

The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!
Saint Paul's UMC



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Youth Confirmation Service 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2007

Your presence is requested at the Saint Paul's United Methodist Church Confirmation Service, 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 29, 2007. Confirmation is a time where our young people have the chance to truly go deep in their faith journey. It's a time to ask questions, to learn, to work with a mentor and explore the Christian faith giving them the opportunity to embrace that faith for themselves. There are 17 youth who are going through the Confirmation process and we are going to recognize them at this special service! A reception will follow in the Family Life Center. Please make plans to attend this very special service for our newest members!

Maximum Impact Leadership Conference 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 **Mark Sanborn** bestselling author of *The Fred Factor*. Saint Paul's will be one of 600 satellite sites around the world! Tickets are only \$35 for this day-long session and are 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 for more info.

Camino Weekends coming in June!

Are you in need of a spiritual renewal? Are you looking for something more in your walk with God that goes beyond the Sunday worship experience? If you can answer yes to these questions, then the Camino weekend may be just what you are looking for.

Camino is an ecumenical weekend that takes you on a journey in the Christian life. The next weekends will be June 21st thru 24th for men, and June 28th thru July 1st for women.

If you would like more information about the weekends or how to attend please contact Ben Bainbridge at 417-529-2065, or email him at ben@thesalvageyard.com.

Confirmation Class of '07!

Congratulations to these Youth! Chasidy Bainbridge, Chelsea Damer, Alyssa Farney, Brandon Holman, Clayton Jenkins, Wyatt Kennedy, Abbe Kilgore, Madison Lieurance, Yeimi Lindsay, Derek Linnes, J J Olson, Brooke Osborne, Shalea Purdy, Beau Scroggins, Torre Sharp, Martyn Soriano Lexi Willcoson.

Thanks to these Mentors! You are awesome! Kim Soriano, Heather Surbrugg, Joyce Hair, Richard Bashor, Kenny Neal, Steve Linnes, Dixie Garvin, Tami Menke, Brenda Yokley, Jason Istas, Todd Lynch, Laurie Olson, Nancy Henley, Todd Taylor, Kelli Owen, Kenneth Surbrugg, Christina Gibson.

NOOMA @The Salvage Yard

The Salvage Yard is bringing another option for spiritual growth on Wednesdays in May. The NOOMA course study is an excellent way to learn more about the God that made you, and can be a new way to grow deeper in your walk with God. This video based study will begin Wednesday May 2nd at 6pm, and will continue for the five Wednesdays in May. Snacks will be provided and children's activities are available as well. The course is open to all.

If you would like more information on the NOOMA study you can contact Ben Bainbridge at 417-623-YARD(9273), or email him at ben@thesalvageyard.com. The Salvage Yard is located at 1402 South Main street, Joplin Missouri. You can also visit the NOOMA website at nooma.com.

Upcoming Sermons

Current Series "Making Life Work"

April 29 "Manage Anger"

May 6 "Choose Friends Wisely"

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

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Aaron Brown, Senior Pastor • Sunday Worship—8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. at the Salvage Yard • Sunday School—9:30 a.m.

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

Saturday, April 28 11 am - 12 Noon Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, April 29 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th Sunday School
4 pm Confirmation Service

Wednesday, May 2 6-8 pm *The Crossing* "Drug Awareness

Sunday, May 6 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th Sunday School
4-6 pm Ronald McDonald House

Wednesday, May 6-8 pm *The Crossing*

Youth Rummage Sale!

We need your good used stuff! If you would like to donate your used items to the annual youth rummage sale, we are taking items until May 23. This sale will be held at Saint Paul's on Saturday, May 26 from 7 am - 1 pm. Start your spring cleaning now; bring your donations to the church and we will store them here until the sale! We accept clothes, furniture, electronics, kids and baby items, books and more. For more information, contact the youth office at 623-7090.

Mexican Fiesta!

