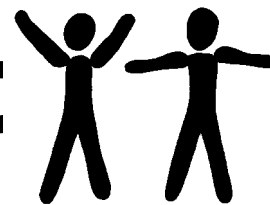


The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!

Saint Paul's UMC



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Building For Youth and Children Groundbreaking Ceremony On Sunday, January 29, 10:30 a.m.



Weather permitting, we'll gather at the construction site for the youth and children's building expansion at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 29th. The children will have a prayer-balloon release and anyone who would like to turn over a shovel full of dirt is welcome to do so.

Please bring your own shovel, or share with a friend! This will be a time of dedication and prayer simply asking God's blessing on the progress of construction and on the lives that will be changed within the new building. Mark your calendars and let's celebrate this important time together!

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 5, Super Bowl Sunday. All donations will go to Crosslines.

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

Kindermusik Enroll Now for the Winter/Spring Semester!

Kindermusik is a fun music and movement program for children ages newborn through 7 years. Kindermusik is a great way to help your child grow in his/her cognitive, language, social, emotional and musical skills. New brochures and enrollment forms are still available for the Winter/Spring Semester. Stop by the Kindermusik table in the lobby for more information or contact Janet Brown at 623-7090, ext. 31.



True Love Waits Rally

The annual Youth Rally, True Love Waits, will be held Wednesday, February 8th at Memorial Hall. We will meet at Saint Paul's at 6:00 p.m. and be back at 9:00 p.m. It is for all youth grades 6th thru 12th. The cost is \$3.00.

Come join us for an exciting evening of praise, worship and commitment.

Confirmation 2006 Begins January 29!

A Journey of Transformation!

We invite all students in grades 7 - 12 to be a part of Confirmation '06. Beginning January 29, we are offering a new Confirmation Class and we want you to join us. We will explore who God is and how our lives will be different because we choose to follow Jesus!

Consider taking the Confirmation Class and making the commitment to take the next step in your Spiritual Journey. We ask you to prayerfully consider this amazing and life-changing transformation. Sign up by calling the church or by email to youth@saintpauls-umc.com.

Upcoming Sermons

The Bible and the Afterlife

January 29 Series Finale! "Visions of Heaven"

February 5 "Extreme Hospitality"

"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

Wednesday, February 1 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

Saturday, February 4 3-4:30 p.m. Sub making day!

Sunday, February 5 5:30-6:30 p.m. 24/7

Wednesday, February 8 6-9 p.m. *The Crossing/True Love Waits Rally*

Sunday, February 12 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ronald McDonald House (Sr. High) 5-6:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. 24/7

Wednesday, February 15 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

Saturday, February 18 TBA Confirmation Service Project

Join us at the Crossing! Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. at Saint Paul's. The February Crossing lessons are:

- February 1 - "True Love Waits - Really!"
- February 8 - True Love Waits Rally
- February 15 - "Divorce - How It Affects Us"
- February 22 - "The Wedding"

Mark Your Calendar for the 30 Hour Famine! The famine dates will be Friday, February 24 and Saturday, February 25. All youth interested in doing the Famine must raise at least \$25.00 - so, start raising money now!

"Summer Stuff" for Youth in Grades 6 - 12!

Make plans now and start preparing for a great summer of camps, mission trips and worship!!! We encourage all youth in grades 6 - 12 to join us this summer in one of our many week long experiences!

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. for all youth AND parents! This meeting will cover Mid High and Senior High Mission trips, Camp Galilee, and Christ In Youth Colorado Camp. Deposits are due soon and fundraising is currently being done. Check your calendar and mark these dates!

Youth going into:

Grades 7 - 9: Camp Galilee June 5 - 10

Grades 11 & 12: Jr. Counselors at Camp Galilee, June 4 - 10

Grades 7 & 8: Mid High Mission week in Joplin, June 26 - 30

Grades 9 - 12: Senior High Mission week in Joplin, July 5 - 8

Grades 9 - 12: Christ In Youth Colorado Camp,

A few words from Aaron...

This Sunday I'll be wrapping up the sermon series we've been in for the last three weeks. The finale will be called *Visions of Heaven* and it will be a joyful time to look at what the Bible teaches us about heaven and answer questions that people often have about heaven, such as "What will we do there? Will there be marriage in heaven?" and even, "What about our pets? Will they be there too?"

As we wrap up this series, I'm beginning to prepare for the next one that will be entitled *3 Habits of Highly Contagious Christians*. Our belief is that the Christian faith is "caught" by people as they see others authentically striving to learn about God and live out Christ-like lives. The impact one life can have is tremendous and Christ is counting on each of us, no matter where we are in our spiritual journey, to share what we know and have experienced of God. This is a series that I'd put in the important category of equipping us in the foundations of our faith. You won't want to miss out!

And don't forget that this Sunday, January 29th (weather permitting), at 10:30 a.m., we'll have a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction project. Because of the good weather, foundation work is moving along well and the slab will be poured soon! It won't be long before the steel for the structure is put up!

As construction continues, let's all make sure that our giving keeps pace. The next 6 months will be crucial as we will regularly be making payments for construction costs. Remember that as we give to this project, we are making an ongoing investment into the lives of our youth and children.

See you on Sunday!

Aaron (stpauls@joplin.com)

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 1,300 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	Faith WNL Offering	Making Room For All
Jan 1.....	468.....	122.....	---	\$12,532\$2,136
Jan 8.....	752.....	245.....	370.....	\$20,134\$8,166
Jan 15.....	741.....	266.....	320.....	\$15,623\$9,184
Jan 22.....	808.....	249.....		\$14,750\$1,678

Sunday Discipleship includes all children, youth, & adult classes & courses offered on Sundays.

