



CHANGE THE WORLD / FAITH PROMISE

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESS TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH ACTS 1:8

*But you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses
in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

WHAT IS FAITH PROMISE?

At St. Paul, Faith Promise is the missions endeavor to support, equip, communicate, and send mission and ministry locally, nationally, and internationally. We currently support 20 missionaries/ministries globally. Each of these was hand selected based on its commitment to an evangelical and Wesleyan message; its financial stability and faithfulness; its ability to reach a dispossessed population niche; and its willingness to partner with St. Paul.

Your role, as a part of our congregation, is to learn about these ministries so you can offer your prayers, presence, and gifts to these partners. Each year we hold a Faith Promise gathering event to “welcome home” our partners and to provide you the opportunity to meet them and be encouraged by their stories.

Faith Promise giving is a method of giving which encourages voluntary purposeful giving. It is a method of generous and sacrificial giving. “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 8:5. Faith Promise giving encourages giving in which we trust God to provide our material needs and to give us spiritual blessings. “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8. It is both the privilege and the duty of the Christian to send missionaries by way of generous financial gifts. In ways beyond all human understanding of logic or of math, God takes our gifts, multiplies them, uses them, and repays the giver with blessings. As a spirit of selfless generosity is a mark of a healthy Church, so the practice of collective benevolence is indicative of a vital church. The adage, “Show me your wallet and I’ll show you your heart,” is as applicable to the church as a whole as it is to the individual.

Do you believe missions has anything to do with you today? Do you know what missions is all about at St. Paul? Faith Promise is the missions endeavor at our church. Come find out whom we serve, where we serve, how we serve, and *how you can be a part.*

LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

GOOD NEWS JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY - Harrison County, MS

Joe Collins, Chaplain - www.goodnewsjail.org

Good News witnesses to inmates and their families and aids in the physical and spiritual rehabilitation of men and women.

THE LORD IS MY HELP - Ocean Springs, MS

The mission of *The Lord Is My Help* is that no one go hungry.

228-872-2331

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST YOUTH FOR CHRIST

www.coastyfc.com

Our goal to see every young person in every people group on the MS Gulf Coast have the opportunity to make an informed decision to be a follower of Jesus Christ, and become a part of a local church.

***MOORE COMMUNITY HOUSE** - Biloxi, MS

www.moorecommunityhouse.org

MCH works with the east Biloxi community assisting low-income neighbors with quality child care, family services and local economic development.

SAMARITIAN MINISTRY - Ocean Spring, MS

Assists the homeless and needy of Jackson County.

228-872-4700

****ACTS - ACOMMUNITY of TRANSFORMATION and SERVICE**

(EL PUEBLO) - Biloxi, MS

Rev. Sally Bevill - www.elpueblo-ms.org

This ministry is considered a transformational center of Biblical hospitality.

NATIONAL MISSION PARTNERS

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL MINISTRY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

Duane Baxter - www.cmmsa.org

The mission of Christian Medical Ministry of South Alabama is to help physicians, dentists and medical students in south Alabama integrate their faith in Jesus Christ into every aspect of their lives.

HANDS AND FEET MINISTRIES

Zachary Brining - <http://handsandfeetinc.org>

Hands and Feet Ministries provides mission trips for adults and youth throughout the year to Juarez and the Yucatan Peninsula. This ministry wants everyone to go on a mission trip.

*METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME - Mississippi

<http://www.mchms.org>

For more than a century, MCH has provided care for Mississippi's most vulnerable children and families.

*RED BIRD MISSION

Betsy Jack - <http://www.redbirdconference.org>

The Red Bird Missionary Conference is "A Witness for Christ in the Heart of Appalachia."

*UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION (UMVIM)

Southeastern District - <http://www.umvim.org>

United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM), SEJ exists to promote, encourage and enable Christians to exemplify "*Christian Love In Action*".

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Nita Flanagan - <http://www.wycliffe.org>

Today about 200 million people do not have the Bible in their own language. Wycliffe's vision is to see the Bible accessible to all people in the language they understand best

INTERNATIONAL MISSION PARTNERS

LISA BRADLEY - Balfate, Honduras

Hospital Loma de Luz - International Gospel Outreach

<http://www.crstone.org/bradleys.html>

The Hospital Loma de Luz ministers healing to the people of the north coast of Honduras through medical care and by presenting the Gospel to each patient.

MARK and SHANA TANT- Italy

International Gospel Outreach

www.italiarevival.com

They are currently working with the Italian Church to both encourage and equip them with the necessary means to radically change a nation.

****WILL and ELLA FAIRCLOTH** - Costa Rica

<http://www.fairclothcostarica.com/>

Missionaries serving the Methodist Church of Costa Rica.

****METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME of COSTA RICA**

<http://fairclothcostarica.com/children.aspx>

The Methodist Children's Home is an orphanage project of the Costa Rican Methodist Church. The goal of the Home is to provide a safe, nurturing environment for children who have been removed from their biological families.

TAMMY MURDEN - Central Asia

The Navigators

<http://www.navigators.org/us/>

Tammy Murden serves in Central Asia with college students.

**Indicates UM apportioned giving*

*** indicates UM Agencies not apportioned*

OTHER

Faith Promise supports the following ministries of St. Paul United Methodist Church:

- Language and Literacy (ESL)
- Volunteers in Ministry teams from St. Paul UMC to Costa Rica, Ghana, Uruguay and Red Bird Mission