Everyone is invited to join us at 12:00 Noon in the Family Life Center for a Mexican Fiesta Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, May 6! We will have a tostado, taco and the fixin's, a drink and dessert. All for only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids 11 and under! Make your reservations on the Friendship Form in the Sunday brochure or at the display in the church lobby.



Graduation Sunday!

On Sunday, May 6, we will recognize all high school and college graduating seniors. We will honor the graduates at the 9:30 am worship service and with a reception following that service.

If you are a graduating Senior (or the parent of one) please contact the youth office at 623-7090 or send an email to youth@saintpauls-umc.com to let us know of your upcoming graduation.

Scholarships Awarded...

Congratulations to the recipients of Saint Paul's Methodist Women scholarships. They are: Jacklyn Rene Burress, Molly Collins, and Jacob Podleski.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF THEM AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN HIS NAME.

A few words from Aaron...

Just this week I was driving down 32nd street, traffic was heavy and with all the construction it was not moving as fast as usual. I was not in a big hurry to get where I was going, but someone else was. A woman in a pick-up was weaving in and out of traffic trying to move through with little success. I don't think I was the only one who got yelled at and got the finger. I **hope** I was the only one who noticed the big cross on her back window that said "Saved" under it. I'm sure she was borrowing her friend's truck, right!? Whether it's road-rage or school shootings, anger lies just under the surface of so many of our lives, even if we're following Christ. That leads to several questions: How do we deal positively with our anger when it starts to build? And how do we deal with the anger of others aimed at us specifically or generally? This week in worship, as I continue the message series on making life work, we'll look at ways deal with anger (our own and that of others) that are healthy and God-honoring.

On another note, Easter was an amazing day at Saint Paul's. We had record worship attendance and over 100 volunteers helping in so many different ways. Easter is a great day to welcome guests and invite them to get closer to Christ, find their purpose, and connect in the church. I believe we see that happening all the time.

And don't forget that starting in a couple weeks every other newsletter will be our e-newsletter, emailed out to everyone. Let the office know if you'd prefer a paper copy. Give us some feedback!

See you on Sunday!

Aaron (stpauls@joplin.com)

New Group for Singles 35 and older!

All singles 35+ are welcome at a movie night in the Family Life Center at Saint Paul's on Sunday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. We'll be watching "Facing the Giants" and all goodies will be provided.

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
Mar 25	774	207	227	\$16,731	\$ 881
April 1	914	117	99	\$21,564	\$1,591
April 8	1,668	169	78	\$20,447	\$3,605
April 15	688	166	73	\$12,368	\$1,195
April 22	714	153		\$16,739	\$1,694

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

Church Repair Update!

Our insurer is finally releasing funds and repairs are starting to be made on the church from the ice damage in January. The repairs to the guttering and the roof will be done first with the other repairs indoors to follow. Hopefully everything will be as good a new shortly!

\$13,000 More Raised for Nicaragua!

Thank you Saint Paul's! In response to the stories of our 1st Mission Trip to Nicaragua, you have given our \$13,000 in gifts and pledges. Essential work of changing lives and transforming communities in rural Nicaragua will continue because of your generous response!

NEW PRAYER MINISTRY

Because we believe in the power of prayer and we want to be sure that every prayer request is supported by prayer, a newly created team is working to follow up with all the prayer requests that Saint Paul's receives through the worship celebrations. This team sends a card to the individuals who submit prayer concerns. Enclosed with the card is a response card. The response card is an invitation to up-date the prayer team with any new developments about your prayer concerns. Anyone who wants to utilize the response card can mail it back to the church with the enclosed envelope, place it in the offering baskets during worship, or drop it by the church office. The focus of this new ministry is about better communication regarding prayer concerns, and as exciting as it is, it's important to remember that prayer ministry is all about praying. Everyone can be a part of the prayer ministry of Saint Paul's simply by taking a few minutes everyday to pray for the people on our published prayer lists.