WNL includes children, youth & adult ministries from Wednesday Night Live.

Church Financial Reports may be picked up at the Info Center.

The Salvage Yard

The doors to The Salvage Yard opened to the public for the first time on Thursday, January 19th. The weekend was amazing and approximately 200 people came through the building over the three-day weekend. This newest ministry of Saint Paul's could not have happened without a tremendous amount of support from the congregation.

A grand opening weekend is planned for February 9th-11th and will include live music all three nights. A list of bands will be available soon. Everyone is welcome and invited to be a part of The Salvage Yard.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Bainbridge at 417-623-YARD(9273), or you can email him at ben@thesalvageyard.com.

Name Tags...

Wearing name tags is a great way to help our church feel more friendly, especially to someone who has just started attending worship with us! So why not take the extra few seconds to go find your name tags and put them on?



Just a quick word about where to find your name tag. The holders are no longer organized alphabetically. Each family is assigned a box number for their name tags (if you currently have a name tag, you will find it in the same box that you have always had). If you have trouble remembering which box your name tags are in, just check in with the friendly folks at the Information Center, they have a master list of all the box assignments. And remember that your name tag has your assigned box number written on the back, so you will know exactly where to put it back before you leave.

Spiritual Gifts Class

When we understand our gifts, we become effective, dynamic servants. Dan Distler will be teaching a class to help individuals discover those spiritual gifts.

A two week class will begin on Sunday, February 19th, **9:30-10:30 a.m.** and end Sunday, February 26th. If you are interested in signing up for this class, please sign up on the Friendship Form in the Sunday brochure.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Davidson	Stained Glass Theatre	Patrick Hamilton & Family
John Holmes		Courtney Baine
Virginia Christensen	Wendy Ista's & Family	James Bond
Jim Wasson	Ervin & Edna Dill	Zane & Zoey
Shirley Happs	Kassandra Hamilton	Courtney
Jerry Webster		Terry Turnbull & Family at the passing of her father
Braden McKee	Kaitlin Hamilton	Mark & Kathy Norris
David & Kandra Garwood	Justin Burch	Kathy Sparlin
Bill, Dean, Bobby Joe & Mary Lyerla	Rob Boyd	Zachary Dugan
Joyce Williams	Eric Shank	Brandie Purdy
Misty Sohosky	Katie Holmes	Vivian Harper
Mildred Fagen	Laura & Brian Karch	Heather Lewis
Chris & Amy Hale	Frank Hazenpaugh	Valerie Walker
	James Wood	
	Chris Geer	

Going Out to Lunch After Church?

Stop by the Information Center in the church lobby to purchase your restaurant cards. We currently have Garfield's, Applebee's, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, and Starbucks gift cards available for purchase. Each purchase helps send kids to summer camp!

We also have Old Navy, JC Penney, Toys R Us, Home Depot, and Lowe's available for purchase. Or you can order many more from the order forms that are in the church lobby. If you have any questions, please call Kim Soriano 623-7090.

Camino in February...

Are you looking for something that might help you find one of life's missing ingredients? Maybe you should attend a Camino weekend. The weekend is a three day journey through the Christian faith designed to deepen your faith and daily walk with Christ. The next Camino weekend is set and will be held at the First Christian Church of Cassville, Missouri.

The Men's Weekend is February 16 - 19, and the Women's Weekend will be the following weekend on February 23 - 26. We will provide the transportation for the weekend, all you need to do is relax and enjoy Christ's Grace.

If you are interested in participating in one of these weekends, please contact Ben Bainbridge at 529-2065 or Dorothy Poe at 624-2581 or 624-6339. Applications must be submitted two weeks before the weekend.

Thursday Morning Bible Study...

The Thursday Morning Bible Study has started up again. We meet in Room 53 (Koinonia) 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. each Thursday. Anyone is welcome to be part of the Bible study group, so bring your Bible and come join us! If you have questions, please call Carolyn Schemahorn at 782-0039.





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Kids' Corner



Join Us at Camp Galilee and Make Summer Count!

Camp Galilee is about community, friendship, and fun in one of God's most beautiful locations. 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 5-10 - Older elementary 5th and 6th grade. \$275/per child.

July 6-8 -Mid Elementary 3rd and 4th grade. \$125/per child. Sign up now as there are limited spots available. A \$50.00 registration fee holds their spot.

Counselors are needed for the summer camp at Camp Galilee, without the generous volunteer counselors, Camp Galilee simply would not work.

If you would like to be part of this rewarding ministry or for more information, please contact Todd Taylor at 623-7090.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Parents: This Sunday, January 29, 2006, please join us for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new children's wing. The ground has already been broken, but the kids will be sending their very own prayers toward heaven. Please pick your kids up after Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. and join Pastor Aaron outside at the construction site. Children will send their prayers toward heaven attached to balloons. Everyone Welcome! See you then!

Coloring Contest Winners

The True Meaning of Christmas Coloring Contest is over and the results are in! This year's contest consisted of a coloring book story about the true meaning of Christmas, it brought out the best in our young, aspiring artists. Winners are as follows:

1st Place - Halie Whitehill, 3rd Grade, winner of a Toys R Us gift Card.

2nd Place - Grant Pace, Kindergarten, winner of a bubble maker.

3rd Place - Grant Jones, Preschool, winner of a squirt gun. Coloring books are on display in Creation Station.

Vacation Bible School Dates

Mark your calendars for this great time! Vacation Bible School dates are July 24-28, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon!

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