

Ways to Give at GSP

Online Giving

At GSP, we pledge to continue to be good soil for your generosity. We exist to see those far from God raised to life in Christ and we would love for you to join us in that mission. Over 60% of our church gives online. It's simple and secure.

Givelify

The Givelify mobile giving app 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. Givelify lets you easily see your complete history of donations. You can also accurately track your donations for your taxes without needing to hunt down receipts, bank statements, or acknowledgement letters. Givelify is available on the App Store and Google Play, and it costs nothing to download or use.

Smart Giving

Smart Giving is a fast and safe way to give at GSP. Simply text GSPBC to the phone number 71441. You will get an instant response on your phone 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. Simply follow the sign up link, enter your credit or debit card information, and submit. It's that simple. Smart Giving uses industry-leading security to protect your personal information and save your card info so you can now give on the go. Smart Giving is never charged to your phone bill and your phone number is safe with us.

Weekend Worship Experiences

Place your check or cash in the offering during any weekend worship experience. For your convenience, offering envelopes are available for your gift. You can place cash or checks (payable to Greater St. Paul Church) in one of these envelopes and put it in the offering during any weekend worship experience, or mail it to Greater St. Paul Church and we will apply your gift. If you would like offering envelopes, contact our Finance Office at finance@gspbc.org call (510) 452-0803, or mail to us at 1918 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94612.

Automatic Bank Pay

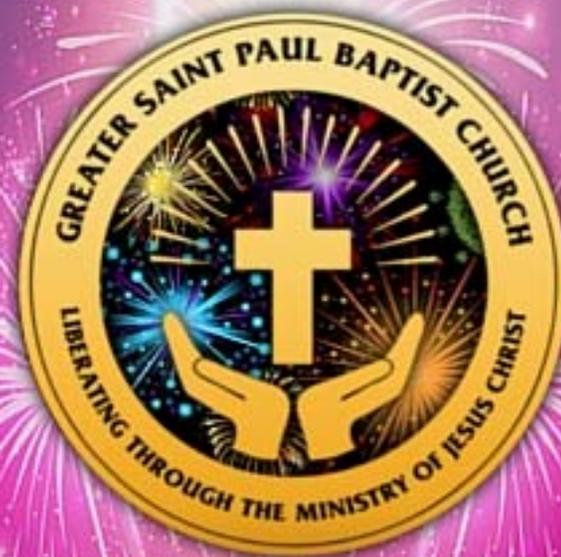
This is an easy and effective way to systematically give through your checking or savings account. Simply log onto your individual bank account and follow your bank's instructions to set up GSP as a new payee.



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Welcome to

GREATER ST. PAUL CHURCH



62nd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

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“Honoring the Past, Making Impact for the Future”



“God is calling us to be a church of **IMPACT!**”

We join together this month to celebrate the 62nd Anniversary of Greater St. Paul Church. On special occasions like anniversaries, it is natural to look back over the past, to smile as we remember the good times, and perhaps to sigh as we recall the not-so happy times. So it is this month that we look back over the 62 years since the founding of GSP – to the ‘birth’ of GSP, brought into being through the vision of a small number of people, dedicated to following Jesus. Who could have foreseen, back then, what it would mean for the GSP Church Family to provide loving, Christian service to this community? Our Church Anniversary provides us the opportunity to reflect upon what God has done through this church community over the last 62 years. While thanking God

for where we started is important, it is just as important to thank Him for where He’s leading us. God is calling us to be a church of IMPACT! To fulfill His call, it’s going to take all of us – everybody can, and must do something! By serving, not only are you able to impact others, but you end up being blessed in the process. In the Book of Acts, we’re given the model of how the Church of today should operate. Everyone was involved! Here’s the bottom line: We’re looking for servants, not superstars, contributors, not just consumers. Some of you just “eat and run”...you come on Sundays and get something out of it, but then you’re gone until next Sunday. That whole idea would be foreign to the early Church! “Thank you” to all those who are working so diligently to make our month-long 62nd Church Anniversary a memorable one. Let’s not stop after the Anniversary Celebrations are over. We must continue to work together, to use our Spiritual gifts, our skills, and our talents to IMPACT the Kingdom. Welcome to the Worship Celebration! –Bishop Joseph E. Simmons

