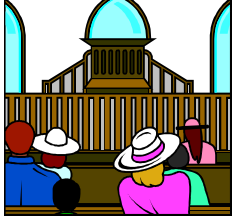


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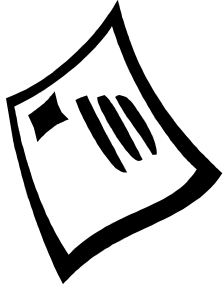
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FROM THE PASTOR

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, the highest unemployment rate we can remember, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported lying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes the following: "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."¹

Join us in worship October 23 through November 20 a sermon series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, frightening unemployment rates, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the course of 5 weeks, we will be having a weekday brownbag lunch study as well as preaching and worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation. Please sign up for this great opportunity to learn and discuss in a small group of your fellow St. Pauler's by Wednesday, Oct. 12. Books will cost \$12 each. Please let me know if you need assistance purchasing the book.

At the conclusion of the study and series, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on Sunday, November 20. (Please take a moment to look at the Schedule of Events below.)

¹ "Eight Out of Ten Americans Stressed Because of Economy," by Madison Park, from CNN.com, October 7, 2008; <http://www.cnn.com/2008/HEALTH/conditions/10/07/economic.stress/index.html>.

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I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, Oct. 12	Deadline to sign up for <i>Enough</i> Lunch Study (so books can be ordered)
Thursday, Oct. 20, noon – 1 pm	Lunch Study Introduction: <i>Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis</i>
Sunday, Oct. 23	Sermon Series Week 1: “When Dreams Become Nightmares”
Thursday, Oct. 27, noon – 1 pm	Lunch Study Week 1: <i>When Dreams Become Nightmares</i>
Sunday, Oct. 30	Sermon Series Week 2: “Wisdom and Finance”
Thursday, Nov. 3, noon – 1 pm	Lunch Study Week 2: <i>Wisdom and Finance</i>
Sunday, Nov. 6	(All Saints’ Sunday) Sermon Series Week 3: “Cultivating Contentment”
Thursday, Nov. 10, noon – 1 pm	Lunch Study Week 3: <i>Cultivating Contentment</i>
Sunday, Nov. 13	Sermon Series Conclusion: “Defined by Generosity”
Thursday, Nov. 17, noon – 1 pm	Lunch Study Conclusion: <i>Defined by Generosity</i>
Sunday, Nov. 20	Consecration Sunday: Consecration of 2012 Ministry Commitments

Susan



ST PAUL YOUTH OCTOBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- 5th: Dinner at 6 at Church. All youth will stay together to hear Brian Dubberly, a United Methodist Missionary from El Salvador
- 12th: Dinner at Grant Central pizza. Bring \$4 and we'll play games in the park afterwards. We'll meet at the church at 6pm and walk together. Youth can be picked up at the Park or back at the church no later than 8pm.
- 19th: Dinner at Church at 6pm. Senior and Junior High split into small groups.
- 26th: Dinner with John, Candace and Elise at their home (1095 Berne St., SE). Meet there at 6pm.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Sam Bangura | 15 Deb Burns |
| 3 Allie Sanford | 19 Guy Seymour |
| Malayna Miller | 20 Louis Lindic |
| Megan Wilson | 22 Linda Griess & John Gray |
| Emma Henry Tingle | Dane Bley |
| Cathy Carlock | 23 Richard Quartarone |
| 6 Julia Smith | Stella Steely |
| 10 Mike Wawerna | 25 Amber Sirmans |
| 12 Susan Johnson | 26 AJ Seymour |
| Becky & Glenn | 29 Amy Smith |
| Boyette | Kate Krause |
| 13 Susan Hughes | 31 Santiago Garcia |
| 14 Larry Jacobs | Katie Merritt |
| Celeste McCollough | Rachel Wayte |
| 16 Lisa & Marshall | Roberson |

