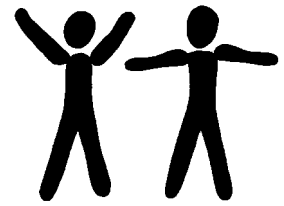


# The Post

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Saint Paul's UMC



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## “Believe” Worship Musical Set for April 1st!

On Palm Sunday, April 1st, at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services the choir will be presenting the worship musical called “Believe.” This musical includes a dramatic display of live music and video. You will hear the thoughts of Pilate, Caiphaz, Thomas, John and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Hear their stories and see how their lives were affected by Jesus. This will give us yet another opportunity to experience the powerfully personal story of Christ’s death and resurrection.

You won't want to miss this special Sunday!



## Jump Start Courses Coming April 11 & 18...

Jump into a short-term course that will help you get your faith moving! These two-week courses start on April 11, running from 6-8 p.m. Dinner is included and there are children and youth programs going on at the same time. Please pre-register for one of the courses below through the Friendship Form in the Sunday worship program, or call the church office at 623-7090.

**Spiritual Gifts Course** will help you identify and utilize your spiritual gifts. Limit 25 people, and led by Dan Distler.

**Saint Paul's Experience –evening edition** is a great first step in learning about the mission and values of Saint Paul's. This course is an essential step for anyone who is interested in joining our church. Led by pastor Mark Statler (*This course is also offered every month on Sunday mornings April 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am.*)

**Introducing the Old Testament and Introducing the New Testament— Week One:** Preliminary Matters - Choosing a Bible translation; The Hebrew Bible Structure and Outline; How the Old Testament Came to Be; A Walk Through the Old Testament; A Guide to Reading the Bible. **Week Two:** The Writing of the New Testament - Chronologically; The Order of the New Testament Books; The New Testament Apocrypha. Led by pastor Aaron Brown.

## Love Loaf Collection

Your love loaf is a love offering of food to hungry people around the world, so be sure to fill it up with your change and bills and together we can take a big bite out of world hunger. Please **return** your love loaf to the Mission cargo box in the church lobby on **April 1st or April 8th**. The Mission Team thanks you for your compassion and your generosity.

## Easter Week Events!

- Sunday, April 1, Easter Musical, “Believe” is at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Preaching services at 8:15 a.m. at the main campus and 6:00 p.m. at The Salvage Yard.
- Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service. This will be a time of final preparation for Easter as we celebrate The Last Supper and feel the power of Jesus’ crucifixion.
- Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 8, 6:45 a.m. Pastor Aaron Brown will preach this youth-led service. Join us for breakfast, immediately following the service in the Family Life Center until 8:15 a.m. Donations go to support youth missions and camps.
- Easter Worship Services, Sunday, April 8th, 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at The Salvage Yard.

## Mosaic Changes Time

and Ben Shaves His Head...Maybe!

There is just one more week to go before the Mosaic worship service changes its start time to 6pm. On Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the worship service at the Salvage Yard will begin at 6:00 p.m. to make it easier on families with children. The coffee bar will still open at 5:00 p.m., and will reopen after the service.

April 1<sup>st</sup> is also the deadline day for the “Shave Ben’s Head Challenge”. The congregation is over half way to their goal of twelve people committed to leading children’s worship. They are getting close, but not quite there. If you would like more information about Mosaic and children’s worship please contact Ben Bainbridge at 623-YARD, or at [ben@thesalvageyard.com](mailto:ben@thesalvageyard.com).

## Upcoming Sermons

Current Series “Character Tour”

March 25 Series Finale! “Ultimate Character!”

April 1 Easter Musical, “Believe” at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Preaching services 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

“The primary purpose of Saint Paul’s United Methodist Church is to lead people to an active faith in Jesus Christ.”

# 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

**Sat-Sun, March 24 & 25** Sat. 1p.m. - Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
Confirmation Retreat

**Sunday, March 25** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday  
School 4-6 p.m. 24/7

**Wednesday, March 28** 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

**Sunday, April 1** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday School  
goes to Worship 4-6 p.m. 24/7

**Wednesday, April 4** 6-8 p.m. Smoovie Night  
(smoothies and a movie - *Facing the Giants*)

**Friday, April 6** Youth Service Project

**Saturday, April 7** Easter Rehearsal 11 a.m.

**Sunday, April 8** Easter Sunrise Service 6:45 a.m.  
Breakfast following service

## Your Prayers are Needed for the Confirmation Class

Each year, we make a prayer book for our class of Confirmants and we ask the congregation to send in their prayers and well wishes. Please take some time to send a prayer, a thought, a favorite Bible verse or story and send it to [nancy.hampton@spwired.com](mailto:nancy.hampton@spwired.com). Prayers are needed by April 1.

