

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2101 WILDWOOD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GA 31906

Announcing Upcoming Parenting Seminars

Parenting is one of the most important things we will ever do and one of the few things we are expected to learn while we are doing it. There are certainly basic principles that can guide us as parents: love, consistency, discipline, communication, boundaries, grace, and faith. The challenge is not simply knowing those principles but translating those principles into the everyday realities of family life and maintaining them through changing times.

Part of what makes parenting so challenging is that nothing stays still for very long. Children are constantly developing. The child parented today is not the same child parented a year ago and will not be the same child a year from now. What worked when they were five may not work when they are ten, sixteen, or twenty-one. At the same time, parents are developing too. We are learning, changing, aging, facing new responsibilities, and sometimes recognizing things about ourselves and our own upbringing that we had never noticed before. Parenting is a relationship between people who are all growing at the same time.

Then there is simply life which does not always cooperate with our parenting plans. Families experience busy schedules, exhaustion, financial pressures, conflict, disappointment, grief, transitions, academic struggles, friendship problems, technology, cultural pressures, and countless unexpected circumstances. Sometimes we know exactly what kind of parent we want to be but living that out on a difficult Tuesday or Thursday evening is another matter entirely.

Over these four Sunday mornings, we will explore some foundational principles for parenting, but do so with the recognition that there is no formula that produces perfect parents or perfect children. Instead, the goal is to develop a framework that helps us parent faithfully and intentionally through the different seasons of family life. Invite a friend as we learn and grow together.



4 PARENTING SEMINARS

St. Paul Fellowship Hall at 10 AM

September 13 - October 4, 2026

St. Paul will host four Parenting Seminars during the Sunday School hour, and we're excited to welcome back presenters, Amy Buchanan and Erin Harkey! Join us for practical encouragement, helpful insights, and meaningful conversations to support you in the journey of parenting.

Traditional Worship

8:30 A.M.

Illges Chapel (M250)

Rev. Meghan Gross

Go...to the Land I Will Show You

Genesis 12:1-8

Contemporary Worship

9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall (M220)

Rev. John Fugh, Jr.

At His Word: If You Had Been Here

John 11:17-44

Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M.

Sanctuary (M260)

Rev. Dr. Shane Green

A Farmer's Faith

James 5:7-12

Broadcast Live at 11:00

at stpaulcolumbus.live

Today we use red to remind us that following Christ means more than simply believing—it means living as witnesses to our faith. As we begin a new school year and continue the work of ministry in our community, we are reminded that God gives each of us gifts to share. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to serve, encourage, and boldly live out our faith wherever God sends us. What does that look like for you? How can you serve and encourage others this week? St. Paul can help you find ways to use your gifts for His purpose.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Night Supper is this week on August 26! We'll have Tomato Florentine Soup, Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Beans, Rolls, and Blackberry Cobbler. The kids menu will be Pigs-in-a-Blanket with French Fries. Our program will continue the theme "How I Spent My Summer Vacation." This week, we'll hear about Children's Ministries, specifically VBS and the Kids' Camp trip. Please join us! Online reservations are available at stpaulcolumbus.com/supper.

Grace Bible Study Serves! On Monday, August 31, from 3:00–5:00 p.m., the Grace Bible Study will gather in the Kitchen for a special service project, preparing meals for the CSU Wesley Foundation. It's a wonderful opportunity to put faith into action, serve others, and share a cooked meal!

Chancel Choir Practice with Dr. Josh May happens each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and you are invited! We are now practicing in our restored Music Wing! If you aren't sure about singing, consider the Handbell Choir. No audition is required and all are welcome! Contact our director at josh@stpaulcolumbus.com.

Would you like to join a **Bible Study**? You're invited!

- Spring Harbor Bible Study begins September 8.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins September 8.
- Grace Bible Study begins September 15.
- Preschool Moms Study begins September 16.
- Men's Bible Study is now TBA.

To get involved, email grace@stpaulcolumbus.com.

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JOIN THE ST. PAUL CHURCH FAMILY

as we celebrate and bless

EMMA HESS

and

JOHN FUGH, III

as they prepare for marriage.

CHURCH-WIDE WEDDING SHOWER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

ST. PAUL CHURCH

ROOM M232

Everyone is warmly invited.

KIDMIN MOMENTS

Hannah Prays

The Bible story tells us about a woman named Hannah who was very sad because she wanted a baby but didn't have one. She went to the sanctuary and prayed deeply, asking God to give her a son and promising to dedicate him to God's service. God answered her prayer, and she gave birth to a baby boy named Samuel. True to her promise, when Samuel grew up a bit, Hannah took him back to serve God in the sanctuary alongside the prophet Eli.

See Talk About It on the back page to find ideas for family discussion.

Children's Events:

- 3rd Grade Acolyte Training, August 23 and 30
- Cross Bearer Training, Sunday, August 23
- Children's Choirs, September 13

Save the Dates for Summer 2027!

- VBS June 28 to July 1 (M-Th)
- Kids' Camp June 6-10

SPY MINISTRY

We are so excited to gather together this afternoon from 5:00–7:00 p.m. for our first combined Sunday Night Youth of the new school year! We'd love for all of our SPY PARENTS to join us as we celebrate all that God has done through our youth ministry this summer and look ahead to an exciting fall. We'll also share a few important upcoming dates.

- Snack supper will be provided
- Grab your FREE SPY T-shirt for the new school year!
- Students will have a water fight on the front quad while we have our parent meeting. Make sure students bring a swimsuit and towel.