Every Sunday: 8:45am Worship First 10:00a Sunday School Classes (Youth and Adult) 10:00-10:45a Children's Sunday School (3rd Floor) 10:55a-Noon Morning Worship	Every Wednesday: 5:30-6Pm Children's Choirs 6:30-8p St. Paul Youth Fellowship 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday Night Supper Menus October 5: the Kellys Coq au vin (chicken in wine sauce), Rice pilaf (with mushrooms and onions), haricots verts (green beans), dessert October 19: Vanessa Jackson Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert
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St. Paul UMC October Planning Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 5-6p Nominating Committee (Pastor Susan's House) 6-8p Atlanta Freedom Band (Chester Commons)	26	27 9:30a GAC 6:30-9:30p Disciple IV (Adult Sunday School Room) 7p Food Addicts in Recovery (Music Room)	28	29 9:30a GAC 6:30-7:30p Nominating Committee (Adult Sunday School Room)	30	1 8a-4p Basketball Clinic (Gym) 5p AGE (Huiet Hall)
2 12:15p First Sunday Fellowship Lunch (Huiet Hall) 5-6p Nominating Committee (Pastor Susan's House) 6-8p Atlanta Freedom Band (Chester Commons)	3 6-8p Cub Scouts Den 2 (Gym)	4 9:30a GAC 6:30-9p Disciple IV (Adult Sunday School Room) 7p Food Addicts in Recovery (Music Room)	5 6p Wednesday Night Supper (Huiet Hall)	6 Lovett School Overnight (Third Floor) 9:30a GAC 6:30-7:30p Nominating Committee (Adult Sunday School Room)		8 Work Day (Clean up for Charge Conference and Homecoming) 12-2p Private Party (Gym)
9 11a Charge Conference (Sanctuary) 6-8p Atlanta Freedom Band (Chester Commons)	10	11 9:30a GAC 6:30-9p Disciple IV (Adult Sunday School Room) 7p Food Addicts in Recovery (Music Room)	12 7p Men's Ministry (Adult Sunday School Room)	13 9:30a GAC 7-9:30p GPCP Board Meeting (Huiet Hall)	14	15 9-11a GPCP Educator Exchange Day (Chester Commons) 12-3p St. Paul Fall Festival
16 Homecoming (Sanctuary, Huiet Hall) 6-8p Atlanta Freedom Band (Chester Commons)	17	18 9:30a GAC 6:30-9p Disciple IV (Adult Sunday School Room) 7p Food Addicts in Recovery (Music Room)	19 4-5:15p Staff Meeting (Adult Sunday School Room) 6p Wednesday Night Supper	20 9:30a GAC	21 5p Wilson/Ferguson Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	22 5p Wilson/Ferguson Wedding (Sanctuary) 
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Sam Bangura (Sierra Leone missionary)
- Rita Barkan (79, Vanessa Jackson's friend, health and other issues)
- mother of Greg Barron
- Peggy Burroughs (former GAC member, has asked for prayers for herself)
- Cathy Carlock's aunt Caroline (94)
- Ralph Chester
- Sandra Cisse (Vanessa Jackson's sister, colon cancer)
- Beulah Cockrum (Terry's mother, age 93)
- Terry Cockrum's aunt Naida (86, congestive heart issues)
- Dottie Copeland (Lana Hardy's mother)
- Mabel Couch (Tim's mother)
- Mark Crenshaw's parents
- Charlie Davis (Charles' father, lymphoma)
- *Patrice and Langston Daniels
- Janeth Ellis (Tonya Skeen's mother, cancer)
- Jo Ellis (Becky Boyette's friend, radiation treatments)
- Lynn Ferrara-Pennachio (Vanessa Jackson's friend, lyme disease)
- Lambert Fonder (Susan AG's friend, cancer)
- Owen Fox and family (6 yr old, GPCP family, leukemia)
- Jess Gaines' uncle (congestive heart failure)
- father of Will Gaines
- Ramiro Garcia, Sr. (Ramiro's dad, prostate cancer)
- Ralph Garner (Bryan's father, lung cancer)
- Karen Garrett (Gretchen's mom)
- *Tom Gazaway
- *Gracie Gazaway
- Patsy Green (Melissa Mason's relative, pancreatic cancer)
- Ed Greene (Kelly's father, prostate cancer)
- Madison Greene and parents Ashley and Chip (Talley Well's niece, cancer)
- Beth Greenwood (Kristina Kirkeby's friend, mother of 2, deploying to Afghanistan for a year)

