Emotional; Relational; Financial; and Vocational.** The world is shouting for our attention in each of these arenas, yet the world's promises leave us empty and searching for more! God's Word is the only answer that promises to transform our lives from the inside out.

**Instructor: Elder James Calhoun, Deacon Billy Henderson Day/Location: Sunday/Room 105
Cost: approx \$10.00**

Class: General Studies Men / Women & Children Text: The Gospel Project

Description:

The Gospel Project is a chronological plan of Bible Study that gives testimony to God's love for His people through His Son Jesus. This Christ centered, age aligned study identifies 99 essential doctrines of the Christian faith and supports the believers personal walk through the Bible.

Each session immerses The participants in the Gospel and challenges them to live out their faith each day.

Instructors:

Men - Deacon A. Johnson, Deacon B. Henderson, Deacon C. Kelly, Deacon J. Jackson

Women - Minister T. Wickliffe, Deaconess C. Stanton, Mother V. Owens

Young Adults – Sister Joy Wright

Children - Deaconess D. Jackson, Sister V. Higginbotham, Sister D. Bonner

Day/Location:

Sunday/Men- Room 104

Sunday/Women- Room 100

Sunday/Young Adults - Room 201

Sunday/Children- Room 200 & Multi-Purpose Room Admin. Bldg.

Cost: TBD

Class: Financial Literacy - Luke 16:11, Matthew 25:4-30 Text: Bible/Various

Description:

This course helps believers to realize that money is both a test and a trust from God. He uses finances to teach us to trust him... and for many people, money is the greatest test of all! As in the parable of the talents, God watches how we use money to test how trustworthy we are. Each session reveals wealth principles in the bible; helps us identify our fears about money; and gain knowledge and insight on how to positively change our financial behavior. You will be provided key financials tools to create a specific plan for life and healthy financial habits. The ultimate goal is to be good financial stewards over what God has blessed us with and to develop a lasting spirit of generosity.

Instructor: Sister Anjanette Crear Day/Location: TBD

Cost: TBD

5 Helpful Hints on Reading Your Bible

1. Establish a daily habit. (Psalm 119:24; Proverbs 8:32-34)
2. Read at the same place every day. (Deuteronomy 6: 6-9)
3. Read it at the same time each day. (Deuteronomy 11:18-21)
4. Become a passionate expert on one topic in the Bible. (2 Timothy 2:15)
5. Talk Scriptures in your conversations. (Deuteronomy 11:19, 2 Timothy 1:13)