Parents, we'd love to see you Sunday night! It's going to be a fun way to kick off a new year of SPY together.

Save the Date! Our SPY Fall Weekend Retreat with the students of St. Luke Church is September 11–13! You won't want to miss an incredible weekend of worship, outdoor activities, friendships, and growing in your faith. Go to stpaulcolumbus.com/pay/ and to fill out a new medical form for the year! We need these ASAP!

YOUNG ADULT

St. Paul is creating more opportunities for young adults ages 18–35 to connect, build friendships, grow in faith, and have fun together—not just on Sunday mornings, but throughout the week!

Want to hear about upcoming gatherings and events? Email Rev. Meghan Gross at meghan@stpaulcolumbus.com to be added to our young adults' text list.

Please keep our college students in your prayers as they begin a new school year. Pray that God surrounds them with a community that encourages their faith, helps them grow, and reminds them they are never alone.

Sunday, August 23

8:30 AM Traditional Worship (M250)

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship (M220)

9:30 AM Weekly Communion (M260)

10:00 AM Cross Bearer Training (M260)

10:00 AM Bridges SS Class (M235)

10:00 AM Foundry Class (Y101)

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)

10:00 AM Middle School Youth SS (Y106)

10:00 AM High School Youth SS (104)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship (M260)

2:00 PM Spring Harbor Worship (Off Campus)

4:30 PM Acolyte Training (M260)

5:00 PM Combined SNY and Parent Meeting (Y210)

6:00 PM Youth and Parents Snack Supper (M220)

Monday, August 24

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (M203)

Wednesday, August 26

6:00 PM Family Night Supper (M220)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (M273)

Thursday, August 27

Wildwood Consignment Sale (Y210)

Friday, August 28

Wildwood Consignment Sale (Y210)

Saturday, August 29

Wildwood Consignment Sale (Y210)

Hiring for Part-Time: Kitchen

St. Paul is seeking a dependable part-time person to assist with kitchen support. Please contact Philip Badcock at 706-327-7419.

**Today's Sunday School Lesson
for Preschool and Elementary Children**

**Hannah Prays (1 Samuel 3:10)
Anchor Point – We listen to
God.**

**Say the Bible verse together:
"Speak. Your servant is
listening." 1 Samuel 3:10**

**Questions for family
discussion:**

- Did God answer a prayer you prayed for a long time? Talk about that time.
- How do you listen for and hear God's voice?
- How did you feel when you knew God's answer?
- How can you thank God for answering a prayer?

Prayer:

**Thank you, God, for hearing
our prayers. Help us listen for
your answers. In Jesus' name,
we pray. Amen.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

- (8:30) Acolytes: Gigi Gudger and Susie Gudger
- (11:00) Acolytes: Haley Alexander and Edee Portillo
- Cross Bearer: Jody Flournoy
- Acolyte Helper: Lucy Cochran

ALTAR GUILD

- Chapel: Eliza Brewer and Dori Jones
- Delivery: Becky Baker and Mary Pat King

USHERS

- (8:30) Ken Crumpler and Stan Copelan
- (11:00) Morgan Waldrep (lead), Jack Jenkins, Brad Coppedge, Robert Raybon, and Mack Jenkins

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of **Savannah Godowns** and **William Sluder**.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of **Eva Miriam Santos**, in loving memory of **Miriam McBride**, and in honor of **Marilyn Eve Wagner**, by Dr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Davis.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Dede Upchurch and her family in the loss of her sister, **Wren Gilliam**, on August 11, 2026.

Our Christian love and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Michelle Hudson and her family in the loss of her mother, **Anne Aldridge Williams**, on August 17, 2026.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Building Fund

In memory of **Sloan Flournoy**

- by Peggy Gray

In memory of **Jane Ellen McGuinness**

- by Betty and Buddy Roberts

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

In memory of **Sloan Flournoy**

- by Sandy and Ken Coolik

In memory of **Wren Gilliam**

- by Alice Douglas

In memory of **Ruth Gilbert**

- by Betty and Buddy Roberts

In memory of **Anne Aldridge Williams**

- by Carter and Heath Schondelmayer



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Last Sunday's Back to School Bash

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 23, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Fugh, Jr.

The Prelude.....“Sheep May Safely Graze” from Birthday Cantata, J. S. Bach
pianist, Cher Liu

The Cross and Flame Come to the Altar

The Choral Call to Worship.....“O Worship the Lord” from *Psalm 96*
by Robert McCutchan

The Hymn of Celebration.....*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (#127)

The Affirmation of Faith.....*The Apostles' Creed*

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 Sacrament of Infant Baptism.....Eva Miriam Santos (see insert)

The Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer.....Rev. Fugh

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 Leader: Let Us Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offerings.
The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Fugh
The Offertory.....*How Great Thou Art*, setting by Albin Whitworth
organist, Adley Scott

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.....James 5:7-12

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

*(After the Children’s Moment, children ages K4-2nd graders are dismissed to
go to Children’s Church, Room M235; children 3 and younger are taken to the
nursery by parents.)*

The Anthem.....*I Will Arise*, arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

The Sermon.....*A Farmer’s Faith*, Rev. Dr. Shane Green

The Hymn of Consecration.....*More Love to Thee, O Christ* (#453)

The Cross and Flame Go Before Us into the World

The Benediction and Choral Response.....*May the Grace of Christ Our Savior*
by John Stainer

The Postlude.....“Rondo alla Turca” (Turkish March)
Piano Sonata No. 11, K. 331, by W. A. Mozart
pianist, John Finley

The Church Returns to His World to Serve Him