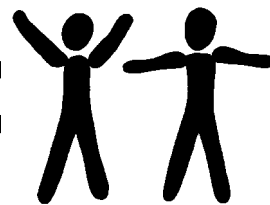


The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!
Saint Paul's UMC



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The Salvage Yard Turns One!

January 18th, 2007 marked the one year anniversary for opening the doors at The Salvage Yard! It was an amazing year and the staff and leadership are looking forward to another exciting year. 2007 will be filled with many ministry opportunities for people in the Joplin area.

As we look into 2007, we celebrate that the Lord has brought an average of 300 people through our doors each week. Leaders have stepped up, and we now have ministry happening in the building every night of the week! On Mondays we offer a recovery meeting for men and women. It follows a 12-step, Christian recovery program. A women's recovery group meets on Tuesday nights, and Alpha has begun on Wednesday nights. Thursday through Saturday we're open from 6:00 p.m.-Midnight, and we begin every week with Mosaic Worship at 6:45p.m. on Sundays.

While we celebrate the last year, we are now looking forward to the future. Saint Paul's has applied for grant funding to purchase the leased building we are in, as well as adding needed renovations and staff. None of this could be possible without those who have supported us to this point. We are making a difference in the lives of many people in downtown Joplin and leading people to an active faith in Jesus Christ. With continued prayers and support, we believe that the mission of Saint Paul's will continue to flow from The Salvage Yard for many years to come.

If you would like to know more on how you can be part of this exiting ministry, or just have questions, please call Ben Bainbridge at 623-YARD or email at ben@thesalvageyard.com. The Salvage Yard is located at 1402 Main Street.



Silent Auction/Big Cedar Lodge Weekend Vacation!

The youth of Saint Paul's are holding a silent auction for a great 3 day weekend at Big Cedar Lodge on Table Rock Lake! The date is scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 16, 17 and 18. The minimum bid is \$450.00 and the actual value of the weekend is \$1350.00!

The bidding will close on Thursday, February 1st at 5:00 p.m. All proceeds from this auction will go to support the youth missions and camps.

Bring Soup To Church For The Needy...

Saint Paul's youth is sponsoring "Souper Sundays". We are asking everyone to donate at least one can of soup from each person in their family. Please bring your soup (and crackers!) to the church by **February 4**, Super Bowl Sunday. All donations will go to Crosslines.

Upcoming Sermons

Current Series: "kNOw Fear; Facing Life's Phobias"

January 28 "The Fear of Loneliness"

February 4 "The Fear of God"

Parents' Night Out!

Make your reservations now for the February 16th, Parents' Night Out! This evening of childcare is sponsored by the Children and Youth Ministries. The cost for childcare for 1 child is \$15.00. If you have more than one child, the cost is only \$12.00 per child. Childcare is for children ages 6 weeks thru 10 years old.

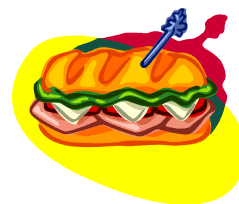


The time is from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and activities will include games, movie, play time, snacks, crafts and lots of fun!!! We encourage all children to bring their pajamas for our end of the evening P.J. Party! (This is a great way to get your child rested and ready for bed!) Sign up sheets are in KidSpace or you may call the church at 623-7090. Make reservations early as space is limited!!

Super Bowl Subs!

The youth of Saint Paul's are selling 6" Super Bowl Sub sandwiches! These subs come with 3 kinds of meat, 2 kinds of cheese & lettuce. Tomato, pickles, onions, mustard and mayo on the side. Please pre-order your sub before Thursday, **February 1**.

The cost is \$5 for this huge sub sandwich and chips. Orders can be picked up before or after worship on Sunday, **February 4**.



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Student Ministries!

Saint Paul's Youth

Grades 6-12

The Crossing meets Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Youth Corner

Sunday, Jan. 28 5-6 p.m. Confirmation Meeting

Go 4th Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

Saturday, Feb. 3 9 a.m.-12 Noon or 12 Noon-3 p.m.

Confirmation Service Project 3 - 5 p.m. Sub making Day!

Sunday, Feb. 4 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday School

4-6 p.m. 24/7 - Super Bowl Party!

Wednesday, Feb 7 6-9 p.m. *The Crossing* True Love

Waits Rally at Memorial Hall, Joplin

Sunday, Feb. 11 Go 4th Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon SWIM/SLUG Meeting 4-6 Ronald

McDonald House 5-6 Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 14 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing* Valentine

Party!