National Day of Prayer...

Thursday, May 3rd, is National Day of Prayer. Please set aside five minutes on this day to pray for five segments of our nation that carry the greatest influence: the government; media; education system; church and family. Pray that the Lord's presence and authority would be brought to bear



Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq:

Josh Walker Jason
Lewis & The Big Red One
in Baghdad

Cancer Treatment:

Tom Gibson

Health & Healing:

Jane Montee
Vi Green
Velma Simpson
Renee Radenbaugh

Surgery:

Misty Gaither

Sympathy to:

The family of Charles Brown
The family of William "Bill" Owen
The family of Garnett N. Miller Brockman

Other Concerns:

Beth, Destiny, Wade,
Chantell Selsor
Edna & Ervin Dill
Patrick Hamilton & Family
Hannah and Luke Cranor
Brittany Rustad
Wanda Hull
Judy Rawlings
Roseana Michael
Peggy Rodriguez
Alexander Soriano
Gavin James
Tasha Lindsey
Virginia Tech & all families affected
J. Don Book
Marge Lewis
The Cook Family
Brandie
Mike Smalley

White Elephants & Plants 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 Lamp-lighters 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!** Plants may be brought in on setup day (May 18th.) For your convenience, we also have a place on the first floor of the youth wing of the church to store items you wish to contribute to the sale. We ask that you mark all containers or items with "W.E." and leave them in the designated area. On the day of the sale, Saturday, May 19th, you can enjoy your shopping with a yummy cinnamon roll and coffee/iced tea for 50¢. What a bargain!! For more information, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.

Kindermusik Now Enrolling Summer Kindermusik Sign and Sing And Fall Kindermusik Classes!!!

We are pleased to be providing a unique summer *Kindermusik* class called *Sign and Sing*. This 5 week class combines songs and playful interaction to help children learn American Sign Language. The classes begin the week of June 18th and are designed for children and babies 6 months through 3 years of age.



We are also accepting enrollment forms for our *Kindermusik* classes that begin in August. Our fall semester of classes are designed for children ages newborn through 7 years. Please stop by the *Kindermusik* display in the church lobby to pick up brochures and enrollment forms for all our fun and exciting *Kindermusik* programs. You may also contact Janet Brown at 623-7090 (ext. 31) for more information.



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FBI Day Camp!!



FBI -Son Force Kids: Special Agents 007 will be held June 4 thru July 20, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the church, beginning 9:00 am- 3:30 pm. FBI (Fully Believe in Jesus) is a powerful and unique opportunity for sharing Jesus Christ and positively impacting the kids.



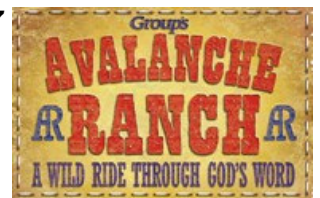
The FBI Son Force Kids special agents will be following the words of Joshua 1:9: Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. FBI Son Force Special Agents gather each day to prepare for their daily missions: trust, unite, train, follow, and lead. While at FBI the special agents will have the opportunity to grow in their understanding of what it means to serve.



Sign up on the Friendship Form in Sunday's worship brochure or for more information call 623-7090.

Join us July 23-27, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

This year Saint Paul's will be a stampede of excitement as we get ready to visit Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride through God's Word.



At Avalanche Ranch kids will jump into Bible learning as they visit various Ranch Stations each day. These will include:

- Sing and Play Stampede
- Horseplay Games
- Chadder's Wild West Theater
- Chuckwagon Chow
- Cowpoke Crafts and Missions
- Wild Bible Adventures



In addition, children will have an opportunity to help out children around the world through Operation Kid-to-Kid.

You won't want to miss a minute of the fun, so sign up today, invite some friends and get ready for an awesome Bible-learning adventure.

Registration forms are available in the church lobby and at KidSpace. For more information call 623-7090.

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