

# The Paul

Monthly Newsletter of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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Senior Pastor and First Lady  
Rev. Shawn L. & Mrs. Rosalind G. Buckhanan



*Have a blessed and prosperous New Year!*

## Our 2021 Church Theme & Scriptural Focus

**“A Pastor & Pastor Pursuing  
Ministry, Education, Fellowship, & Worship Afresh”**

**Proverbs 29:18; Habakkuk 2:1-4; & Matthew 6:33**

### JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S



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### Church Business Office Hours

**Wednesday/Thursday - 10:00 AM—2:30 PM**

**Office Closed Monday, Tuesday, and Friday**

**\*Office skilled Volunteers needed on Tuesday**

**Pastoral Counseling/Advisement Appointments**

**Wednesday between 10:30 AM—1:00 PM**

**Thursday between 10:30 AM—1:00 PM**

**Benevolence Fund (Assistance) Requests**

**Community-At-Large** are received Wednesday and Thursday between 10 AM – 2PM with approved.

**Distributions will be on the following Wednesday.**

**Membership** request are received 24/7 by calling the church office or speaking directly to your Deacon for further instruction. **All Services** is also available by teleconference. Call 5605-475-3235, pin 504371#

### Our Mission Statement

Matthew 28:18-20

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, a community of called, born again, and baptized followers of Jesus Christ, stands on the Word of God and proclaims God's truth through ministry, education, fellowship, and worship in order to build the Kingdom of God.

### Our Vision Statement

Habakkuk 2:1-4 & Romans 12: 1-2

To spiritually educate, evangelize, and expand individuals, families, and communities in Holistic Manner.



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**No Baptism until further notice**  
**“Come Celebrate with the New and**  
**Renewed Believers in Christ!”**



Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.—*Acts 2:38*

All baptism candidates are required to complete their Baptism class no later than one full week prior to their desired time of baptism. Any questions or concerns call the church office at 458-5809.

**Blessings,**

Deacon Frank Dove, & Deaconess Jean Daughtry, Baptism Coordinators

**Monthly Financial Stewardship Report for: December 2020**

II Corinthians 9:7 & Malachi 3:8-10

**Monthly Budget Amount—\$8,400.00**

**Actual Amount Received—\$8,173.50**

Tithe or First Fruits—It's all biblical! How do *you* give ?

*Luke 6:38* Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

**CHURCH COVENANT**

**Leader:** Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body, in Christ.

**Congregation:** We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote it's prosperity and spirituality; to sustain it's worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

**Leader:** We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements; and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

**Congregation:** We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense; but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

**Leader:** We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and the principles of God's Word.

**All:** And now unto Him who brought again from the dead, Our Lord Jesus, be the Power and Glory forever. Amen

**Come Let Us Worship the Lord, Our Maker!**  
**Sunday School—8:45AM**

**Sunday Morning Worship Services**  
**10 AM**

**\*Call to Worship – Psalm 150**

**\*Congregational Reading(s)**

Our Mission and Vision Statements or  
 Reading of the Church Covenant  
 every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (Communion Sunday)—in Unison

**Congregational Hymn**

**Call for Prayer Requests**

**Praise and Worship Service**

Songs, Testimony Period, Scripture Reading, & Prayer

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday | Deacon's Ministry/Praise & Worship      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday | Deacon's Ministry/Praise & Worship      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday | Children, Youth, & Young Adult Ministry |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | Men's Ministry                          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | Women's Ministry                        |

\*schedule subject to change based on special events, etc.

**Welcome Our First-Time Visitors**

**& Weekly Ministry Emphasis & Announcements**

Sis. Sharetha or J'Kayla Davis

**Worship through Giving**

Luke 6:38 Ushers/Deacons

**Purple**=Tithes/Offering; **Box**=KBM; **Jug**=Change4Change; **Gold**=Benevolence and **Red**=Special)

**Children's Church—2nd Floor (except 3rd Sunday)**

**Worship through Music & Dance**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday | Praise and Worship Team                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday | Dance Ministry & Praise and Worship Team |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday | Youth Choir                              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | Male Chorus                              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | Women's Chorus                           |

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**Worship through the Spoken Word**

Pastor Shawn L. Buckhanan

Guest or Associate In Ministry

**Invitation to Accept Christ/Membership**

Associate in Ministry

**Observations/Benediction**

Please no unnecessary walking during the worship services. Please help us create an atmosphere for worship.

