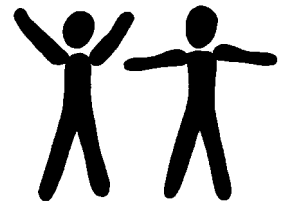


The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!
Saint Paul's UMC



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Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Feb 21

We begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. This is a very multi-sensory worship service that begins our preparations for Easter. During this special worship time we will have an opportunity to step away from things that stand between us and a closer relationship with God; to focus on Him, the meaning of the season of Lent and the glory of Easter. This is always a powerful event that you will not want to miss.

Upcoming Lenten Events

- **Ash Wednesday Service**, Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Musical**, Sunday, April 1, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday Worship Service**, Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunrise Service**, Sunday, April 8, 6:45 a.m.
- **Easter Worship Services**, Sunday, April 8th, 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. at The Salvage Yard

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!!

Love Loaves Mission Offering

Mission Love Loaves will be distributed again on Sunday, February 25th and Sunday, March 4 at all 3 services. These bread loaves will have a slot for loose change or bills. This is a great family project for young and old. We will need them returned by April 1st. The proceeds from this project will go half to World Vision and half to local missions. For more information contact Mark Statler, 623-7090 at the church.

Upcoming Sermons

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

February 11 Series Finale, "The Fear of Death"

February 18 New Series Begins! "Character Tour: Daniel and Discipline"

Mission Trip to Nicaragua

Through our partnership with the Rainbow Network, a ministry to the people of Nicaragua (www.rainbownetwork.org), six people from Saint Paul's and one from Christ's Church of Oronogo are heading to visit our church's covenant village of Las Rosas, Nicaragua from Feb 11-17. Our team's primary purpose is to represent and demonstrate the love of Jesus from our congregation to the people of Las Rosas by developing personal relationships. Some members of the team will do some dentistry, while the rest will work on the community's feeding center along side community leaders. Our team will also spend time doing some projects with the children in the schools, visit with some sponsored high school students, talk with micro-loan recipients about their small businesses, and visit the medical and housing ministries in the area.

Seven Days to Pray For Nicaragua!

Join us in a week-long church-wide prayer focus for the people of Nicaragua while our mission team from Saint Paul's is there! Pick up your seven days to pray for Nicaragua prayer guide at worship on February 11, or go to www.spwired.com and download it!

Hand-Me-Up's to Nicaragua!

10,000 children, infant to 12 years old, attend Rainbow Network lunch centers for a hot meal. These children are poorly nourished because of devastating poverty. This poverty also keeps children barefoot and dressed in rags until clothing is available.

Clothing Needed:

- ▶ Baby and children's new or used clothing and shoes are desperately needed!
- ▶ All donated clothing must be CLEAN!
- ▶ Summer clothing is best, but light jackets, sweatshirts and sweaters are acceptable. Nights are cooler and baby sleepers are very welcome. No winter coats or gloves, please!
- ▶ "Gently used!" Nothing with missing buttons, torn or badly worn, please!
- ▶ Remember to include socks, underwear, shoes, baby blankets, diapers, etc.

Gently used infant and children's clothing should be delivered to: **The Cargo Box in the Saint Paul's lobby by Wednesday, February 21, 2007!**

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

12:00 Noon SWIM/SLUG meeting

4:00-6:00 Ronald McDonald House

5:00-6:00 pm Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 14 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Crossing
Valentine Party!

Friday, Feb. 16 6:00-10:00 p.m. Parent's Night Out

Sunday, Feb. 18 9:30 am Go 4th Sunday School

4:00-6:00 p.m. 24-7 groups

Wednesday, Feb. 21 NO Crossing Join us at the
Ash Wednesday Service

Summer Missions and Camps ...

Join us this summer on one of our youth sponsored camps and mission trips. To reserve your space, please send in your deposit soon. Deposit for missions is \$25.00 Deposit for camp is \$100.00. The camps and missions trip balances can be raised through the various youth fundraisers.

- **Sr. Hi Mission Trip** - Moss Point, Mississippi, June 9-16. Total cost: \$300. For all youth going into grades 9 through Graduating Seniors!
- **Mid High Camp Galilee** - June 4-9. Total Cost \$285. We will spend a week at The United Methodist Camp - Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs, MO. This camp is open to any youth going into grades 7 - 9.
- **Camp Galilee Jr. Counselor** - June 3-9 NO COST! Join us as we serve as Jr. Counselors at Camp Galilee! Any youth who is 15 and older can help serve as a Jr. Counselor at the 5th and 6th grade camp!
- **Senior High - CIY Camp** - June 22-26 Total Cost: \$250 All youth going into grades 9 - graduating seniors are encouraged to join us this summer for a week in Bolivar, MO with Christ In Youth!!
- **Mid High Mission Trip** - Mt. View, Missouri July 30-Aug 3 Total Cost: \$225. For all youth going into grades 7 - 8! Join us this summer as we go to help people in our own state.



Thank You!

Thanks to everyone at Saint Paul's who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring! We collected 456 cans of soup and boxes of crackers!

All donations were given to Crosslines.

A few words from Aaron...

This Sunday I'll have the final installment of the current message series on fear. I'll be talking about one of our top fears, the fear of death. I'll be touching on what happens right after we die and why we do not have to be afraid if we've chosen to follow Christ.

