

The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!
Saint Paul's UMC



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE STARTS AUGUST 29!!

There's something for everyone at WNL! The kids can go to *CrossTraining*, an excellent ministry to help them grow in their faith! For the youth, there is *The Crossing*, our largest weekly gathering of youth. Adults can choose from a variety of courses including *The Alpha Course*, *Crown Financial*, *Joy of Living Bible Study*, *Healing Hearts Seminar*, plus a marriage enrichment course (good sense of humor required) and a women's study written by Beth Moore. More information about each course will be in our next edition of the newsletter and course sign ups will be in the Worship Program.

Kindermusik Now Enrolling for Fall Semester **Free Demonstration Classes Available**

Children love to sing and dance! Here at Saint Paul's we encourage that natural love of music by offering Kindermusik classes. Kindermusik is a unique music and movement program that uses singing, playing instruments, and dancing to help children grow in their cognitive, language, social, emotional, and musical skills. The classes are divided into four different age groups: Newborns-18 months, 18 months-3½ years, 3½ - 5 years, and 5-7 years. All classes for the fall semester begin the week of August 20th.

If you are interested in participating in a free Demonstration class before enrolling, please stop by the Kindermusik display in the church lobby for more information or check the appropriate box in the church bulletin. The Demonstration classes will be held August 6th and 7th. At the Kindermusik display in the church lobby, you will also find brochures with more detailed information regarding all the classes for the next semester. You may contact Janet Brown at 623-7090 (ext. 31) for other information.



Demonstration Class Schedule

Newborns-18 months-5:30-6:00 p.m. (Monday, Aug 6)

18 months-3½ years-6:30-7:00 p.m. (Monday, Aug 6)

3½ -5 years-5:30-6:00 p.m. (Tuesday, Aug 7)

5-7 years-6:30-7:00 p.m. (Tuesday, Aug 7)

Vacation Bible School A Huge Success! **Avalanche Ranch - Where Kids Are Wild About God!**

Almost 350 kids attended the Avalanche Ranch Vacation Bible School this week! Kids started each morning in small groups called **Ranch Crews**. All the **Ranch Crews** gathered at *Sing & Play Stampede* to sing and dance to some upbeat songs. The songs introduced kids to the biblical concepts they learned each day. *The Showtime Roundup*, included more music and silly songs with Pastor Aaron Brown!



Preschoolers also joined in the fun activities each day. They enjoyed fun Bible learning activities in their own *Prairie Dog Club*.



A big thanks to the 100 volunteers that gave their time and talents to show God's love to each child that attended. God was definitely working in the lives of our children this week as they learned about him and how to share his love.

Upcoming Messages

Current Series: **"Pronoun"**

July 29 "You"

Aug 5 "Us"

Aug 12 "It"

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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

Wednesday, August 1 No Crossing

Friday, August 3 11:00 am Mid High return from Mission Trip 7:30 pm Happening begins

Sunday, August 5 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th goes to "big church"

Wednesday, August 8 No Crossing

Friday, August 10 10 am - 4 pm Watered Gardens/the creek

Sunday, August 12 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th Sunday School 12:00 Noon SWIM/SLUG meeting 4-6 pm

Ronald McDonald House

Wednesday, August 15 6:30-7:30 pm Youth Leaders Meeting

Saturday, August 18 5-7 pm New 6th graders party

Sunday, August 19 9:30 am Promotion Sunday at Go 4th

Wednesday, August 22 6-8 pm The Crossing Family Picnic

Saturday, August 25 12:00 pm - 12:00 am Celebration City trip

Sunday, August 26 9:30-10:30 am Go 4th Sunday School

Wednesday, August 29 6-8 pm The Crossing Opening Night!

Welcome new 6th graders!!

All 6th graders are invited to join us on August 19 for Promotion Sunday!

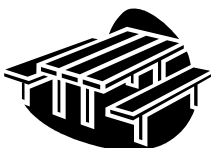
****6th grade only party.** Saturday, August 18 from 5 pm - 7 pm in The Zone at Saint Paul's. Bring a friend!

Go 4th Sunday School

Join us in The Zone for time of worship and learning every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 am. On Promotion Sunday, August 19, everyone moves up to their next grade level class. Plus, all new 6th graders will join us on this date. On the first Sunday of each month, Go 4th classes go to worship in "big church".

The Crossing Family Night

Our youth group starts back on Wednesday, August 22 with The Crossing Family Picnic. Everyone is invited to join us for family night. The party begins at 6:00 pm and will be held at Landreth Park, Shelter #1 (south shelter). Bring a side dish or dessert. We will provide hamburgers/hot dogs and drinks! Also, bring your lawn chair, volleyball, softball glove, Frisbee, or other sports stuff! In case of rain, we will meet at Saint Paul's.



A few words from Aaron...

What a great summer! The trip to Nicaragua to visit our partner village was amazing. It had been almost a year and half since my first trip there and the progress we're seeing is remarkable. The people still face grinding poverty, but through the Rainbow Network we are giving them a hand up (not a handout).

