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Leadership Table Meeting will be this Thurs. Feb. 28th at 6:30 pm.

Men's Breakfast will be next Sunday March 3rd at 8:00 am.

Saint Paul's will be hosting the Lenten Luncheon's beginning on Ash Wednesday March 6th. The lunches will be held on Wednesdays at Noon through the Lent Season. A sign-up sheet is enclosed in this email.

Interested in a Book Study or Bible Study? Join us on Sunday and Monday evenings at 6 pm.

Are you interested in helping with the Audio/Visual on Sunday mornings, but you have no idea where to start... this is for you? Workshops are being offered and we would like to send someone to training and in return you can help train others. Here is the link to the workshops. <https://www.churchsoundbootcamp.com>. If you are interested in attending the training in Tulsa or Dallas please contact the office.

Have you seen our new online giving program? We're excited about the new things happening at Saint Paul's through our online community. You can securely give from our website at spumcduncan.com and via text message by messaging "walkthetalk" to 73256. You can even set up recurring donations. If you need help with this just contact the office.

Happy Birthday
MARCH

- 2- RJ Weiland
- 6 - Fran Wray
- 10 - Paula McConnell
- 17 - Pat Bowles
- 23 - Sandi Borcharding
- 25 - Dina Atnip
- 29 - Randy Atnip



Spring is Coming
Lenten Lunch to be held at St. Paul's
70 Family members at Addie's Cousins 80th Birthday Party.



Pastor David Gardner

Christianity Today editor, Elesha Coffman, writes about the following question: What is the origin of the Christian fish symbol?

“The Greek word for fish is ‘ichthys.’ As early as the first century, Christians made an acrostic from this word: *Jesus Christos Theou Yios Soter*, i.e. Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. The fish has plenty of other theological overtones as well, for Christ fed the 5,000 with 2 fishes and 5 loaves (a meal recapitulated in Christian love-feasts) and called his disciples ‘fishers of men.’ Water baptism, practiced by immersion in the early church, created a parallel between fish and converts. Second-century theologian Tertullian put it this way: ‘we, little fishes, after the image of our Ichthys, Jesus Christ, are born in the water.’”

Greeks, Romans, and many other pagans used the fish symbol before Christians. Hence the fish, unlike, say, the cross, attracted little suspicion, making it a perfect secret symbol for persecuted believers. When threatened by Romans in the first centuries after Christ, Christians used the fish mark meeting places and tombs, or to distinguish friends from foes. According to one ancient story, when a Christian met a stranger in the road, the Christian sometimes drew one arc of the simple fish outline in the dirt. If the stranger drew the other arc, both believers knew they were in good company.”

When Jesus fed the 5,000 with fishes and loaves - it is important to note from “gotquestions.org”:

“Jesus fed the people *through the agency of His disciples*. He could have simply snapped His fingers and caused everyone present to have a meal, but He didn’t. Instead, He “gave . . . to his disciples to distribute to the people” (Mark 6:41). In this way, the disciples had to trust the Lord for everything they distributed. They could only give as they received. Philip, Andrew, and the rest were put in a position of total dependence upon the Lord for the supply. God still uses people the same way today.

Christians should also be reminded that their problems are never too large (the “many” of John 6:9) for God to handle. Surely, Andrew was wondering, “What good are we going to do with only five loaves and two fish?” Of course, theoretically, believers know God can easily multiply whatever He wants, to feed as many people as He wants—He is God. The problem comes when we are faced with a practical outworking of the theory; we tend to doubt that God will *want* to meet *our* need.

There is a foreshadowing of Christ’s miracle in the life of Elisha in 2 Kings. Elisha told his servant to feed the people gathered there, although there was not enough food for the hundred men. One of the men said, “How can I set this before a hundred men?” (2 Kings 4:42–43) In the end, however, the men not only had enough to eat, but “they ate and had some left” (2 Kings 4:44). Isn’t that just like God? He says He will do more than provide for His people; He will give an abundance (Psalms 132:15).

Christians must bring their lives to God in a spirit of obedience and sacrifice, no matter how insignificant they may think their gifts or talents are (Romans 12:1). When doing so, expect God to do far beyond what can be imagined (Ephesians 3:20). Also, Christians should trust that God not only wants to meet the needs of His children, but He wants to lavish His children with spiritual blessings, even to overflowing (Psalms 23:5).”

*I also like that in the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus also did the same things as in the Last Supper: He **took** the bread, gave **thanks**, **broke** the bread and **gave** it.*

Lord, when we see You shining, we see You shining over and over and over. The love and the glory never get old. Thank You, Jesus. Amen

PRAYER REQUESTS

Junior Brown – Recovering from Surgery
Jimmie Bruner

Connie Green – ER for intestinal problems

Courtney – Continued prayers for the Allred's 11 yr. old grandchild with neurological issues.

Sara Riggs – For protection and safety taking care of her patients.

Thomas Bradbury – Dr on Feb. 26th

Kathy Allred – Continued prayers for healing

Lydia's grandma – continued prayers for recovery after her heart attack

Major Marvin Asche – Home from Hospital after a gunshot wound

Pipkin Family

Billy Branch – Travel Mercies

Stacy Mettler – Cancer

Ann Johnson – Continued prayers for healing on her hip

Oleta Little – On Hospice. Brain Cancer returned

Addie McMurrin

Ross Pipkin – Basic Training

Dave and Margie Robertson

Marcia's circumstances dealing with health, surgery, housing and work

Jason Poorman – (Edith Suiters nephew) chemo for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Addie's friend and relative on Hospice. Peace in her Family

Trish Lister – Continued prayers

Jim and Edith Suiter

Karen Gibson – Cancer

Gary Gibson – Cancer

Jan Smith – Cancer

Jennifer Shahan – Heart Problems

Iva Johnson – Hospice

Karen Stanfill – Cancer

Rebecca's cousin has eating disorder, liver failure and on transplant list

Kathy Bridges – Cancer

Joe Perry – Kidney cancer

Margaret Averre – Throat cancer

Daniel Whittney – Colon cancer; now liver cancer

Jennifer Allred – Spinal pain and fibromyalgia

Melinda Douglas – Lung Cancer