True Love Waits Rally!

All youth in grades 6 - 12 are encouraged to attend the annual True Love Waits Rally! This rally will be held on Wednesday, February 7 at Joplin's Memorial Hall. The rally begins at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 pm) and is over at 8:30 p.m. If you would like a ride to and from the rally, please meet at Saint Paul's by 6 pm. Parental permission is required! There is a \$3 suggested donation at the door. The rally will feature music from: The Springs, J Remy, and SOUNDING THE SILENCE. The guest speaker will be Pastor Blake Porter.

Acquire the Fire!

Join us for this fantastic youth conference to be held at the Mabee Center in Tulsa on March 2 & 3. \$30 deposit is due by Feb. 7 and a \$40 payment due on March 1 (or youth can work the sub fundraiser and Parent's Night Out then they don't have to pay the final payment!).

This event is mainly Senior High youth, but a limited number of spaces will be available for Mid High Youth. For more information, please contact the Youth Office at 623-7090.

Sponsor a Newsletter!

Would you like the opportunity to reach 1,500 families and help your church at the same time? You can do this by sponsoring a newsletter. Every other week we send out about 1,500 newsletters to families in our community and throughout the country. You can publicize your business or an upcoming event, show a loved one your appreciation, or simply praise God for His blessings.

If you would like to sponsor an issue of *The Post Newsletter* as an individual or business, contact Linda at 623-7090.

A few words from Aaron...

Just when I think the last of the ice has fallen off the building, more comes down! If you want to see the video I took of 10 or 15 tons of ice sliding off the Family Life Center go to our website, spwired.com. We're trying to post it there.

I'm proud of how the church responded to meet the needs of people in our community through the storm. I continue to hear stories of how you took people into your homes, helped neighbors clear limbs, got supplies to folks who needed it, got folks unstuck from ice and snow banks.

The damage at the church is being evaluated by our insurance company. Lots of guttering torn off, a few AC units damaged, some drop-ceilings came loose, and we sprung a few leaks. But all in all, thank God, we weathered the storm!

The storm got us off to a rough start this new year, but please don't let that slow down your momentum in your spiritual life. Make the extra effort to get back into your small groups, classes and courses on Wednesday nights, and worship on Sunday. I'm continuing in our current series on fear by talking this week about the fear of loneliness. There are three levels of loneliness I'll be touching on and each has a very practical solution. This is important stuff. Next week I'll be talking about the fear of God and then the biggest fear that most of us have, the fear of death. After that I'll be starting a new series called "Character Tour." We'll be looking at characters in the Bible and characteristics we can develop in ourselves to mature and grow in the faith. There will be a small group tie-in with this new series so get ready if you're in a group, and if you're not yet, let us know on the Friendship Form and we'll get you plugged in!

See you on Sunday, Aaron
(aaron.brown@spwired.com)

Changes Coming for Newsletter!

Starting in March there will be a slight change in how we deliver this newsletter. It will continue to go out every 2 weeks, but every other newsletter will be sent out to you via email, that is unless you prefer a paper copy.

The reason for the change is three-fold. First, we have more and more families and individuals who prefer to receive the newsletter only via email. Second, as the number of newsletters we send out continues to increase so does the cost. Sending out every other newsletter via email will save between \$5,000 and \$6,000 each year. And third, this will allow us to send out information in new ways, new formats, and with a new look.

So make sure we have your current email address by placing it on your Friendship Form, or by calling the church office (623-7090).

Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Wednesday Nite Live	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Dec 31	658	164	53	\$33,106	\$10,836
Jan 7	800	187	397	\$17,922	\$3,636
Jan 14	233	91	Canceled	\$6,262	\$6,450
Jan 21	577	138		\$11,653	\$6,713

Sunday Discipleship includes all children, youth, & adult classes & courses offered on Sundays. WNL includes children, youth & adult ministries from Wednesday Night Live.

2006 Contribution Statements...

The 2006 Contribution Statements are ready for pick up in the church lobby.

New Prayer Ministry Begins

Prayer is such a vital part of any church's life, and some visionary leaders are building a new ministry to help our church respond to prayer requests in a more personal way. This team will follow up on all prayer requests with a personal contact, and continue communication as long as the request remains a concern. These are exciting new aspects to our prayer ministry, but remember that the most important aspect of our prayer ministry is for people to participate by praying at home! So be a part of the team and pray. The prayer concern list is found each week in the Sunday program, and in each edition of the newsletter.