- Paul Guest (Danielle Hanson's friend, financial difficulties related to long term health issues)
- Lana Hardy's dad
- Lana Hardy's brother (recent hospitalization)
- *Jimmy Hardy
- Stella Hardy
- Gene Hart (Shelly's dad, Hepatitis C)
- Sister of Jaime Hester (cancer)
- mother of Joan Hildebrand
- Carol Howard (Zxelema's mom)
- Ben Huiet, III (chronic health problems)
- Mariana Hurd (Ginny Pavey's friend, breast cancer)
- Irene Jackson (Vanessa's mom)
- *Vanessa Jackson
- Jack Johnson (Larry's brother)
- Michael Johnson (Terry Cockrum's friend, cancer)
- Christopher and Jessica Lee and preemie twins Grayson and Audrey
- Charlene Machesney (Dayna Wolhart's mom, continued recovery from stroke)
- Will Marshall (son of Sheryl Marshall, UM deacon who was associated with St. Paul for many years, recent hospitalization for dehydration and kidney problem)
- Kate Marshall (Sheryl's daughter, on kidney transplant list)
- Jack McCollough (Candace and Celeste's dad)
- Family of Taylor MacDowell (17 year old girl who died of cancer)**
- Chris McQuaid (Annette's friend, brain tumor)
- Bill Meriam (Becky Boyette's friend, cancer)
- Karen Merritt (recovering from knee surgery)**
- Marcus Merritt's sister-in-law Linda (cancer treatment)
- Merry (Angela Russel's friend, breast cancer)
- Alex Montilla (10 years old, cancer)
- Jim Nelson (James Palmer's uncle, myopic muscular dystrophy)



- Will Penn and his parents, Stephen and Jennifer (Sherri Scott's friends, 8 ear old stroke victim, in rehab)
- *David Pettis
- Mary Nell Rue and family (Rachel Wayte's friend, inoperable brain tumor)
- *Se'Varius, Se'Vunya and Se'Ve Raines (Vanessa J's nephews)
- Zxelema Reese (Zxelema Howard's aunt)
- Dorothy Shahan (Ashley Miller's mother's friend, not responding well to cancer treatment)
- the family of Allison Knobel Sitton (Tonya Skeen's friend who died of cancer 9/8, leaving two children under 5)**
- *Anne Spealman
- James Stephens's friend Pat (breast cancer)
- Joan Stephens's mother
- *Tom Sweeny (leukemia)
- Hyde Talbot and Warren Chase (Rachel Quarterone's 4 year old cousin and his uncle, recovering from kidney transplant surgery this month)
- Frances and Don Truman (Leslie's mom & dad)
- *Leslie Truman
- Leslie's aunt Patricia (Alzheimer's)
- ***Su Watson and Bob Vermillion**
- *Becky Wellman
- Talley Wells's mother

General Intercessions:

- success of our Covenant Capital Campaign
- world peace
- our national leaders
- our troops, especially those in harm's way
- those struggling with addiction and depression
- all those with cancer
- those seeking work
- those suffering the effects of natural disasters
- the economy
- all children!

Please call or email prayer requests to the office to make sure yours get on our list. Requests spoken aloud in worship sometimes fail to reach the office. Requests generally appear in the long list in the Epistle after having been circulated in one of our weekly emails. Although we want to continue to lift up those who need our prayers, requests will be taken off the long list the following month unless they are updated or resubmitted. Exceptions: our aging parents and those with cancer and other dread illnesses.

Domestic Violence:

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Domestic violence is one of the most under reported crimes in the United States. Before I was 12 two people in my extended family had lost their lives to domestic violence. I had other relatives, family members and classmates who were victims as well.

My witness while unique to me is all too common. Domestic violence is a leading cause of death for women ages 15-44. Domestic violence is a pattern of physically, sexually, and/or emotionally abusive behaviors used by one individual to assert power or maintain control over another, in the context of an intimate or family relationship. Emotional and verbal abuse, isolation, threats and intimidation, are all aspects of domestic violence. It impacts children, elders, and siblings as well as spouses. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention it is a leading cause of death of pregnant women. Domestic violence crosses all location, age, race, income, or cultural demographics. It is as much of a concern for the LGBTQ community as it is for heterosexuals. Domestic violence increases in stressful situations like perilous economic times.

