



THE ST. PAUL SPIRE



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Pastor's Pen "Streams in the Desert"

Greetings Church,

We have had a very rich past, and historically there are records that show God has used us in many ways. Unfortunately, we live in a world that too often looks more at our past than we do toward our future.

In Isaiah 43:19 God proclaims, ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. This scripture is challenging us not to get so caught up in our past that we lose sight of the future that God has in store for us.

Red Smith of the New York Times said that one of the biggest boxing matches of the 20th century took place on November 25, 1980, at the Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana. This fight was a rematch between Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran. In their previous fight, Duran had won and in this second fight once again he was seen as the favorite to win. Duran had an amazing winning streak. His record was 72 wins and just one loss. Still, the rematch was a close fight. Only a point or two separated the two fighters on the judges' scorecards. But then something unthinkable happened in the eighth round that no one expected. Roberto Duran turned to the referee and spoke two words that still resound in the sports world. Duran stated yelling, "No mas, No mas", which means "No more, No more", and then he quit.

He wasn't injured nor was he cut, but he was frustrated and felt that he'd had enough. He was a fighter who was one of the best to ever step into the ring, but even though he had won a total of 103 fights, when his name is brought up, people remember the day he quit and recall the way and the words that were yelled out, "No mas, No mas".

We have all had times when we felt like quitting. Quitting your job. Quitting the class you teach. Quitting on your marriage, and unfortunately some people even give up on God. Every year, thousands of people in this country give up on life itself. In fact, more than 959,000, almost a million Americans, attempt suicide every year, and over and over again these statistics have and will keep being repeated if we focus more on our past than we do on our future.

Beloved, it is time for us to truly focus on the words of Isaiah 43:19, for God is still ready to do a new thing, and we must ask ourselves the same question. "Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Each day our fears and frustrations can threaten to make us just stop and quit fighting and moving forward. As we look at our accomplishments of our past, let us not get so complacent that we lose sight of our future. For God can still make a new way in wilderness experiences, and like streams in the desert, God will give us streams of hope and help, even when things feel hopeless.

God bless your hearts,
Pastor Frederick Sampson

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Points of Interest

- Pastor's Tuesday Bible study meets at 10 A.M. in the Parlor. Join us!
- Small Group meets every other Wednesday, 6³⁰ P.M. in the Pastor's study.





September

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sept. 2	35		\$3,040
9	31		708
16	43		1,753
23	38		2,187
30	39		4,053



Designated Gifts/Giving

World Service (UMW): (YTD: \$400)

“Second Mile” Giving

Coins for Mission (YTD Total \$72)

F.I.S.H. Collection (YTD Total \$118)

Fundraisers

Kroger Community Rewards (YTD Total: \$44)

Mission Opportunities — As of

August 31, 2018

	<u>Conf. Request</u>	<u>Paid in 2018</u>
Ministerial Pension	\$2,200	\$1,540
Common Budget**	16,510	400
World Service		810
Ministerial Ed.		0
Black College Fund		0
Africa Univ.		0
Meth. Union for		
District Missions	782	469
Detroit Ren. District	328	0
Total:	\$19,820	\$3,219

2018 St. Paul Budget Report through September 2018	
Ministry, Programs, and Outreach	
Budget Each Week	\$2,579
Budget Year-to-Date	\$100,581
Offering Year-to-Date	\$81,592
Year-to-Date Difference	-\$18,989

** (This amount is proportionally applied to Connectional Ministries, World Service, and Conference Benevolences, Ministerial Education Fund, the Black College Fund, Africa University, and the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.)