Seven Days to Pray For Nicaragua!

Please join us for seven days of prayer focused on the people of Nicaragua, the ministry that the Rainbow Network is doing there, and also for our adopted village of Las Rosas.

We will start on February 11, when a prayer card will be handed out in the Sunday program. We planned our seven day prayer focus for the same week that seven people from Saint Paul's will be going to Nicaragua to visit our adopted village of Las Rosas in February. They will be able to see what the ministry of the Rainbow Network is accomplishing among the poorest people in our hemisphere, they will share our church's love for them, and will return with blessings and greetings to share with you from the people of Las Rosas!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study will start again on February 1st in Room 51 at Saint Paul's. The time will be from 10:00-11:30 a.m. We will be studying the Book of Revelation. Anyone is welcome to be a part of this Bible study group, so bring your Bible and come join us. If you have questions, call Carolyn Schemahorn at 782-0039.

Prayer Concerns

Cancer Treatment:

Don Zimmerhagl
Tom Gibson
Willmay Crawford
Shirley Evans

In Iraq:

Loyd Holloway
Josh Walker
Jada Ryan Grindstaff

Hospitalized:

Everett Holman
Barry Hamlin

Surgery:

Sharon Koch
Jr. Skelton

Health & Healing:

Linda Koehler
Don & Pansy Henley, Sr.
Jim & Jane Montee
Violet Green
Patty Whitlow

Other Concerns:

David and Beth Stewart
Travis and Stephanie Robinson
Carrol Skelton
Edna & Ervin Dill
Patrick Hamilton & Family
Zachery Oden
Tara Kyger
Kara Hulsey
Jordan Hicks
Tracy & Taylor Hammond
Scott Yount
Barry Roland
Aaron Roland
Joy Hess
Chris Geer
Laura Karch
Zachary
Peggy Smalley
Julie & Megan Hatcher
J. Don Book

New Classes Each Sunday Morning at 9:30 a.m.

Join a newly forming group at a very convenient time!

- **"Faithful Falcons"**. A new Sunday School Class has begun named the "Faithful Falcons". This is a class for God's special falcons that need a more individualized instruction at a slower pace. The class is for middle school age through all adulthood. We are located in Rooms 20 & 22.
- **Pastor Mark's Variety Hour**. Join Pastor Mark for a new topic each week. Bring your Bibles and be ready for anything! No prep, just show up at Room 42 and enjoy.
- **Circle of Friends Class**. Anyone wanting to make friends and have fun while learning more about yourself and those around you. Through biblical truths, we will address how the Holy Spirit can lead you to an abundant life. Led by Bob and Dixie Wynne, this class meets in Room 14.

Test Drive a HOME GROUP for Six Weeks

during the upcoming sermon/home group series

"CHARACTER TOUR"

February 18 - March 25

Build up your character from the inside out by taking a tour of some real characters from the Bible. Step out of your comfort zone! Join a HOME Group! Six weeks might just change your life. Call Pastor Mark for more information at 623-7090.



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Children Memorize Bible Verses During KidMo and CrossTraining...

You can't be with your kids 24/7, but God can. Help them memorize Bible verses, and they will carry God's Word wherever they go.

We all want our children to form good habits, such as brushing their teeth, being polite, and doing their homework. But memorizing Bible verses should become a good habit, too. Teaching your kids this discipline is one of the greatest gifts you could give them.

Habits are powerful. We introduce memory verses during Sunday Morning KidMo and Wednesday night CrossTraining, so ask your kid's throughout the week to recite the verse to you.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

But how can you help your children incorporate scripture memorization into their daily routines?

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Tip #1. Let your kids' know that you are excited about the verses they are memorizing.

Tip #2. Let your children see YOU memorizing Bible verses. Parents are the strongest role models in children's lives. What they see you doing makes a huge impact on them. When your children are working on a memory verse, you can memorize the same one. Let them see you working on it.

Tip #3. Help your children have repeated exposure to the Bible verse they're memorizing. Post the memory verse on your fridge.

Tip #4. Be sure to pray for your children to not only be successful at **memorizing** each verse, but to understand it, apply it in their lives, and grow closer to Jesus because of it.

Sunday School K-5th Graders to Sing at 9:30 a.m. service...

Our kids are back! On January 28th, during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, our Sunday School kids will be singing one of their all time favorites - "Every Move I Make". There's nothing like hearing kids praise Jesus through music. See you there!

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