## Parent's Rally March 26

The Area Wide Youth Ministers Fellowship is sponsoring a Parent's Rally: "It Takes A Village..." The event will be Monday, March 26th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at The Bridge, Joplin. The purpose of this event is:

- To help parents recognize warning signs of "dangerous behavior" (drugs, alcohol, depression, suicide, etc..)
- To help parents stay informed about the internet, music and the things that affect their kids.
- To encourage parents in healthy relationships with the children.

The event is free of charge and open to the general public. Giveaways: books on parenting, gift certificates, lots of free materials and a grand prize drawing for a Carnival cruise vacation and other special packages!!! For more information, contact Nancy Hampton at 623-7090.

## Attention Graduates!

Sunday, May 5th, we will recognize all the graduating seniors from Saint Paul's! If you are graduating from high school or college, please call Nancy at 623-7090 or send an email to [nancy.hampton@spwired.com](mailto:nancy.hampton@spwired.com) so we can get you on our list of graduates!



## A few words from Aaron...

Just a reminder as we approach Easter, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, to do those things that will help you prepare. Many in the church have "given something up" for Lent. Many have taken on new challenges and practices. Some are taking more time to talk to, and listen to God. As Easter approaches, let's continue to try to make this a meaningful time to do some spiritual house-cleaning and get our hearts and minds ready to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We've got some awesome events planned to help this happen (see the front page) so plan to take part in as many as possible.

This Sunday, I wrap up the current series called *Character Tour* by looking at ultimate character and how we see that lived out in Jesus himself. This message will bring together all the other character qualities we've talked about so far. You won't want to miss it!

See you on Sunday, Aaron ([stpauls@joplin.com](mailto:stpauls@joplin.com))

## Maximum Impact Leadership Conference at Saint Paul's May 11

This will be a live satellite simulcast with top business leaders, speakers and authors who are also people of deep faith. Speakers include **John C. Maxwell**, best-selling author of "*The Difference Maker*" and acclaimed leadership speaker; **Terry Bradshaw**, Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback and today's preeminent NFL studio personality; **Herman Boone**, famous high school football coach chronicled in the movie "*Remember the Titans*"; **Tim Sanders**, author and former Chief Solutions Officer at Yahoo!; **Malcolm Gladwell**, best selling author of "*The Tipping Point*" and "*Blink*"; **Jackie Freiberg**, female leader and author of "*Guts!*"; **Bill Strickland**, one of the world's great social innovators; and **Ken Blanchard**, leadership guru and author of "*Self Leadership*" and the "*One Minute Manager*". Saint Paul's will be one of 600 satellite sites around the world! Tickets are only \$35 for this day-long session and will soon be available at the Information Center. We'll also need volunteers to help with hospitality so watch for details and get the word out! Go to [www.Maximumimpact.com/mis](http://www.Maximumimpact.com/mis) for more info.

## Sponsor a Newsletter!

Would you like the opportunity to reach 1,300 families and help your church at the same time? You could do this by sponsoring a newsletter. Every other week, we send out approximately 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.

## Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Wednesday Nite Live	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Feb 25	837	200	224	\$21,665	\$1,894
Mar 4	743	194	290	\$18,426	\$7,040
Mar 11	691	145		\$12,966	\$4,594
Mar 18	644	156		\$12,070	\$ 6,271

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

## White Elephants Wanted!

Spring is coming! It's time to clean out rooms, closets, cabinets and drawers for the **May 19th "White Elephant & Plant Sale" at Saint Paul's!** The sale is sponsored by The Lamplighters women's group. Storage for your useable, unwanted items is available in Pauline Lewis's garage. Be sure to call her first at 623-1393, before you deliver items. **No clothing please!**



For more information, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.

## Educational Scholarships Available...

Application forms for the Methodist Women's Educational Scholarships may be picked up in the church office. Members of Saint Paul's of all ages who are pursuing any form of education beyond high school are eligible to participate. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007.**

If you have questions or would like additional information, please call Loretta Crim at 623-5415.