Please silence your **cell phone**, if you haven't already done so. Also, **water fountains** and **restrooms** are located in the rear of the Sanctuary and on the 2nd floor. Our Ushers are available to assist you as needed. Welcome to The Paul!

**Please no walking during Scripture Reading or Prayer**



## JANUARY Calendar of Events (According to the Church Office)

Day	Date	Ministry Opportunity	Room/Loc.	Time
JAN 27	MON	Women's Ministry Meeting	TBD	6:30P
FEB 3	WED	Deacon/Deaconess Meeting	TBD	6:30P



### COME JOIN US AT ST PAUL

When you just can 't get here—Still stay Connected to the Word.

Tuesday Bible Study at 7:00 pm; Sunday School at 8:45am; and Sunday Morning Worship at 10::00am

Call teleconference 605-475-3235, pin 504371#

Prayer still works - *II Chronicles 7:24*

Anyone in need of special prayer, send your email request to [office@spmbcsv.com](mailto:office@spmbcsv.com) Minister Joyce Dove will contact you.

**PUSH! Pray Until Something Happens**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL** for your support to St. Paul's yearly Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket event. We were Blessed to give 11 Thanksgiving and 7 Christmas Baskets to families. We couldn't have done it without you! Stay Safe



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2—Sunday School Teachers:

4—Sunday Morning Children's Church Teachers

2—Youth and Young Adult Leaders

See

Sis. Vera Butler for Sunday School and

Pastor Michele Cotton for Children's Church.

### USHERS NEEDED

See

Sis. Felicia Simpson for more Usher information.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church will be having January food distribution on Saturdays, location: the corner of Theater Drive and Carmichael Ave.

Time: To be determine. Tell your family and friends and even get a food box for yourself. Everyone is welcome. God is good, All the time!

### Paradise State Virtual 1st Quarter Meeting

January 9, 2021 9:30am

This invitation is an invite to knowledge. You can get your information about when, where, why, who, and how, when it comes to our involvement purpose and participation in this organization. We have been a member of this organization for at least 36 plus years. God bless and I hope to see you on the zoom at some point. Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 994 3335 2176

Passcode: 952623

### ZOOM Meeting DIAL-IN Instructions

1. Dial the number: **602- 753- 0140**
2. You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID: **994 3335 2176**
3. You will be prompted to enter your unique participant ID - Press # to skip



All articles and contributions to the Monthly edition of The Paul are due by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month to [office@spmbcsv.com](mailto:office@spmbcsv.com)

September 1, 2020

Attention: All Leaders, Members, & Worshipers of St. Paul:

It's not an April Fool's Day joking matter – COVID – 19. It's still with us and we are still in the fight to WIN! Our Nation, Our Church, Our Community, Our People. We have been dealing with this horrific virus since December 2019 and still have the Hope of Christ that it all works out for our good according to Romans 8:28.

Praise be unto God! Although the journey has been different, devilish, and dangerous at times, we are determined to be VICTORIOUS! On Tuesday, March 17, following our Tuesday evening Bible Study, I announced some unprecedented changes to our lifestyle of Worship and Christian Education that productively led to our Church aligning our goals with the rest of the World, to eliminate COVID-19. We've been doing our part as a Christian member of the Body of Christ and an example of the Care & Compassion Jesus demonstrated to those in need – Saved and Unserved!