Then the following Sunday I'll be starting a new series on character called "Character Tour." I'm very excited about it because we'll be looking at a few characters in the Bible and see what characteristics they personified that we can learn from. We'll start with Daniel from the Old Testament and look at how he and his friends lived faithfully in a foreign country surrounded by temptations. What he faced is a lot like what we face in our daily lives as we try to be faithful to following Jesus while we are surrounded by temptations. This will be an awesome way to start a character building journey.

Also, make sure you plan on being at the Ash Wednesday worship service on February 21, at 7:00p.m. This is always a powerful, visual, service that will get you thinking.

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

This Newsletter is a gift given by...

Stephanie Osborne

"Thank you church family,
for all your love and support."

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

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
Jan 14.....	233	91	.....Canceled.....	\$ 6,262	.....\$6,450
Jan 21.....	577	138	.....390....	\$11,653	.....\$6,713
Jan 28.....	848	226	.....174....	\$21,626	.....\$37,929
Feb 4.....	739	199	.....	\$19,919	.....\$3,318

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

Join Saint Paul's Experience Course

Sunday, February 11 & 18!

Learn more about the vision and values that make Saint Paul's a great church and what it means to be a member! Show up and join us in Room 42 on Sunday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!



**Roses are red
Violets are blue.
Give your sweetheart
A gift card from you!**

Gift cards are available at the church to many fine stores and restaurants! Call 623-7090, ext. 20 for more information!

Mom-To-Mom

Mom-To-Mom small group is starting a new study in a new room. All mothers are invited to join other mothers in Room 12 every 2nd and 4th Monday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We are starting "Having a Mary Heart In a Martha World". This small group is a great opportunity for moms to meet other moms and build friendships based on a common faith and motherhood. Childcare is provided.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Pace at 206-3240.

WOMAN TO WOMAN

The Ruby Circle - R(each) U(p) B(eyond) Y(ourself) The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21st, 11:30 a.m. at Saint Paul's.

The program is, "THE SUBJECT IS LOVE" will be presented by our guest speaker, Carolyn Schemahorn. All women of the church are invited to attend and, as always, bring your lunch if you desire. If you would like more information, call Loretta Crim at 623-5415.

Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq: Jason Lewis	Heather Barry Roland
Cancer Treatment: Tom Gibson Don Zimmerhagl William Crawford	Aaron Roland Zachery Oden Chris Geer Shelly Tanner
Surgery: Michele Uttley	Brad Ward Jase York
Health & Healing: Barry Hamlin Linda Koehler	Erica & Brad York Jennifer Perry Kathryn Stewart & children
Grieving: Jane Montee, Kim Erwin & Bruce Montee on the loss of husband & father	Amy, Emily & Tucker Edmonson Alan Robertson Susan & Herman Flinn Rachel & Brandon Knight
Other Concerns: Travis & Stephanie Robinson	Brother & Sister of Thomas Schultz

A Growing Marriage Conference...

With Dr. Gary Chapman, Author of The Five Love Languages

On Saturday, February 17, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Forest Park Baptist Church, 725 S. Highview, Joplin, MO, will host A Growing Marriage Conference with Dr. Gary Chapman. Dr. Chapman, author of *The Five Love Languages*, is a profound communicator of the truth of God's Word and its application for healthy marriages. His insights into renewing love and improving communication have helped millions of people over the last decade. Information on the conference, as well as registration forms, are available at the Information Center. The cost is \$35 per person. To register you can also purchase tickets at the Forest Park Baptist Church office by calling (417) 623-4606.

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.

Nursery Volunteer Openings!

We currently have openings for nursery volunteers for our Sunday Morning Worship Services. Nursery care is available at all three worship hours - 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 AM.

By serving as a nursery worker, you can make a difference in the life of a young child. Are you a mother, grandmother, father, grandfather or anyone who would like to serve the Lord by watching children for one hour once a quarter? That's right, one hour every three months!

Contact Todd Taylor @ 623-7090 if you can help serve in this very important ministry!!



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Mark Your Calendar!!! CAMP GALILEE!

Camp Galilee is a Christian camp situated on 240 acres located outside of El Dorado Springs, MO. Galilee's facilities consist of over 40 buildings located throughout the camp. The camp has a dining hall, cabins, shower houses, swimming pool, worship centers and a retreat center. Camp Galilee provides activities such as fishing, boating, basketball, volleyball, hiking, and an open ball field for many other games and activities. Kids will have a great experience!

June 4-9: Older elementary kids entering 5th & 6th grade.

July 5-7: Mid elementary kids entering 3rd and 4th grade.

Sign up now as limited spots are available! A \$100.00 registration fee holds your spot. For more information, contact Todd Taylor @623-7090.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FEBRUARY 19

Howdy Friends!!!

It's time to start thinking about...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



Come to Avalanche Ranch and join us for a wild ride through God's world here at Saint Paul's. **July 23-27 from 9:00 - 12:00 Noon every day!**



Get ready for an exciting celebration of God's love filled with stampeding cattle, yapping cattle dogs, soaring eagles, and a whole herd of friends.

You'll enjoy Bible Crafts and exciting games, experience thrilling Bible stories, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music.

If you are interested in signing up to help out as a crew leader please sign up in Sunday's friendship form in the worship brochure or call Todd Taylor 623-7090.