All these statistics are sobering. It was much more sobering to lose a young and cousin to a violent death. She left behind four children, who witnessed her death. Many years later, her son lost his life defending a woman who was being abused and attacked on the street. The woman he defended was a stranger. He saved her, but violence claimed another family member.

Children who are raised in abusive homes struggle to create healthy relationships. 275, 000,000 children worldwide witness incidents of abuse in their everyday lives according to UNICEF. Many children are orphaned. Those who are lucky have families to take them in. Others become a part of the foster care system. Children of abusive homes are likely to become either victims or abusers themselves. Substance abuse, time lost from school and work, cost of medical care impact the families and the public health system. Employers, schools and other community organizations are impacted. Police officers are more likely to be wounded in domestic violence calls than almost any other type.

While the church has been a sanctuary to many; women in abusive and violent marriages have often been encouraged to stay in them and "submit to their husbands". According to the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, rather than offering resources and alternatives to battered women, pastors, priests and rabbis have often advised women to return to violent homes and be "better wives."

The United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society is a member of the Interfaith Domestic Violence coalition and advocates for U.S. legislation for an International Violence against Women's Act. We here at St. Paul can support these efforts in our community. We can help if we open our hearts and minds and listen compassionately. It is challenging to hear some of these stories. It brings of feelings we may not understand. We may feel there is nothing we can do individually or as a church body. St. Paul has trained comfort ministers. Comfort Ministers can help by listening or take a more active role in searching for resources and assistance. The St. Paul Team Ministry site has a resource that prominently features [Domestic Violence Resources](#).

As individual members of our church family we can make our selves available to listen. As a church St. Paul can be there for our friends and family. Please pray for those who are impacted by domestic violence. It could be someone very close to you.

- Vanessa Jackson

Come Home to St. Paul UMC!
 Sunday, October 16
 Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Lee Ramsey, Pastor 1985 - 1994

9:30 AM Reception and Re-dedication of Huiet Hall
 10:55 AM Homecoming Worship with special music by our Children and Adult Choirs
 12:30 PM Covered Dish Luncheon

St. Paul will be holding it's first Homecoming celebration in 5 years on Sunday October 16. Come join the re dedication of Huiet Hall at 9:30 AM. The Rev. Dr. Lee Ramsey, will deliver our message at 10:55 Worship service, which will be followed by a covered dish fellowship lunch. There will be photos of St. Paul through the decades ,the Good Neighbor Campaign, Basketball League, Camp SPARC! and recent mission projects.

Should you feel led to help, The Homecoming Committee needs assistance with:

Greeting Our Guests: St. Paul Youth. The next generation of St. Paul leaders will help us welcome our guests at Homecoming. Please See Alvin Lingenfelter or ask any of the youth how you can help them.



Fellowship Reception and Re-dedication of Huiett Hall: Sherri Scott. Sherri has graciously volunteered to coordinate the Fellowship reception. Please contact her to help make this a great time with yummy food and what ever great plans Sherri is making.

Photos and Bulletin Boards: James Stevens: James Stevens is preparing special photo displays for Homecoming. If you have contributions to share or want to help with the display efforts, please contact James.

Decorating help: Karen Merritt: We will have about 20 tables to decorate in the gym. We are getting tablecloths. We will have two head tables as well. We will also have 5 food tables. We would like the gym to look as nice as possible. That means we needs a top notch team to decorate with found and donated items. There are plenty of vases at the church to use. The decorations from the Fall Festival will be up. Set up will take place late on Saturday afternoon as much as possible. Karen Merritt is the leadership volunteer and will coordinate this this.

Food: Vanessa Jackson: Please sign up to bring a dish to share at our Whiteboard page: <http://123.writeboard.com/x6zmqzmyphb1sq5tn>. The password is **potluck**. Please provide your email and phone number too. If you have any questions email Vanessa Jackson at vanessajackson21@comcast.net. We are soliciting casseroles, vegetables, and starches for side dishes, enough for 15-20 servings. We anticipate 130 for lunch.



Clean up: Tonya Skeen: Tonya Skeen will be organizing our clean up teams. We anticipate that extra cleaning will cost \$100.00 this will include an extra cleaning of the fellowship hall and gym and someone to do the dishes after the luncheon. Should you feel led to donate to the cleaning fund, please bring your donation to the church office.