Christian Growth

In the Blink of an Eye

We’ve only a moment here on earth. It just seems like a lifetime. Ask any ninety-year old and she’ll tell you, life flies by like a magic carpet. Our lives are that moment when the perfume hangs in the air before dissipating. We’ve only a mist of a lifetime, and then it will be spent. While our souls will live eternally, our opportunities on this earth to love and laugh with people will be gone before we can fully appreciate it.

So, we need to breathe deeply and live fully and thank wholeheartedly and kiss passionately and hug warmly and love without reserve. We need to cry freely and dance sometimes and sing whenever we have the chance. We will only have a moment here, and then it will be gone. Looking ahead, it seems like a lifetime; but, looking back, it’s just the blink of an eye.

MINISTRY MEETINGS SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
Every Monday 5:00PM: C&Y Homework Center Open 6:00PM: C&Y Snacks/Bible Lesson 6:30 PM: Children/Teen Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM: Dance Rehearsal Other Monday Mtgs. Feb. 8th 7:00PM: Board of Dir. Feb. 15th 6:00PM: Prayer Ministry 7:00PM: COEM Feb. 22nd 7:00PM: SPEEDCO	Every Tuesday 6:00PM: Music & Arts Council Other Tuesday Mtgs. Feb. 2nd 7:00PM: Men’s Ministry Feb. 9th 7:00PM C&Y Min. Council YA Ministry Council Feb. 16th 7:00PM: Men’s Ministry Feb. 23rd 7:00PM: C&Y Min. Council YA Ministry Council	Every Wednesday 12:00 Noon: Life Elevation Bible Study 6:00PM: Intercessory Prayer A/Y Team 7:00PM: Life Elevation Bible Study New Member Orientation Praise Team Rehearsal Other Wed. Mtgs. Feb. 3rd 1:00PM: Seasoned Saints	Every Thursday 5:30 PM: Finance Team 6:00PM: Band Rehearsal 7:00PM: Adult Choir Reh. Other Thursday Mtgs. Feb. 11th 6:30PM: Volunteers Min. Feb. 18th 7:00PM: Greeters Min.	Feb. 13th 10:00AM: Ushers Ministry Feb. 20th 10:00AM: USDA Food Distribution Feb. 27th 10:00AM: Leadership/ Church Meeting 12:00 PM: Education Min. Diaconate Ministry

Events



Reminders

- ❖ Stop by the Pastor's Café for coffee, juice, pastries, and other breakfast goodies after the 8:00am Service!
- ❖ The GSP Kidz Nursery opens every Sunday at 11:00am for children 6 months to 5 years old.
- ❖ Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:45am every Sunday.
- ❖ Connect and Serve! We need volunteers in every area of ministry. There's something that only YOU can do. Become a volunteer today!
- ❖ Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date in the Administration Office, so that you don't miss communications from GSP.
- ❖ Our Greeters and Ushers are here to assist you in finding items lost while attending our Worship Celebration Services.

Don't miss a Worship Celebration! Cd's and DVD's of today's Services are available in the Administration Office. Live streaming can be viewed every Sunday at 8:00am and 11:00am at <http://media2.thechurchonline.com/greaterstpaul>. Video-on-demand replays are also available on the site.

If you choose not to come forward... At the end of our Worship Celebration, you will be given an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. While we encourage you to come to the altar at that time, if you choose not to come to the altar and you would like someone to pray with you privately, please inform one of our Ushers or Greeters.

