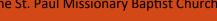
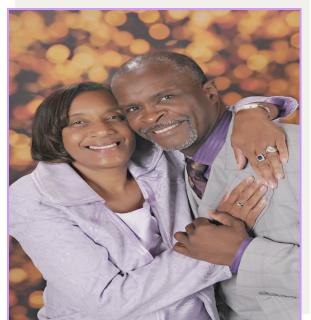
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Monthly Newsletter of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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



Church Business—NEW!

Office Hours TU-FR 9:30 AM—4:30 PM Office—520-458-5809 | Fax—520-458-3050 Email—office@spmbcsv.com

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 Assistance Request can be emailed to: office@spmbcsv.com. If approved or disapproved you will receive a call five working days after receipt.

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 605-475-3235, pin 504371#

If you need assistance call your Deacon KNOW YOUR DEACON

A-E Deacon Marvin Jones F-M Deacon Herbert Daughtry N-Z Deacon Frank Dove

Our 2021 Church Theme and Scriptural Focus

"A Pastor & People Praying, Practicing, & Producing through Ministry, Education, Fellowship, and Worship"

II Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 6:33; Jeremiah 29:11



Coming 2022



December BIRTHDAY'S



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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 a Holistic Manner.

Monthly Financial Stewardship Report for: November 2021 II Corinthians 9:7 & Malachi 3:8-10

Monthly Budget Amount—\$8,400.00 Tithe Amount Received—\$ 14,764.90 Givelify \$ 1,513.50

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.

Tithe or First Fruits—It's all biblical! Give By?

DROP BOX: WHEN YOU ENTER ST. PAUL

GIVELIFY: www.spmbcsv.com

MAIL: St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

227 N. Carmichael Avenue Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

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.

All: Amen

Come Let Us Worship the Lord, Our Maker! Sunday School—8:45AM Sunday Morning Worship Service— 10 AM *Call to Worship – Psalm 150

*Congregational Reading(s)
Our Mission and Vision Statements or

Reading of the Church Covenant every 1st Sunday Communion Sunday—in Unison

Congregational Hymn Silent Night

Call for Prayer Requests

Praise and Worship Service

Songs, Testimony Period, Scripture Reading, & Prayer 1st Sunday Deacon's Ministry/Praise & Worship Deacon's Ministry/Praise & Worship

2rd Sunday Deacon's Ministry/Praise & Worship 3rd Sunday Children, Youth, & Young Adult Ministry

4th Sunday Men's Ministry
5th 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

1st Sunday Praise and Worship Team
2nd Sunday Dance Ministry & Praise and Worship Team

3rd Sunday Youth Choir 4th Sunday Male Chorus 5th Sunday Women's Chorus

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

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

No Baptism until further notice Any questions/concerns call the Church office 458-5809 or contact Deacon Frank Dove and Deaconess Jean Daughtry, Baptism Coordinators.



DECEMBER Calendar of Events (According to the Church Office)

Date	Day	Ministry Opportunity	Room/Loc.	Time
December 27	MONDAY	Women's Ministry Meeting	Sanctuary	6:30P
December 31	FRIDAY	Watch Night Service	Greater Antioch	10:00 P
January 8	SATURDAY	Paradise 1st Quarterly Board Meeting	ZOOM	9:30A

Music Ministry with Bro. Lamont Arthur

WEDNESDAY's: 1:00P Men's Chorus Rehearsal | 4:00P Women's Choir Rehearsal

COME JOIN US AT ST. PAUL

"Keep It Fresh" 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#

Web: www.spmbcsv.com Facebook: TheVisionCenterSV

Prayer still works - II Chronicles 7:24

Anyone in need of special prayer, send your email request to office@spmbcsv.com Minister Joyce Dove will contact you.

PUSH! Pray Until Something Happens

Anyone in need of special prayer, send your email request to office@spmbcsv.com Minister Joyce Dove will contact you OR you may join the Saturday morning Intercessory Prayer Group at 7:00am.







A special thank you to St. Paul members and friend for your continued support in providing Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need of assistance and to Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes . The Women's Ministry

CHRISTMAS BOX

It's that time of the year where we share what we have. We are asking everyone that would like to participate with the Christmas dinner boxes to please help where you can.

This is an annual event that has truly been a blessing to the community and members of St. Paul. The items that we would like to see in the boxes are: Instant mash potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, cake mix with frosting, ham, turkey and anything that would make a wonderful Christmas dinner.

If you know of someone that is need of a box have them stop by the church Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00am-2:00pm and fill out the form with all important information. We need the names by

Friday, December 17, 2021 as we will be putting the boxes together on Monday, December 20, 2021.

BOXES MUST BE PICKED UP ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021, BETWEEM 5:00pm AND 6:00pm. THERE WILL BE NO DELIVERY OF BOXES.

If you have any questions please call the Church office at 458-5809

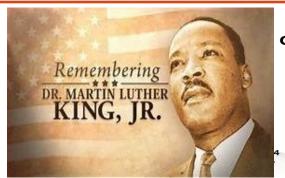
Thank you

Women's Ministry

ST. PAUL YOUTH AND ADULT USHERS NEEDED

A Church Usher is a volunteer who acts as a greeter and guide in the Church. An Usher is often the first representative of the congregation whom visitors encounter when entering a Church, and he/she is responsible for conveying the best first impression to people assembling for worship.