Set Up: The Men's Group: The Men's group will organize set up late on Saturday afternoon. Please contact them if you would like to participate in this activity

Photographer: Bill Ericson: We would love to have a group picture o four St. Paul family on homecoming day. If you would be willing to be the official photographer for the day please contact Bill Ericson

Please come and share this memorable day with us.



October 15, 2011 • 12:00-3:00pm

PRICE: \$5.00 per person (2 & under free). Ticket price does not include food, drinks or bake sale items. Tickets can be purchased at www.StPaulGrantPark.org or at the church the day of the festival.

ACTIVITIES: Pony Rides, Hayrides, Apple Bobbing, Cake Walk, Pumpkin Painting, Fall Crafts, Storytelling, Food, Bakesale, Historic Hayride Tours and Pumpkin Bowling

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: The Paulines, DJ Amy Handler of "The Kids Are Alright" Radio Show and Chickin Feed's Farm Grub Revue Kids

Proceeds from the St. Paul Fall Festival will benefit the St. Paul Covenant Capital Campaign, a fundraising effort to both repair the church's beautiful, 100-year old sanctuary and serve the greater Atlanta community. Each dollar raised will be split 50-50 between the capital fund and the Good Neighbor Fund, dedicated to insure individuals and families have a safe, habitable living space. Monies from the Good Neighbor Fund have already repaired some Grant Park homes.

EVENT SPONSORS: Councilmember Carla Smith, GardenHood, Grant Park Cooperative Preschool, Intown Pediatrics and Southern Smiles Family Dentistry

IN-KIND SPONSORS: Cake Hag, Cupcake Lounge, Grant Central Pizza, Grant Park Coffeehouse, Grant Park Provisions, Grant Street Sweets, Laurie's Laundry Love, Parkside Elementary, Riverview Farms, Smoothie Studio, Stone Soup Kitchen, Storyteller Edna Godfrey, The Little Tart Bakeshop and Wicked Pies

Future "Evenings at St. Paul" programs include:

November 12, 2011, from 5:00-7:00pm – "Jubilee Jam" Book Signing & Reception with Ellen Love & Ashley Miller

• December 10, 2011, from 5:00-7:00pm – Hayride Christmas Caroling & visits with Santa during the Candlelight Tour of Homes

• January 21, 2012, from 5:30-7:30pm – Chickin Feed Presentation with Leslie Grant

• February 11, 2012, 6:00 -8:30pm – Valentine's Dance

Hide Your Candy and Find Your Shoes, the Monster Dash is Back in Grant Park

Come join walkers and runners for the 3rd Annual Monster Dash Family 5K and Little Goblins Run! This year's event also features a 1 mile route.

Families are encouraged to come in costume, bring the strollers and start their weekend with a heart-pumping run/walk through beautiful Grant Park. All proceeds from the event benefit our preschool friends, the Grant Park Cooperative Preschool (GPCP).

What: The Monster Dash! Family 5K run/walk, 1 Mile Fun Run, and Little Goblins Run

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011
7:30 a.m. – Race Day Registration Starts
8:30 a.m. – 5k Run/Walk Starts
9:00 a.m. – 1 Mile Fun Run Start
9:30 a.m. – Little Goblin Run

Where: Zoo Atlanta parking lot, off of Cherokee Ave. in Grant Park
800 Cherokee Ave., SE, Atlanta, Ga. 30315

Fees: Early Registration (ends Oct. 12)
at www.GPCP.org/MonsterDash or www.Active.com -- \$20
Race Day Registration -- \$25
Fun Run Only -- \$15
Little Goblins Run -- Free

Awards: Awards presented to first overall male and female; top finishers in 13 age categories, masters male/female, single stroller and double stroller male/female. Awards to first overall male/female Fun Run and to all Little Goblins Run participants.

All **pre-registered participants** will receive a long-sleeved race t-shirt along with a goody bag including items from various sponsors such as Six Feet Under, Doc Chey's, Tin Lizzy's, Agave and one free admission ticket to Zoo Atlanta.

For more information regarding the race, visit www.GPCP.org/MonsterDash
or email MonsterDash2011@gmail.com.

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