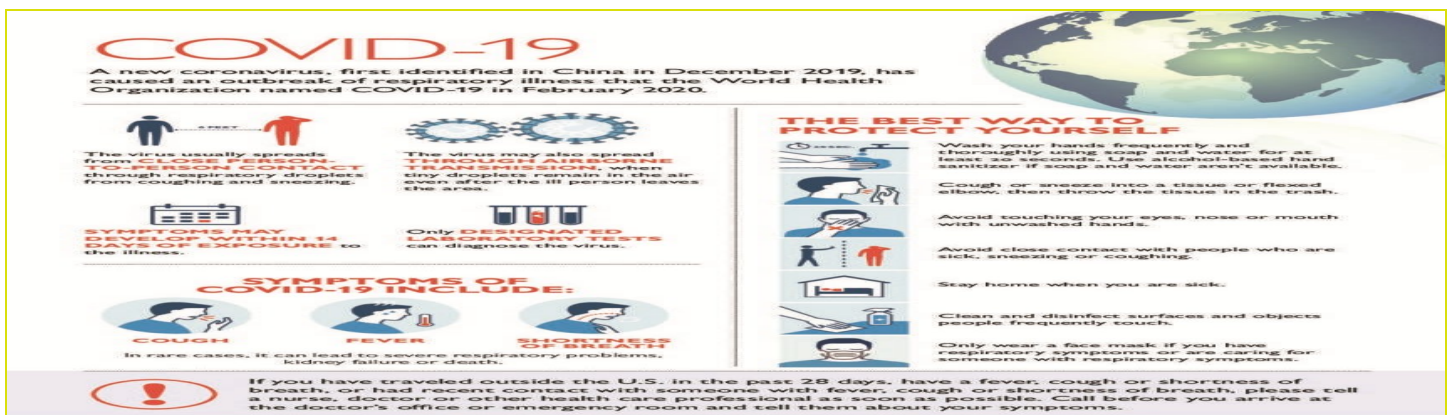
I want to take this opportunity to say a special "Thank You" to the men, women, and children of St. Paul, for your understanding, cooperation, and compassion to our neighbors, employers, families, and one another. And lest I forget, the most important factor of all, your prayers. Your prayers, coupled with those of the rest of the body of Christ, have given our Nation and World a spiritual boost, like never seen in most of our lifetimes.

I have tried to provide you with "prepare, don't panic." I wanted to remind all of us about the word taught by the Apostle Paul to Timothy, in 2 Timothy 1:7, "7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." (NLT) and "7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." How comforting to know God already knew situations like the COVID-19 and many other things would come through our neighborhood and cause a disruption from our normal day, but it would not be able to stop us from functioning, if we did not give into fear. "Fear not, for I have overcome the world." – James 16:33

In order to adapt to the prayerfully temporary season in America, we must address our need to watch and pray – Matthew 26:41. This scripture alludes to the fact that temptation will come to challenge our Spirit, while our flesh is weak, however; our goal is to be overcomers and not give into the flesh. How can this be accomplished during this season? I have a few things I want you to be prepared for when you arrive at church this Sunday for the 8:45 AM Sunday School and the 10:00 AM Worship Service. These things will help us decrease the risk of transferring traits of the COVID-19 between one another and still be together. It's an adjustment, not a bad thing. I am seriously trying to get us back in the Sanctuary sometime Mid-October, it depends on all of us though. Practice these things at home and throughout your day, and this will help:

- 1, Use the provided hand sanitizer to wash your hands, on the Welcome Table, prior to entering the Sanctuary. While in the Sanctuary and on the campus, please wash your hands with soap and water. 2.
2. If you have a cold or flu, stay home, and join us on Facebook or the teleconference line for Sunday School and Worship, until you're better. We will be praying for you.
3. Use the Givelify app through our website at [www.spmbscv.com](http://www.spmbscv.com) to "bring your tithes and offering to the storehouse," Malachi 3:10. Yes, it's different but it works!
4. Wherever possible, feel free to put one chair in between you and the next person at any church gathering, including music rehearsals, ministry meetings, etc.
5. Help us help you and your family feel safe, be safe, and still be able to function to the best of our ability during this season. Feel free to offer any other suggestion that will help us provide the safest and healthiest ministry worship experience for our members – Afresh!
6. I feel like the children of Israel during the plagues. It was inconvenient, for a specific time, and God would get the glory! We are expecting the same. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. See you sooner than later.

With love, vision, and leadership, We remain,  
Pastor Shawn L. Buckhanan, Senior Pastor



## Sierra Vista Clergy Response to Racism

We, Pastors and Faith-leaders of Sierra Vista and the surrounding area, want to express our condemnation of racism in all its forms.

The Christian faith is not silent on the subject of racism. In fact, the very first chapters of the Bible are foundational to the Christian understanding of human dignity.

“So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.” Gen 1:27. With this foundation, we can fully ascribe value to every human being. Theologians call this topic the *imago Dei*, the image of God. This image is like a reflection, a mirror if you will, reflecting God. Every human is made according to the image of God. As a result of this, every human has value, regardless of skin color, social or economic status. That is why Scripture expresses strong condemnation against racism.