Worship Assistants

Counters

- 7 Sherry Pickett, Doug Sweeder
- 14 Bill Lee, Lisa Sweeder
- 21 Fay Alston, Sue Sweeder
- 28 Joyce McClelland, Virginia Tuttle

Lay Readers

- 7 Scott Sweeder
- 14 Carol Kelley
- 21 Doug Sweeder
- 28 Marcus Kelley

Trustee on Duty

Marcus Kelley

Nursery

- 7 TBD
- 14 TBD
- 21 Scott Sweeder
- 28 Kecia Brown

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Ads/Announcements

- **First Sunday F.I.S.H. Collection** — Non-perishable food needed.
- **Donations to help offset church expenses** — Please mark envelope, "100th Year Celebration".
- **Walt Whitman Elementary School Outreach** — Thank you for your generosity and donations to Mrs. Schall's class!
- **Life Line Screening** will be at St. Paul **Wednesday, October 10th**. Register online TODAY at: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle to receive your "Community Circle" discount and your preferred appointment. St. Paul will receive \$25, for every St. Paul member who keeps their appointment, so register online and be sure to tell them you are a member! \$10 off coupons are available, please call the church office.
- **Worship Celebration of 100 years** — **Sunday, October 14th, 9⁴⁵ A.M.** After worship, there will be a luncheon potluck with speakers. St. Paul will provide the meat and cake. Everyone will have an opportunity to share memories of St. Paul and its members.
- **The Stewardship Campaign** — **Oct. 21st thru Nov. 11th**.

Ushers

- 7 B. Johns, B. Robinson
- 14 B. & D. Casper, M. Kelley
- 21 B. Johns, J. Leitch
- 28 B. Johns

- Is there anything you'd like in the Spire? Call the office - (248) 338-8233 by the **15th** of the month.



October Anniversaries

- 2 Martin & Brenda Nichols



October Birthdays


- 4 Bud Warner
- 8 Dave McClelland
- 11 Judy White
- 15 Ruth Isca
- 22 Joshua Whitcomb
- 25 Pamela Sampson





OCTOBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	2 Bible Study — 10 A.M. UMW — 11³⁰ A.M. Shotokan — 6 P.M.	3 GTAC 6 ³⁰ P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	4 Finance Team — 4 P.M. *PKSA — 4 to 7 P.M. (FH) Choir — 7 P.M.	5	6 AOL — 8 ³⁰ A.M. UMM — 9 A.M. (Dixie Diner) Shotokan — 10 A.M. GTAC — 12 P.M. (Parlor) Hands 4 Detroit hands4detroit.org
7 Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 ⁴⁵ A.M. GTAC — 12 P.M. Deltas — 3 ³⁰ to 5 ³⁰ (FH)	8 Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	9 Bible Study — 10 A.M. Shotokan — 6 P.M.	10 Life Line Screening — 8 to 5 P.M. (FH) Small Group — 6 ³⁰ P.M. GTAC — 6 ³⁰ P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	11 *PKSA — 4 to 7 P.M. (FH) Choir — 7 P.M.	12	13 AOL — 8 ³⁰ A.M. (FH) Shotokan — 10 A.M.
14 Sunday School — 9 A.M. 100th Anniversary Worship — 9 ⁴⁵ A.M. GTAC — 12 P.M. Celebration Luncheon (FH) 	15 Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	16 Bible Study — 10 A.M. Shotokan — 6 P.M.	17 GTAC — 6 ³⁰ P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	18 *PKSA — 4 to 7 P.M. (FH) Choir — 7 P.M.	19	20 AOL — 8 ³⁰ A.M. (FH) Shotokan — 10 A.M.
21 Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 ⁴⁵ A.M. GTAC — 12 P.M.	22 Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	23 Bible Study — 10 A.M. Shotokan — 6 P.M. Leadership — 7 P.M.	24 Small Group — 6 ³⁰ P.M. GTAC — 6 ³⁰ P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	25 *PKSA — 4 to 7 P.M. (FH) Choir — 7 P.M.	26	27 UMW — 8³⁰ A.M. (Leo's) AOL — 8 ³⁰ A.M. (FH) GTAC — 10-8 (FH) Shotokan — 10 A.M. Upstairs
28 Sunday School — 9 A.M. Worship — 9 ⁴⁵ A.M. GTAC — 12 P.M.	29 Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	30 Bible Study — 10 A.M. Shotokan — 6 P.M.	31 GTAC — 6 ³⁰ P.M. (Parlor) Tai Chi — 7 P.M.	PKSA — Professional Karate Schools of America 