

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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The soul is like soil—it grows whatever we plant in it. Over the last two weeks in our 8:30 service, we’ve learned that the practice of stillness clears the ground, creating space where God’s promises grow louder than every other voice. Then came the practice of trust — trusting that even the painful and confusing parts of our lives are being woven by God into the likeness of Christ.

This week, we turn to the practice of Scripture. We don’t open the Bible to check a box — we open it to be shaped by the voice of God. In a world where so many voices — outside us and inside us — try to write our story, Scripture calls us back to the one story that matters: God’s story of love, redemption, and identity in Christ.

History reminds us how believers before us lived this out:

- John Newton called the Bible “the bank of heaven,” a place to draw daily strength.
- Søren Kierkegaard compared it to a letter from a beloved — meant to be read personally, not as distant information.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, facing Nazi Germany, insisted Scripture is God’s living demand, calling us to obedience and costly discipleship.
- Dwight L. Moody, the 19th century evangelist, said, “The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible.”

John Wesley, our own father in the faith, called himself “a man of one Book.” But he didn’t mean that as an obligation. He meant it as devotion — returning again and again to Scripture as the living Word where he encountered the God who loved him.

This practice isn’t about earning God’s love. It’s about remembering it. It’s about letting God re-write our story so we no longer live by the lies of culture, shame, or fear, but by the truth that we are His beloved.

What my soul needs to practice this week: To return to God’s Word daily and let it rewrite my story.



Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Sermon: *Practicing Scripture:
Letting God Re-Write Your Story*

Scripture Lesson:

Psalms 119:25-32 and
2 Timothy 3:14-17

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

Sermon: *Practicing Scripture:
Letting God Re-Write Your Story*

Scripture Lesson:

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Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Leader: Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

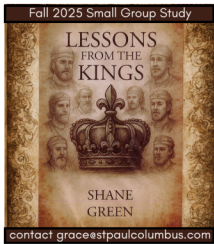
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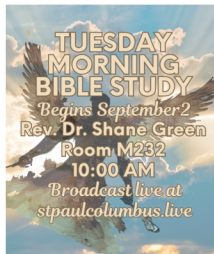
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Broadcast Live at 11:00 A.M. at stpaulcolumbus.live

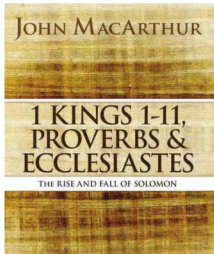
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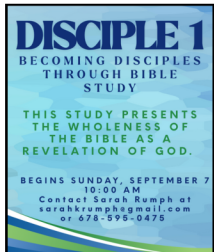
Join us for a 10-week study on the lesser-known kings of the Old Testament and what they teach us today. Study books by Rev. Green are available in the office for \$15. Participate individually or connect with a group by contacting: grace@stpaulcolumbus.com.



TMBS is back! Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings starting September 2 with Rev. Green as we dive into the book of *Revelation* together. This study will be a chance to learn, grow, and share in community with one another. We'll meet at 10 a.m. in Room M232—or you can watch live at stpaulcolumbus.live.



God's Grace Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room M234, led by Grace Bailey. This fall, we'll be studying *The Rise and Fall of Solomon* through *1 Kings 1-11*, *Proverbs*, and *Ecclesiastes* by John MacArthur. Come enjoy fellowship and grow deeper in God's word together each week.



The Disciple 1 study presents the wholeness of Scripture as the revelation of God and invites you to grow as a committed follower of Christ. The class begins Sunday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m. For more information or to register, contact Sarah Rumph at 678-595-0475, or sarahkrumph@gmail.com.



Calling all preschool moms! Beginning Thursday, September 11, join us for a Bible study using *Mom Struggles* by Gather Moms. This 12-session, faith-based study offers practical help and encouragement for some of the toughest challenges of motherhood. Come and be encouraged alongside other moms walking the same journey.

We need your help for Safehouse Ministry! Dr. Joe Morrow has asked for volunteers to address and stuff envelopes at 10:00 a.m. on September 2 in the Library. Contact Dr. Morrow at 706-332-9314.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

ON SEPTEMBER 3

6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

Pork Loin, Squash Casserole,

Green Beans, Rolls,

Full Salad Bar & Dessert, PLUS

Pigs in a Blanket and Fries for

Kids! PLEASE RSVP

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KIDMIN MOMENT



Today is the last week of our study on the fruit of the Spirit, and we're learning about self-control. Our story comes from the Book of Daniel, where Daniel and his friends chose to follow God's ways, even while living in a foreign land with different customs. When they were offered the king's food, Daniel said no and followed God's laws instead. God blessed their self-control and faithfulness. Like Daniel, we show self-control when we make good choices, even when it's hard.

Photos: Confirmation Banquet



SPY MINISTRY



Happy Labor Day Weekend! No SNY tonight. If you're at church this morning, join us for a group lunch after the 11:00 a.m. service at Lemongrass. Meet in the youth building after worship, or head straight there for 12:30 p.m.

