

Paul Called by God
Galatians 1:11–24

1. Paul states loudly and clearly that the fact he is now preaching the Gospel is due to a direct revelation from and of Jesus Christ.
2. The Galatian Christians did know that he had strongly and violently persecuted believers in Jesus, that he had even hoped to destroy that early church.
3. He recounts how he himself was advancing in Judaism, more so than most others. However, he was set apart by God's grace even before he was born, to preach the Gospel message to Gentile people.
4. Paul then recounts that for a period of time, three years at least, he remained apart from other followers of Jesus, not even going up to Jerusalem.
5. But after three years he did go up to Jerusalem, met with Cephas (Peter), and also conversed with James, the brother of Jesus.
6. Then he went north into Syria and Cilicia, and despite meeting Peter and James, he was unknown to those in the churches of Judea.
7. He was aware, though, that those believers were hearing that their former persecutor was now "preaching the faith."
8. And these Christians who formerly heard of Paul's hatred for them, now glorified God for Paul's incredible conversion.

Notes:

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Congregation: And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: #210 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."

Leader: Praise the Lord. All the people of God shout, "Praise the Lord!"

People: PRAISE THE LORD, O MY SOUL!

Leader: We will praise the Lord as long as we live.

People: WE WILL SING PRAISES TO OUR GOD ALL OUR LIFE LONG.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord our God.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, YOU KNOW OUR PROBLEMS AND OUR WEAKNESSES BETTER THAN WE OURSELVES. IN YOUR LOVE AND BY YOUR POWER HELP US IN OUR CONFUSION AND, IN SPITE OF OUR WEAKNESS, MAKE US FIRM IN FAITH; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49:5–6; Jeremiah 1:4–8; Matthew 13:53–58; Acts 9:19b–31; 15:1–21

Memory Verses: For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. (Galatians 1:11–12)

Reflection: We are not too dissimilar from Paul.

Choruses: “I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord Forever” and “I’ve Been Redeemed” and “Somebody Prayed for Me” and John & Merrily and the choir

Offertory Theme: Giving is a part of bearing fruit.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give when not present at service:

- 1) Go to the “Giving” page of our website: milleravenuechurch.org/giving and click on the “Donate” button, then follow the link.
- 2) Download the GivePlus+ app on your smartphone, then input Miller Avenue Church and follow the instructions.
- 3) Text a dollar amount (e.g., \$25) to 844-918-0231, then follow the link.
- 4) Mail a check to Miller Avenue Church, 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

The Doxology

Announcements: Birthdays, Reminder about Thursday evening Bible study, Friday night prayer, and food in the silver refrigerator.

Bible Exposition: Romans 11:7–10 (Matthew)

Hymn: #326 Blessed Redeemer

Sermon: Paul Called by God
Galatians 1:11–24 (Kent)

Notes:

Benediction Song:

“We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored,
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they’ll know we
are Christians by our love.”

Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24–26):

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Shalom. Amen.

Visit our church website: www.milleravenuechurch.org:

TV Shows, Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, and more!

Also visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/miller.avenue.church.mill.valley>

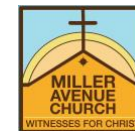
Did you know?

Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

Roku
Apple TV
Fire TV
Google TV
YouTube
Cross.TV

Our Bible Study podcasts and Sunday morning sermons are also on:
Apple podcasts, Amazon music/audible, Gaana, YouTube Music, iHeartRadio, Radio.com
mobile app, and Spotify (look for “Miller Avenue Church”)

Questions? ask katie@milleravenuechurch.org





Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** – Senior Pastor
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- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry

← “Saint Paul” by Barolomeo Montagna, ca. 1482

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	
Morning Worship <i>(in person and via Zoom)</i>	10:30am–12:00pm
Snacks and Gathering	12:20pm–1:20pm
Evening Worship <i>(in person and via Zoom)</i>	suspended
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop <i>(via Zoom)</i>	7:00pm–8:30pm
THURSDAY	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00pm –7:00 pm
FRIDAY	
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English and Spanish	8:00 pm - ?
SATURDAY	
Donated Food Pickup inside the hall	10:00am–1:00pm

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Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
 our Lord. He was conceived by the power
 of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
 Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead. On the third
 day He rose again. He ascended into
 heaven and is seated at the right hand
 of the Father. He will come again
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
 Christian Church, the communion
 of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. **Amen**

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Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread and
 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
 those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever. **Amen**

Visitor Information Card

*✂ Please tear off and fill out
 card. Place in offering basket or
 give to church staff member.*

Today’s Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Prayer Request

Please pray for: _____

Other comments: _____

I would like someone to
 contact me to pray over more
 confidential matters.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to learn more about:

- Christianity
- The Bible
- Baptism
- Receiving Counseling
- Deliverance Ministry
- Other

I am interested in helping with:

- Lunch
- Fix-up and Clean-up
- Donated Food Pick-up
- Worship music
- Worship Audio/Visual
- Television Crewing
- Pastoral Care Team
- Teaching
- Writing and Publishing
- Website Maintenance
- Other _____

I am interested in attending:

- Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery
- Men's Group (TBD)
- Women's Bible Study (TBD)
- Zoom Class on Christian Basics

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- Sep. 24:** Sermon= Gal. 2:1–10 (James)
Expo= Romans 11:11–16 (Richard)
- Oct. 1:** Sermon= Galatians 2:11–21 (Kent)
Expo= Romans 11:17–24 (Doug)
- Oct. 8:** Sermon= Gal. 3:1–9 (Kent)
Expo= Romans 11:25–32 (Katie)

Sunday Evening Service:

Suspended temporarily: In person and Zoomed worship service starts at 6:00 p.m.

We film at CMCM most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

TV Program Viewing Schedule
(View all on cable channel 26 or 99)

Why We Are Christians: Fridays 7:30 PM and Saturdays 1:30
Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM
Spiritual Paths and the Pastor: Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM

For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at cmcm.tv/watchcommunity

Giving:

Monthly Budget	\$3,500
Giving for September	\$7,291



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

An Evangelical and Reformed Congregation*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
(Romans 1:16)*

Welcome !

September 17, 2023

*We claim the original, non-political, Biblical meaning of "Gospel Proclamation"