In 2006 we committed \$20,000 a year for a minimum of three years to support the village of Los Rosas in central Nicaragua. Our finances provide for a daily feeding center, education for grade-schoolers, scholarships for those who want to go to high school, a free medical clinic each week, access to a dentist and micro loans for those who wish to start small businesses. The people of Los Rosas were so happy to see us and report to us the great things that are happening. The parents of our scholarship students in high school had a chance to share their thoughts and it brought me to tears. They see such hope for their young people, and in that they see hope for their country. Their thankfulness poured out of them, sometimes in very animated ways. Then to hear from the parents of children who were malnourished and critically ill, but are now healthy and in school, it was amazingly joyful. Life is still very difficult for the people of Los Rosas and Nicaragua, but through our support we are reflecting one of God's most powerful traits, hope.

On another note, it has been wonderful to see all the kids and volunteers this week at Vacation Bible School. My prayer all week has been that these kids "get it." That they get a glimpse of God, that the seeds of faith are planted and nurtured and grow. I pray that the word of God is imprinted in their hearts; that they take important developmental steps in knowing and following Jesus Christ. Ultimately that's what VBS is all about and I believe we're doing a wonderful job. A special thanks to all the volunteers. It could not happen without you!

See you on Sunday! Aaron

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
July 1	665	112	00	\$18,405	\$2,424
July 8	668	132	26	\$12,504	\$1,789
July 15	623	146	29	\$16,462	\$5,809
July 22	788	153	00	\$13,825	\$1,494

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

Catch the Spirit, Sept 8!

Catch the Spirit will be Saturday, September 8, 2007. Mark your calendar! There will be activities for everyone! As Catch the Spirit approaches, invite your friends and neighbors to come join the fun of games, food, fellowship, and music!

Flood Response

The recent floods will have long-lasting effects in the lives of so many people. You can do something to help! You can make a monetary donation that will be directed to assist families in need by placing your extra gift in the offering at worship (clearly marked for flood relief). You can also use your hands to help with clean-up and home repair over in Miami, OK.

For more information, call Jim Gant at 291-4432.

Bring Paper Goods to Church...

When you're out shopping, buy an extra package of **paper towels, facial tissues, toilet paper or laundry detergent** for the Lafayette House. Every year, Saint Paul's supports this vital shelter for women and children by providing these essential products. This is a simple way for all of us to contribute to a wonderful ministry. So let's all take the step from intention to action! Bring your items to the church lobby and place them in the *Mission Cargo Box*!

Opportunity for Compassionate People

Our **Prayer Team** responds with compassion to the hundreds of prayer requests submitted to our church each month. You can join this ministry of compassion by sharing in the burden of a concern, or in celebration of answered prayer by sending a few cards out each week, or making an occasional phone call. This ministry is making a difference in the lives of many people, and we'd love for you to be a part of it. For more information, call Rebecca Courtney at 673-2295.

Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq:

Josh Walker
Jason Lewis & The Big Red One in Baghdad
Brandon Hunter

Cancer Treatment:

Tom Gibson

Health & Healing:

Carrol Skelton
Viginia Christensen
Debie McNair
Terry Newman

Surgery:

Melody Cundiff, recovery

Hospitalized:

Linda Koehler, Joplin

Other Concerns:

Bill Lyerla
Bobby Joe & Mary Lyerla
Becky & John Holmes
Tyler Christensen
Ceola Garvin
David Jones
Zachary
Lee Ann Book, Thanks
Edna & Ervin Dill
Patrick Hamilton & Family
Kassie Hamilton

Saint Paul's Singles

The Saint Paul's Singles Bible Study Group is having a cookout, Sunday, July 29th, at 6:00 pm at the church. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a side dish.

Call Glenda Hamilton at 626-2874 to RSVP.



Bingville USA...

On Saturday, July 28th at 5:00 pm, Carl Junction Methodist Church on 601 W. Well Street will present Bingville USA.

Entertainment will include Duke Mason (5:30-6:30 pm), Show-Me Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adalines, Intl. (7:00-8:00 pm) and Bingville King & Queen Crowning (8:00 pm).

There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, pie & ice cream, snow cones, cotton candy, car bash, dunk tank, old fashion games and lots of children's games.

From the Mailbox

Dear Saint Paul's,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship! This will really help me out with getting the education I need at MSSU for my future teaching job someday!

In Christ
Molly Collins





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Kids' Corner
Promotion Sunday,
August 19, 2007

Third Graders to Receive Bibles...

On Sunday August 19th the third Graders will be presented with their very own Bibles at each worship service. We encourage all children to attend 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. worship service or the 6:00 p.m. MOSAIC at the Salvage Yard so we may honor your 3rd grader by presenting him or her with a gift of a Bible. We ask that the 3rd grade parents join their children for this very special day.



If your 3rd grader is not able to attend a worship service on August 19th, please contact Todd Taylor, Director of Children's Ministries at 623-7090.

CrossTraining

Join the Fun!! Beginning on August 29, 2007!!

CrossTraining is our midweek program for kids 3 years through 5th grade which builds lasting, meaningful, relationships between • kids and God • kids and kids • and kids and leaders.



Kids arrive at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. Children will experience an incredible, personal friendship with Jesus while rotating to different activities from crafts, music, games, and stories - every engaging activity drives the weekly Bible point home. And through it all, children discover they have a real friend in Jesus.



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