

Living Generously

There's a story in the Bible that you've probably read several times, but given little or no thought to the huge lesson about generosity that lies within it. *It's the story of the boy with the fishes and loaves.* While we don't know how old he was, he appears to have been old enough to travel to town and take care of a chore for his family. He probably knew the value of money and certainly of food. Then Jesus and His disciples came along asking if they could use his resources to help others. The boy was not wrestled to the ground nor were his groceries taken. He gave them willingly, but had no clue what was about to happen. It was, perhaps, the best day of his life. He probably got home late, couldn't wait to tell his mom, and bragged to all his friends. That day of being generous probably left him pretty eager to go to town again looking forward to his next giving adventure. Living generously is not the stuff of super heroes or mega saints. It is a great way to live for normal people. Generosity is indeed for everyone, so let's all join the journey of getting a little better at it each day. Why not start by giving a generous offering today to support our church?



Ways to Give at GSP

Weekend Worship Experiences: Please place cash or checks (payable to Greater St. Paul Church) in an offering envelope and put it in the offering basket. If using your debit or credit card, please complete an Electronic Funds Transfer Card, put it in an offering envelope, and place it in the offering basket.

Givify: The Givify mobile app is available on the App Store and Google Play, and it costs nothing to download or use.

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.

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



Ongoing Weekly Summer Activities



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Welcome



Welcome to Greater St. Paul Church! There is a battle being fought for a strategic area of your life. The outcome will determine the course of your life! It is the battle for your mind. You see, what happens in your mind determines the direction your spiritual life will take. (Romans 8:5) We are to obey God's command to be renewed in the spirit of our minds. That is to say, our habits of thinking and acting are being changed because we are saturating ourselves with the Word of God. There are three important ways to fill your mind with the Word of God: 1) read It (daily devotional time), 2) study It (get in Sunday School), and 3) memorize It (one verse a week). As we are renewed in the spirit of our minds, we begin to resemble God in our actions and attitudes. We begin to think and act like God thinks and acts, with the result that our lives become characterized by righteousness and holiness. To put it in simpler terms, when your mind is renewed you start becoming like Jesus! Thank you for being here today. Enjoy the Worship Celebration! – Pastor Simmons



Prayer

Please pray for those on our Prayer/Sick & Shut-In List: Damita Barbee, Eloise Belle, Novella Benton, Helen Berry, James Caldwell, Sharon Conway, Martha Daniels, Ruby Harris, Julia Jackson, Lenard Keith, Ella Lockhart, Velma Miles, Anna Sampson, Sue Sapp, Elma Smith, Kirk Thomas, Dorothy Wills, and Betty Mae Williams. Please pray prayers of bereavement for Sisters Lucille Cunningham, Ann Embers, Jeanette Hall, Antoinette McDonald, and their families due to the deaths of their loved ones.

Join us for corporate prayer on the GSP Prayer Line at 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
Dial toll-free: 712.432.8399. Access Code: 379099.

The Spirit of HOSPITALITY
FIRST ANNUAL HOSPITALITY AWARDS LUNCHEON
Saturday, August 26, 2017
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
ON THE GREATER ST. PAUL CAMPUS

HOSPITALITY Annual Day
"THE SPIRIT OF HOSPITALITY"
Sunday, August 27, 2017
10:00 A.M.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR WEEKEND
Dr. Danny DiAngelo
Senior Pastor, Genesis Worship Center | San Francisco, CA

To Our Guests...

We are honored to have you as our guest! Whether this is your first time worshipping with us or you've been our guest in the past, we sincerely appreciate your presence with us today. Restrooms are located in the Main Lobby. Please feel free to use them for feeding and changing your infant child. We keep our church clean so that you can worship in a nice environment, and we appreciate your cooperation by not bringing food, gum, or drink into the Main Sanctuary.

We hope that you will participate fully in our Worship Celebration. So that you and others worshipping with us today are not distracted and can fully enjoy the Worship Celebration, we ask that all worshipers remain in their seats during prayer, Scripture reading, the sermon, the offering, and the altar call.

We capture images of our audience (including minors) during videotaping and live streaming of our Worship Celebration. 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. Please silence all phones and other electronic devices, and refrain from using flash photography or videotaping in the Main Sanctuary. In case of an emergency, please exit using the doors in back of the Sanctuary.

If you are a first-time guest, we have a special gift for you today! Please completely fill out the guest card you receive from our Greeters, so that you can receive future important ministry communications.

Toward 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 can also send an email request to info@gspbc.org and someone will respond to your request.

Please let us know if you have questions about Greater St. Paul Church and if we can be of assistance to you. Our Ushers and Greeters are happy to assist you in getting your questions answered. We hope you enjoy your time with us today. Thank you again for being our guest! – The Greater St. Paul Church Family



Reminders

- ✓ Stop by the Pastor's Café for breakfast goodies and beverages.
- ✓ The Nursery is open during the 10:00 a.m. Service for kids ages 6 mos. to 5 yrs.
- ✓ DVD's and CD's of our Worship Celebrations are available in the Admin. Office.
- ✓ "Hour of Power" Bible Study at 12:00 noon every Wednesday.