



Saint Paul's Epistle

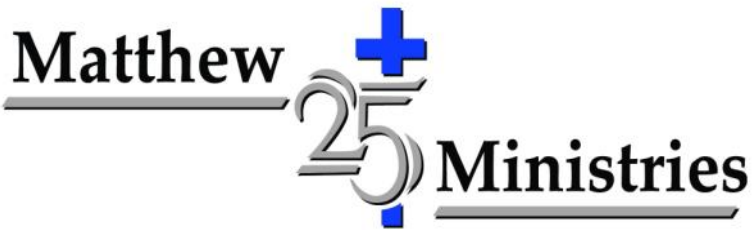
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Living the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

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As part of the Matthew 25 Clothing the Stranger Ministry, St. Paul's is partnering with Common Ground Community Center to provide school uniforms for the children served in the Cedar Grove area. We are looking for individuals or families to "Adopt A Child" from the list of children Common Ground has supplied and provide that specific child with a new uniform as they go back to school in August. Often times, this may be the only uniform this child possesses so your participation in this outreach will have a direct impact on this child's life. Please prayerfully consider adopting a child and making a difference for someone who has so little.

Please contact **Jill Favrot** at **(318) 564-9808** or Jill.Favrot@gmail.com to sign up and receive the name, age, and uniform size/color information for your adopted child.

<http://stpauls-shreveport.org/>



Dearly beloved of Christ Jesus,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am still rejoicing in the day yesterday. Number one is that it didn't rain. (Thank you Jesus.) But then also, everyone who helped in the organization and execution of the service, the grand opening of the Youth Lodge and the Super Summer Celebration masterfully accomplished their tasks. Thanks to all involved. (Granted, someone kept stealing my Bingo card so they could win.) The children were wonderfully wet and joyful. What a great day in the life of the Family of St. Paul's.

You should be receiving a letter from me about Sean Duncan's life with us as my Assistant. Therefore I shall not go into it much right now. I am so pleased to have him serve this parish with me. He is a wonderful pastor and a true intellectual and scholarly student of the Bible and Church history. The Duncans are a true delight to have with us. Amber and Owen will be joining us by the end of July as they move from the Atlanta area. I hope you all will make yourselves known to them as they arrive.

One item of grace, please. I know this because many of you did this for me (granted I am "nominally" challenged). As you introduce yourselves, for at least the first six times, tell them your names. It takes that many times to remember names. Especially if they are meeting many of you at once. That is a special grace you can extend to them.

We are so excited to have them with us. What a blessing they will be. Praise God they are here.

Your Brother in Christ,

Paul

CALENDAR

JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 <i>Super Summer Celebration & MCRAE Lodge Open House</i>	17 <i>Vestry Meeting</i>	18 <i>Centering Prayer</i>	19 <i>Wonderful Wednesdays</i>	20	21	22 <i>CPR Training - 8:30-12:30 PM</i>
23 <i>Worship Leaders Meeting 12:00PM</i>	24	25 <i>Centering Prayer</i>	26 <i>Wonderful Wednesdays</i>	27	28	29
30 <i>Corporate Communion - Former Vestry (Breakfast & meeting)</i>	31					

July 22 - CPR Training 8:30 - 12:30 PM

July 23 - Worship Leaders Meeting - 12:00 PM - Wardens Room

July 30 - Corporate Communion Former Vestry - 8:30 AM Service

Former Vestry Breakfast & Meeting - 9:00 AM

Wednesday's - Wonderful Wednesdays - 5:30 PM - Chapel & 6:15 PM - Bible Study - Parlor

Tuesday's - Centering Prayer - 7:00 PM - Wardens Room

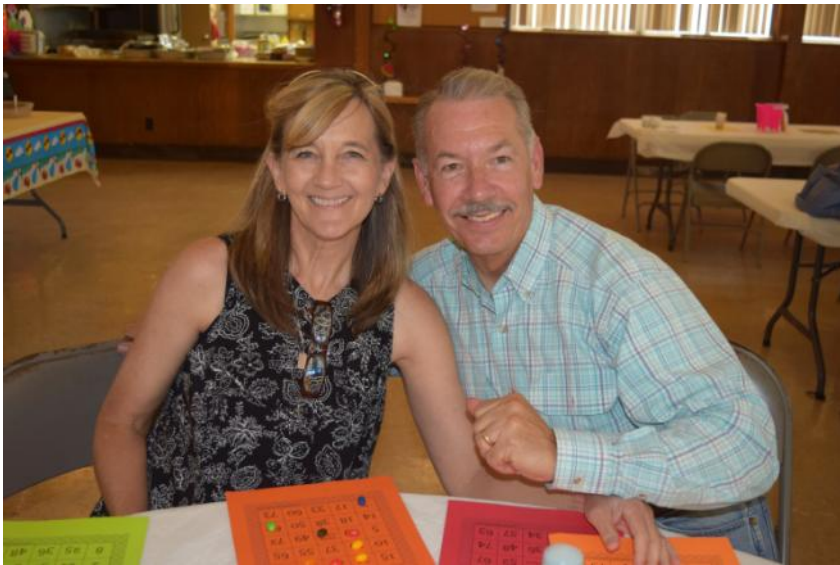
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Romans 1:16

PARISH LIFE



Super Summer Celebration





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Grand Opening





christian education

Children attending vacation Bible school last week at St. Paul's got to travel to ancient Rome without having to leave Shreveport. More than 30 adult and youth volunteers at the church volunteered to build and decorate sets for the VBS, which had the theme "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church." About 115 children participated in the VBS, which was scheduled to run from 9 to 12 PM Monday through Friday. VBS participants were divided into "families," with Roman names. Many of the youth and adult volunteers wore togas and other clothing representative of ancient Roman times. The idea was to give the children a better feel of what it was like to be in a Christian family in the early days of the church some 2,000 years ago, when many had to meet underground to avoid persecution. Children at the VBS went from one area of the church to the day school, all of which had been decorated with the theme of what ancient Rome might have looked like in the time of the Apostle Paul. Replicas of Roman artifacts were placed throughout the learning areas and Parish Hall, where children and adult leaders gathered at "Extollo" the beginning and end of each day. The children visited a Roman market, where youngsters got to make crafts and sample snacks. Children visited Paul (played by Sean), who was under house arrest, and his guard Brutus (Father Paul). Paul provided the Bible lesson each day, which was reinforced at other locations the children visited. An underground church was located in a small, darkened room, so as not to alert Roman guards who were hostile to Christians. The Roman theme helped teach children that Christianity wasn't nearly as easy back then as it is today. Jo Ann Rose, Christian Education Director, credited the dozens of volunteers who gave of their time to help make the event a success.

**Rome wasn't built in a day,
even at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.**