## Spring Clean-up Day!

If you want to help the church and like to work outside, you can help on Saturday **March 24 at 8:00 a.m.** We will have a spring clean-up day for the outside of the church. We will be raking, trimming, planting, cleaning and more. So, B.Y.O.T. (Bring Your Own Tools), and help us get the church grounds in shape after a hard winter. In case of bad weather we will move the date to the 31<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you there!

## Recovery Support Group

Do you suffer from alcohol or drug addiction and feel like nobody understands you? Well we understand and want to help you. The Recovery Support Group at Saint Paul's is a small group style, Christ centered program and you are invited to join us.

Recovery is a wonderful thing, so let's celebrate together! We meet each Thursday at 6:00 PM in Room 12 at the church.

If you would like more information call Robby Boyd at 438-2354 or Teddy Steen at 624-3745.

## Prayer Concerns

<b>Serving in Iraq:</b>	Megan Greninger
Jada Ryan Grindstaff	Scott Yount
Josh Walker	Tom Curtis
Jason Lewis and the Big Red One	Wendy Iostas
<b>Cancer Treatment:</b>	Chris Geer
Tom Gibson	Hannah Cranor, Luke Cranor & Britany Rustad
Don Zimmerhaki	Rustad
<b>Health &amp; Healing:</b>	Gavin Hall
Linda Koehler	Shelly Tanner
Jack Scott	Seth Reineke
Peggy Rodriguez	Edna & Ervin Dill
<b>Other Concerns:</b>	Patrick Hamilton & Family
Betty Cole	Marge Lewis
Linda Overturf & family	

## Crosslines Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers need to work only once a month on the 3rd Monday of the month. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you would like more information, call Pauline Lewis at 623-1393.

## Easter Lilies!

We would like to decorate the Worship Center with lots of Easter Lilies this Easter! The lilies are \$9.00 a piece. You can fill out the order form which will be in your Sunday program or you may call the church (623-7090) to place your order.



## Healthbeat

It's best to do abdominal exercises some time other than the morning. Your spinal disks fill with fluid during the night while you're asleep, making them more prone to injury in the morning--and all ab exercises involve bending the spine.

Keep yourself dedicated to maintaining a healthy weight by weighing yourself at 9:00 a.m., the time of day when most people's weight is lowest. By then, your kidneys have flushed out the excess water weight that accumulated overnight when the kidneys slowed down dramatically so you could sleep soundly.

To keep yourself motivated to stick with your exercise regimen, keep trying to set a personal record for consecutive workouts without a miss. Every time your streak ends, work at extending it at your next attempt.

On the day you start a new diet, don't begin the new eating plan at breakfast. Instead, begin at lunch. This will give you some time to get mentally prepared and you'll eliminate the stress of trying something new during the hectic morning hours.



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### **Children Walk with Jesus**

Stations are places where people wait while they are going from one place to another. A school-bus stop is like a station. People wait at train stations or bus stations or airports. Think of some stations where you have been.

Stations are also places where people take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on a cross. They are "Stations of the Cross." They show us how much Jesus loved us.

On Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> (Easter) at 9:30 and 11:00 am K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade children will experience the Stations of the Cross. Kids will walk the walk that Jesus walked. Kids will experience his love and discover the true meaning of Easter through 14 different stations.

On Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> (Easter) at 9:30 and 11:00 am preschool age children will enjoy the fun of an Easter egg hunt on the playground.

### **CrossTraining Ending Soon...**

Our last session for CrossTraining will be March 28th, 2007. Kids have enjoyed great adventures while discovering God's big picture.

### **Wednesday Night Childcare...**

We will offer Wednesday night programs (Kids Helping Kids) and childcare from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for the families attending classes through April.

### **Awesome Adventure Preschool & Kids' Day Out Taking Enrollments for Summer and Fall Sessions!**

Awesome Adventure Preschool and Kids Day Out are now taking summer and fall enrollment. Our summer program will be starting on June 4 and ending on July 20. Classes are available for children ages 12 months to 5 years.

Visit us at KidSpace for more information on registration and tuition fees, or call us at 623-7090, ext. 20.

### **Avalanche Ranch VBS...**

#### **Howdy, Friends!**

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 till 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, exciting games, experience thrilling Bible stories, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music. If you are interested in helping out as a crew leader please sign up on the Friendship Form in Sunday's worship brochure or call Todd Taylor at 623-7090.

#### **Children Perform...**

Children K-5th grade will sing during 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 25th and April 8th!