For more information contact the Church Office, 458-5809



NAACP
Greater Huachuca Branch
Presents
MLK PARADE
&
MARCH
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"The time is always right To do what is right"

HONOR THE PAST, IMPACT THE FUTURE - WALK WITH US

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

Parade Starts @ 10:00 am, Celebration starts at 11:00 am Merchandise and Food Vendors welcomed

> Parade starts at the north entrance of the Veterans Memorial Park and MLK Jr Parkway

Family activities, food trucks, dancers, & much more

POC - Clea McCall 520 266-2934 Tracey Howell - 500 500-4366 svdc1@cox.net





Christmas Food Box Distribution

The Sierra Vista Dream Center will be distributing food

boxes on 18 Dec 2021 Start ti

Start time: 10:00 am

Sponsored by







United Way of Sierra Vista and Cochise County



For more information contact Clea McCaa @ 520-266-2934

Pick up your frozen Hens, Hams and can goods
at Sierra Vista Dream Center
100 Nelson Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ
Enter through the Carmichael gate and pull
into the dirt parking lot.

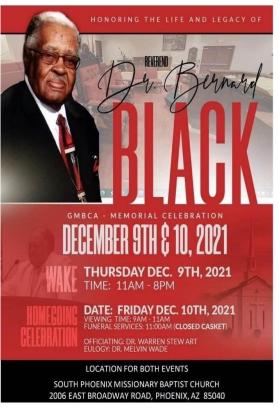
Open to the public, First come - First serve



ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Rehearsal will be every Wednesday at 4:00pm
Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 18th at 1:00pm
The Cantata is Sunday, December 19th during
Sunday Morning Worship Service
For more information call the Church Office, 458-5809





KAWANZA

Kwanzaa is a Celebration of family, community and culture. There are three official Kwanzaa colors: black, red, and green. There are seven candles: one black candle, three red candles, and three green candles. Each candle represents one of the seven principles guiding Kwanzaa. These are placed in the mishumaa saba in a specific order. Each candle is lit on a specific day of the Kwanzaa seven-day celebration. Kwanzaa, which is observed from December 26 through January 1, is a seven-day celebration of African roots, observed by people of all faith backgrounds, since it's not tied to any religion. Instead, the African American and Pan African holiday is anchored by seven principles known as the Nguzo Saba which aims to inspire Black people to be united, self-determined, accountable for their communities, financially invested in Black-owned businesses, purposeful with their lives, creative and full of faith.

The black candle is the first to be lit on December 26, the first night of Kwanzaa, it symbolizes umoja, which means unity; the far-left red candle is lit on the second day and it symbolizes kujichagulia, which means self-determination; the next red candle, which is lit on the third day, is for ujamaa, or cooperative economics; the final red candle is lit on the fourth day and it symbolizes kuumba, which is defined as creativity; the first green candle symbolizes nia, which means purpose; Ujima is another principal represented by a green candle, it means collective responsibility, where people are encouraged to become their brother's keeper and work together towards solving each other's problems; The last green candle is lit on the last day of the celebration; it symbolizes imani, which is Swahili for faith. On this day, celebrants strengthen their belief in parents and teachers, as well as community leaders.



Attention: All Leaders, Members, & Worshippers 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 Unsaved!

I want to take this opportunity to say a special "Thank You" to the men, women, and children of St. Paul, for your under-standing, 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 COIVD-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 over comers 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. 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.spmbcsv.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

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNAL—SILENT NIGHT

They saw the young Child with Mary His mother - Matthew 2:11 KJV

Silent Night! holy night! All is calm! All is bright! Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night! holy night! Shepherds Quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly host sing alleluia Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born! Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,

COVID Vaccinations—11/30/2021 Update - All needing a test will be accommodated.

Ways to Register for a COVID-19 Vaccine in Cochise County. Register through the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) online portal or hotline 1-844-542-8201 or Community Vaccine Partners:

Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc.

Benson Hospital: Call for appointment (520) 720-6538.

Buena High School Is only a POD host for the COVID-19 Vaccine. Please do not call the school to register or an appointment for more information: testnow.com

Bisbee DRIVE THRU ONLY on Thursday, 7:00am—3:00pm, telephone 520-432-2042.

Douglas Vaccination ONLY on Friday, 9:00am—11:00am and 1:00pm--4:00pm. Call 520-364-7659.

Sierra Vista Pediatrics Located at 155 Calle Portal (testing area at side door at left side of the building).

Federal Retail Pharmacy Partners:

Safeway in Bisbee, Willcox and Benson, Fry's Food and Drug and CVS in Sierra Vista

Sierra Vista Hospital Rule
DUE TO COVID-19

NO HOSPITAL VISITATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

All articles and contributions to the Monthly Edition of The Paul are due by the 3rd Monday of the Month email to office@spmbcsv.com Fore more information contact our church office at 520-458-5809

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 image 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 1-18).

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

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Matthew Statler, Senior Pastor Sierra Vista Baptist Church

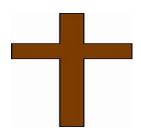
John Turner, Senior Pastor Community Baptist Church and Outreach Center

Jorge Villalvazo, Senior Pastor Life House Church

Erick Villalvazo, Lead Pastor Shiloh Christian Ministries

Rev. Kevin Weston Servant Leader

Randy Youngblood, Lead Pastor Thunder Mountain Church





Every temptation is an opportunity to do good. "God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." James 1:12 (NLT)



Like us on Facebook please!

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

KBM - The building of the Vision Center is an on-going efforts to erect a multi-community building to meet the spiritual, social and the Sierra Vista Community. We are currently accepting donations to support the building of this new facility. Please place your contribution in the Wooden Box located at the front of the church, during the morning collection.

We made it easier for you to find us now at:
The Vision Center SV

The Paul 227 N. Carmichael Avenue Sierra Vista, AZ 85635



COME, BRING IN THE NEW YEAR 2022 IN JESUS NAME!

HOST CHURCH:

Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church 147 Huachuca Blvd. | Huachuca City, AZ 10 PM - Midnight Pastor Larry D. Smith, Host Pastor