You are the "social" in "social media"! There's a lot happening on the GSP Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. Daily ministry updates, inspirational posts, self-improvement tips, photos, video clips and more can be found on our social media pages. Please follow us and let us know you're there by sending your comments. *Thank you so, so much to those who follow us regularly, share our posts, and send your comments!!*

We're glad you have joined us for worship today! You can visit the Administration Office to learn more about any of the programs and events you see highlighted here. If you are a first-time guest, we encourage you to fill out the guest card you receive from our Greeters. Turn it in when requested during the Celebration Service, and get the special gift we have for you. 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. Please Note: Live streaming and videotaping of our Worship Celebration Services include images of the audience. If you do not wish to be seen on camera, please advise an usher, so you may be escorted to an area not generally included in the live streaming and videotaping of our Worship Celebration Services.

Prayer/Sick & Shut-In List

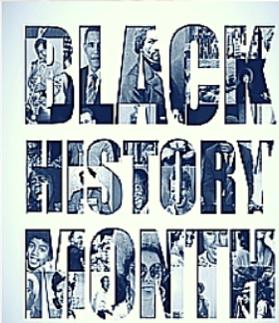
Please pray for those on our Prayer/Sick & Shut-In List: Damita Barbee, Eluise Bell, Novella Benton, Helen Berry, Doris Burrell, Walter Hill, Julia Jackson, Vina Jackson, Carrie Johnson, Lenard Keith, Mae Ella Lockhart, Vera Miles, Lottie Parrott, Ernest Pierce, Anna Sampson, Luevida Shepherd, Elma Smith, Kirk Thomas, and Mildred Williams. *Special prayer for the family of Brother Vernon R. Brown Sr.*

GSP Prayer Line

The greatest privilege God gives to us is the freedom to approach Him at any time. We approach Him collectively on the GSP Prayer Line.

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

Celebrating Black History Month: “Hallowed Grounds”



The history of African Americans unfolds across the canvas of America, beginning before the arrival of the Mayflower and continuing to the present. From port cities where Africans disembarked from slave ships to the battle fields where their descendants fought for freedom, from the colleges and universities where they pursued education to places where they created communities during centuries of migration, the imprint of Americans of African descent is deeply embedded in the narrative of the American past. These sites prompt us to remember and over time became hallowed grounds.

One cannot tell the story of America without preserving and reflecting on the places where African Americans have made history. The Kingsley Plantation, DuSable’s home site, the numerous stops along the Underground Railroad, Seneca Village, Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church and Frederick Douglass’ home — to name just a few — are sites that keep alive the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in our consciousness. They retain and refresh the memories of our forbears’ struggles for freedom and justice, and their belief in God’s grace and mercy. Similarly, the hallowed grounds of Mary McLeod Bethune’s home in Washington, D.C., 125th Street in Harlem, Beale Street in Memphis, and Sweet Auburn Avenue in Atlanta tell the story of our struggle for equal citizenship during the American century.

The 2016 Theme for Black History Month was selected to bring attention to the centennial celebration of the National Park Service and the more than twenty-five sites and the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom that are part of America’s hallowed grounds. ***Make sure you’re registered to vote this Presidential election!***



“Love One Another”

Our distinguished Seasoned Saints and their guests (seniors only) will celebrate their Post-Valentine Fellowship Red & White Luncheon following the 12:00noon Bible Study on Wednesday, February 17th. Everyone is asked to wear red and white!

Seniors, don’t miss it!

New Classes Starting In March!

Beginning March 6th, new classes will be offered during our Sunday Seminar Hour to enhance your Spiritual growth and encourage you to become the person of IMPACT God created you to be. Detailed class descriptions coming soon!

Survival Kit Series by Ralph W. Neighbor, Jr. - This Class is designed for the new believer but is good for any Christian to learn or refresh the basic building blocks of Christianity.

Discipleship & Evangelism (Level 1) - Go Therefore and Make Disciples of All Nations by Andrew Wommack & Don W. Crow - This class reviews the basics of salvation and eternal life and goes on to make disciples who will, in turn, learn to effectively evangelize.

Regular Sunday School Classes, Union Gospel Press Sunday School Series - Lessons designed to help believers understand Biblical principles. Facts are identified and applications suggested to help implement the concepts in one’s daily life is also given.



Please see the marketing flyer for details.