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The Goodnews Letter

St. Paul United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

Goals Matter!

To the best of my knowledge I don't remember writing a newsletter article on my birthday but I did this year and the value in that is that now that I'm 29, OK, 39 . . . OK, would you believe 46? OK, OK, 49! Anyhow, what? You know I'm older? OK, OK, I'm 54 and now you'll be left wondering, "he's not even sure how old he is anymore". LOL! Seriously, as you reach middle age you should be asking yourself about life goals. How are you doing on that? The LORD can certainly use that to help us objectively evaluate where we are.

Whether we're talking about our personal lives, spiritual lives, relationships, our character, or our future, we need to ask ourselves what kind of people we want to be. Having goals can center us, keep our eyes on Christ, and encourage us to grow. Without goals, we have no reason to press on, and we can flounder, feel lost, or lose track of our purpose. As Christians, these 7 goals should certainly be considered for our advancement in life.

Goal 1: Get and Be Real.

Don't hide behind platitudes and clichés and trite phrases when life shakes you. Instead, take a risk. Be vulnerable. People won't open up to you if you don't open up to them. Pretending everything is okay never helped anyone.

Goal 2: Always Put God First.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (*Mark 12:30*). You can't go wrong when your desires are His, and you look outside yourself to focus on Him.

Goal 3: Be Secure in Your Place as a Child of God.

"Because of Christ and our faith in Him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence" (*Ephesians 3:12*). You don't have to guess about your importance and your worth. God gave the ultimate sacrifice for you—His Son.

Goal 4: Memorize God's Word.

This one can be missed, but how do you stand and believe GOD's promises if you don't know them? Build a Scripture base—a well of peace and comfort and wisdom—inside your heart, and it will never dry up. Ephesians 6:14 tells us God's Word is the belt of truth. Wear it well.

Goal 5: Be the Kind of Friend You'd Like to Have.

The Golden Rule has stood the test of time for a reason. Even if it's not direct Scripture, treating others the way you want to be treated is never a bad strategy.

Goal 6: Live Life Without Fear.

God didn't create us to be afraid. He doesn't want us to live in captivity to the what if's of life. I John 4:18 tells us, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..." and God loves us perfectly all the time.

Goal 7: Leave a Legacy.

Legacies will outlive your body, your stuff and your money! Will you be someone who's remembered? That's up to you. Ask yourself what you want people to say about you after you're gone—and then set the goal to be that person.

-Pastor Robert

Flower Schedule

6. Communion
13. Ann & Doug Summer
20. Melinda & Jimmy Brinkley
27.

Church Nursery

6. Kathy Moore & Minnie Goodman
13. Melinda Brinkley & Jane Morris
20. Marie Simpson & Toby James
27. Sandy Webb

Acolytes

6. Eve Morrow
13. Michael Perry
20. Zoey Hall
27. Nolan Akins

DVD Delivery

6. Pastor Robert
13. Sandy Webb
20. Minnie Goodman
27. Lynn Alexander

Lay Assistant

6. Jennifer Goodman
13. Melinda Brinkley
20. Jimmy Brinkley
27. Mason Morrow

Ushers

6. Randy Stowe
13. Doug Summer & Vince Maglio
20. Joe Eubanks & Billy Watkins
27. Bo Herndon

Offering Accountants

Randy Stowe & Charles G. Jr.

SS Assembly Refreshment

6. Outreach Class
13. SS Assembly Group
20. SS Assembly Group
27. SS Assembly Group

Communion August 6

Toby James & Darlene Paradise

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Mason Morrow</i> (B)	2 <i>Melanie Hamer</i> (B)	3 <i>Bo Herndon</i> (B)	4 Adults to Ft. Gordon Theatre 5:30 <i>Irene Lengyel</i> (B)	5 Adults to Ronald McDonald House 3:30
6 Sunday Assembly 9 FH Sunday School 9:30 Sunday Worship 10:30 Trustees Meeting 4:30 FH	7 <i>Wilda Giddings</i> (B)	8 Nurture/Outreach 7 FH <i>Susie Thompson</i> (B)	9	10 <i>Savannah Mitchell</i> (B)	11	12 UMM Trash Pickup 8 FLC
13 Sunday Assembly 9 FH Sunday School 9:30 Sunday Worship 10:30 UMW 4 FH	14	15 Worship Committee 6 Conf. Room	16	17	18	19 <i>Paulette & Doug</i> <i>Flowers</i> (A)
20 Sunday Assembly 9 FH Sunday School 9:30 Sunday Worship 10:30	21 <i>Nettie Jean</i> <i>LeGrand-Roe</i> (B)	22 <i>Thomas H. Wick</i> (B)	23	24	25	26
27 Sunday Assembly 9 FH Sunday School 9:30 Sunday Worship 10:30 <i>Denton Hamer</i> (B)	28	29	30	31 <i>Peggy Whitman</i> (B)		(A)=Anniversary (B)=Birthday