Looking ahead to next Sunday:

- Girls High School Bible Study kicks off at 4:30 p.m.
- We'll welcome our new 6th graders to SNY for the first time this year!
- Plus, enjoy a Taco Bar for SNY supper! 🌮

SNY IS SPLITTING SEPTEMBER 7

New times will be:

5:00–6:00 p.m. – Middle School

6:00–6:30 p.m. – Snack Supper (both groups together)

6:30–7:30 p.m. – High School

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

We are excited to share the news that we will start a new Sunday School class and ministry for our young adults. Look for more information to come in the following weeks!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 31

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)

9:30 AM Weekly Communion (M250)

10:00 AM Bridges SS Class (M235)

10:00 AM High School Youth SS Class (Y104)

10:00 AM Middle School Youth SS Class (Y106)

10:00 AM New Life SS Class (Y102)

10:00 AM Seekers Class (M234)

10:00 AM Wesley/Miller-Wilson Class (M232)

10:00 AM Wildwood Class (M150)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (M260)

12:30 SPY Lunch at Lemongrass

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

Monday, September 1

Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

9:30 AM Yoga Redeemed (M235)

10:00 AM TMBS (M232)

4:00 PM Spring Harbor Bible Study (Off Campus)

Wednesday, September 3

5:00 PM Beginner Handbell Class (M270)

6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)

6:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting (M207-Library)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M260)

Thursday, September 4

6:30 AM Mens Bible Study (M232)

Friday, September 5

5:00 PM Boyd/Jones Wedding Rehearsal (M260)

Saturday, September 6

4:00 PM Boyd/Jones Wedding (M260)

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Green is the color of Ordinary Time, symbolizing growth, hope, and new life in Christ. Faith is not only found in holy seasons, but also in the everyday rhythm of following Jesus in His Kingdom Time.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary
Children

Fruit of the Spirit: Self-control
(Daniel 1:1-21)

Anchor Point – The Holy Spirit
helps me act in good ways.

Say the Bible verse together:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)

Questions for family discussion:

- How do you think Daniel felt eating vegetables and drinking water when everyone else was eating the king's food?
- In what areas of your life do you need some self-control?
- Can you think of a time when self-control kept you from getting in trouble?

Prayer:

Thank you, God, for showing us
the fruit of the Spirit we need in
our lives. Help us live Spirit-filled
lives and bear this fruit. Amen.

SERVING THIS WEEK

- 8:30 Acolytes: Lola Waldrep, TBA
- 11:00 Acolytes: James Adams, TBA
- Cross Bearer: Julianna Fields
- Acolyte Helper: Jessica Adams

ALTAR GUILD

- Chapel: Eliza Brewer and Dori Jones
- Delivery: Cally Dixon and Liz Lampton

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler, Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Morgan Waldrep (Lead), Jack Jenkins, Brad Coppedge, Robert Raybon, Drew Bowles

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of **Debbie Powell** by Donna, Roy, Whit, and Sawyer Hightower.

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Dr. Jeff Serff and his family in the passing of his father, **Paul C. Serff, II**.

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Debra Hartman and her family in the passing of her sister, **Margie Dishman**.

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM GIFTS

Altar Fund

In memory of **Anne Hinson Douglas**
• by Harriette Cavender

Altar Guild

In memory of **Anne Hinson Douglas**
• by Mary Pat and Buford King
• by Mary and George Boyd
• by Lisa and Sonny White

Building Fund

In memory of **Anne Hinson Douglas**
• by Helen Burgin
In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**
• by Nancy and Jim Tjoflat

Children's Ministry

In memory of **Anne Hinson Douglas**
• by Anna and Jake Flournoy
In memory of **Betty Stinson**
• by Mary and George Boyd

Media Fund

In memory of **Marilyn Fugh**
• by Mary and George Boyd
• by Sue and Cy Dietrich
• by Helen Burgin
• by Barbara Waller
In memory of **Anne Hinson Douglas**
• by Barbara Waller

Wildwood Class

In memory of **Anne Hinson Douglas**
• by Mary and Bill Cain
In memory of **Robert Yarbrough**
• by Betty Roberts

**REMINDER: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY FOR LABOR DAY.**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 31, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & Announcements.....Mrs. Grace Bailey

The Choral Call to Worship.....*Stand Up and Bless the Lord* (#662)

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Prelude.....*Mit Affect*, by C.P.E. Bach

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Wonderful Words of Life* (#600)

The Affirmation of Faith*The Apostles' Creed* (#881)

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.*

The Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer.....Mrs. Bailey

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

The Hymn of Preparation.....*Be Thou My Vision* (#451)

The Leader: *Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.*

The Offertory Prayer.....Mrs. Bailey

The Offertory.....*Allein Gott in der hoh sei Ehr'*, by J. Pachelbel

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all
creatures here below: praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Scripture Lesson

Psalm 119:25-32 (p. 493-494) and 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (p. 967)

Leader: *The Word of God for the People of God.*

Congregational Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Passing of the Peace

Leader: *The Peace of Christ be with you.*

Congregational Response: *And also with you.*

The Welcome and Registration of Attendance

The Children's Moment.....Mrs. Donna Hightower

*(Children ages K4-2nd graders are invited to go to Children's
Church immediately following the Children's Sermon; children
3 and younger are taken to the nursery by parents, Rm M235)*

The Anthem.....*O Lord, Most Holy*, by Franck/Hopson

The Sermon.....*Practicing Scripture: Letting God Re-Write Your Story*

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Hymn of Consecration.....*Take Time to Be Holy* (#395)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Choral Benediction and Amen.....*Dresden Amen*

The Postlude.....*Postlude*, by A. Batiste

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him