The *imago Dei* proved instrumental in the civil rights movement of a previous generation. Historian Richard Wills provides evidence for this in his book, *Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Image of God*, when he says, “Martin Luther King Jr.’s use of *Imago Dei* language existed on the edge of a historical dialogue and quest for human civil rights . . .” Wills says that King’s understanding that humans are created in the Image of God and endowed with intrinsic worth was his “primary appeal for civil rights.”

Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said, ‘There are no gradations in the image of God. Every man from a treble white to a bass black is significant on God’s keyboard, precisely because every man is made in the image of God.’ We have an obligation to not stand silent when we see others abuse other image-bearers. In fact, we are called to do the opposite of silence, we are called to act. We are called to action in proclaiming the dignity of humankind. The sin of partiality or favoritism (James 2:9) is alive in many hearts today. “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another.” (John 13:34). We are commanded to love, love God, and love our neighbor. Love is more than mere words. It is also action. We who sign this are committed to loving in both word and deed (1 John 18).

This sacrificial love was the driving force of Jesus’ life and ministry, and it still is today. Without it, we will never accomplish the work of reconciliation. We simply cannot do it without understanding that His love compels us to love our enemies. There’s an African proverb that we think expresses beautifully just how important this face-to-face kind of friendship is: “When I saw you from afar, I thought you were a monster. When you got closer, I thought you were just an animal. When you got even closer, I saw that you were a human, but when we were face to face I realized that you were my brother.” (Perkins, John M.. *One Blood* (p. 165). Moody Publishers.)

Now, more than ever, is the time to draw close. Join us in drawing close.

In Christ,

Fr. Gregg Adolf, Senior Pastor  
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

Dr. Kenneth Anderson, BOD, President  
Love INC of Sierra Vista

Paul Benz, Intern Pastor  
Sierra Vista Lutheran Church

Shawn Buckhanan, Senior Pastor  
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

Allan Bushnell, Executive Pastor  
Move City Church

Chuck Carlson, Senior Pastor  
Sierra Vista Community Church

Jesse Colburn, Senior Pastor  
Move City Church

Willie Coleman Sr., Pastor  
Victory Christian Church

Toyier Foster, Senior Pastor  
The First Full Gospel Baptist Church

Wesley Good  
Administrator  
Discovery Forum Alliance

Peter Hawker, Senior Pastor  
Church On The God

Kevin Martin, Senior Pastor  
Living Word Family Church

Clea McCaa Senior Pastor  
Sierra Vista First Church of God in Christ  
Delbert McCune Sr. Priest  
St. John The Divine

Tom Moffett, Senior Pastor  
Harvest Christian Fellowship

Lonnie Perry, Senior Pastor  
God’s Word Assembly of God

Mark Perry, Senior Pastor  
Sierra Vista Lutheran Church

Mark Pitts, Senior Pastor  
Village Meadows Baptist Church

Renee’ Rico, Transitional Pastor  
Faith Presbyterian Church

Lynell Scott, Chaplain

Andre Sexton, Bishop & Senior Pastor  
Calvary’s Rock Church

T.L. Simpson Bishop, Senior Pastor  
& Overseer  
New Jerusalem, Community Church

Larry Smith, Senior Pastor  
Greater Antioch Missionary  
Baptist Church

Matthew Statler, Senior Pastor  
Sierra Vista Baptist Church

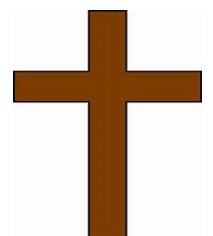
John Turner, Senior Pastor  
Community Baptist Church and  
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Jorge Villalvazo, Senior Pastor  
Lifehouse Church

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Randy Youngblood, Lead Pastor  
Thunder Mountain Church



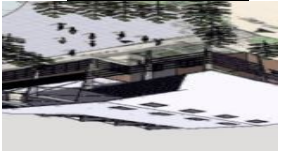
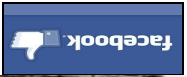


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community building to meet  
the spiritual, social and the  
Sierra Vista Community.  
We are currently accepting  
donations to support the  
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Please place your contribu-  
tion in the Wooden Box  
located at the front of the  
church, during the morning  
collection.

**THANK YOU AND GOD  
BLESS**

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