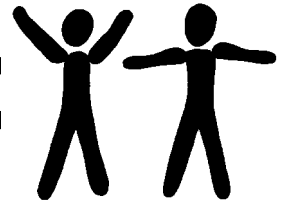


# The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!

## Saint Paul's UMC



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### Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Wednesday, March 1

We begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday Service. This special worship time provides an opportunity to step away from things that stand between us and a closer relationship with our Lord; to focus on Him, the meaning of the season of Lent and the glory of Easter. Please take part in the following events and special worship services:

- **Ash Wednesday Service**, Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Children's Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.
- **Easter Musical**, Sunday, April 9, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday Worship Service**, Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunrise Service**, Sunday, April 16, 6:30 a.m.
- **Easter Worship Services**, Sunday, April 16, 6:30, 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.



### Love Loaves

The Love Loaves offering is an opportunity for your family to give to others during the Lenten Season. The loaf shaped bank is an easy way for all the family to give their spare change to others in need. Half of the money goes to World Vision to help others around the world. The remaining half will go to local missions. We will start distributing the banks on February 26 after each service.

Please return the Love Loaf to the basket in the foyer by April 16, Easter Sunday.

### Mexican Fiesta!

Join us for a Mexican Fiesta! The youth of Saint Paul's will prepare a Mexican Fiesta for our church family and friends on Sunday, March 5 at 12:00 Noon in the Family Life Center. The cost is only \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids ages 2 - 11. Please RSVP on the Friendship Form in the Sunday program or at the display in the church lobby. All money raised from this dinner will help youth attend the Acquire the Fire Youth Conference!

### Easter Lilies!

We would like to decorate the Worship Center with lots of Easter Lilies this Easter! The lilies are \$9.00 a piece. Watch for the order form in the Sunday program or you may call the church at 623-7090 to place your order.



### Guide Book & Directory..

We have contracted Guide Book Publishing to publish a Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. This book will be the Who, Where, When, Why and How of our Church. The book is being provided at **no cost** to our Church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office at 623-7090.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

### Prayer & Healing Service..

*"And pray for each other, so that you may be healed."*  
James 5:16 Come to the Church at 7:00 PM on Monday night, February 27. The Prayer & Healing Service will be a worship time that includes prayer, communion, as well as a time at the kneeling rail and for individual prayer for those who desire it. This service is for everyone. The Prayer & Healing Service will be a time to truly rest and recover in His presence.

### Upcoming Sermons

February 26 "Contagious—Part 3"

March 5 NEW SERIES BEGINS! "Can You Hear Me Now? Why Pray?"

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

Located at 2423 W. 26th Street ● Joplin, Missouri 64804 ● 417-623-7090 ● fax 623-7533 ● www.saintpauls-umc.com  
Aaron Brown, Senior Pastor ● Sunday Worship—8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 6:45 p.m. ● 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

**Friday, February 24-Saturday, February 25**

6:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 30 Hour Famine

**Sunday, February 26** 5:30-6:30 p.m. 24/7

**Wednesday, March 1** **NO CROSSING!**

Ash Wednesday Service

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

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

**Saturday-Sunday, March 11 & 12** Confirmation

Retreat 1:00 p.m. - Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, March 12** 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ronald McDonald

House (Mid High) 5:30-6:30 p.m. 24/7

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

**Friday & Saturday, March 17 & 18** Acquire the Fire

Leave - 4:00 p.m. on Fri and Return at 11:00 p.m. Sat.

## Acquire the Fire!

Acquire the Fire is a weekend for youth in grades 6 - 12. It is a time of music, speakers and worship. This event will be held at the Mabee Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 17 and 18. We will leave from Saint Paul's at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17 and be back at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 18! Bring your sleeping bag and your Bible! If you haven't registered and paid your \$30 deposit, please call the Youth Office at 623-7090 to see if there is space available!

## Donations Needed!

This spring, the youth are sponsoring TWO exciting fundraisers: the annual Rummage Sale and a Golf Scramble! Both events will be held this spring and we need your help!



We are now collecting items for the rummage sale and giveaways for the Golf Scramble! If you have anything that you would like to donate to either of these events, please contact the youth office at 623-7090.

## Lunch With the Pastor Sunday, March 12

Would you like to know more about the church? Have you thought about joining, or indicated you would like to join? If so, please come to Lunch With the Pastor on Sunday, March 12. A light lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Aaron will discuss the vision of Saint Paul's and explain the membership covenant, as well as answer questions you may have. Please let us know you're coming by checking the box on your Friendship Form or by calling the church at 623-7090.



## A few words from Aaron...

I just returned from two days in Columbia as a member of the Missouri Methodist Congregational Development Team. This team's job is to help start, and financially support, new churches and to help existing churches with new projects they are initiating to lead people to Jesus Christ. I'm not a big fan of sitting on committees, but this committee is a real joy to be a part of because I get to see what's happening throughout the state in some of the best churches out there. It's a chance to see how others are creatively and effectively leading people to an active faith in Jesus Christ. There were 21 presentations for grant requests and it is truly amazing to see the passion and joy that other churches in Missouri have and to be able to award grants based on their ability to effectively reach people for Christ. The grant money allocated, comes from United Methodist Churches all across Missouri including us. As we give our tithe to the Missouri Conference, the conference is able to help churches live out their missions better and better each year.

But not only am I on this development committee, I was also there to make a presentation and request a grant for our church in the area of discipleship. I am proud to say that of the 16 existing churches in the state requesting funds, Saint Paul's was ranked the highest in it's effectiveness and excellence in reaching people for Christ. Once again I am proud of what you are doing as a congregation. Please know, that others recognize our efforts and that your prayers, presence, gifts and service not only help to make disciples of Jesus here, but also throughout the state of Missouri and beyond. We will now wait to officially hear if our grant request will be funded.

On another note, we begin a new message series on March 5 entitled *Can you Hear Me Now?* It will be on prayer: why, how, what, and what to expect when we pray. Prayer is key to having a growing faith life. So let's be prepared to learn about this vital part of the Christian life.

See you on Sunday!

Aaron (stpauls@joplin.com)

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## Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Faith WNL	Making Room For All
Jan 29.....	782.....	257.....	310.....	\$17,026.....\$5,708
Feb 05.....	660.....	204.....	297.....	\$19,038.....\$12,739
Feb 12.....	707.....	231.....	290.....	\$15,119.....\$5,252
Feb 19.....	642.....	193.....		\$13,563.....\$2,675

*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 are available at the Info Center.

## 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 29, 2006. If you have questions or would like additional information, please call Loretta Crim at 623-5415.

## White Elephants Wanted!

Spring is coming! Believe it! It's time to clean out rooms, closets, cabinets and drawers for the **May 5th "White Elephant Sale" at Saint Paul's!** Storage for your useable, unwanted items is still available in Pauline Lewis's garage. Be sure to call her first at 623-1393, before you deliver items. **NO CLOTHES** please! If you have questions, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.



## New! Prime Timers Monthly Lunch For Adults Over Age 55...

All adults age 55 and over are welcome to the Prime Timers fellowship dinner, held on the first Wednesday of each month. Our program this month will be with Rev. Brian Chaffin from Pathways United Methodist Church.

Reservations are needed by **February 27<sup>th</sup> for the March 1<sup>st</sup>** dinner. The cost of the meal \$5.00 and the menu for March 1<sup>st</sup> is Pork Loin, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, tossed salad, frosted banana bars, rolls and coffee/tea. Make an extra reservation and invite a friend to join you!! To make a reservation or for more information, call Maril Thompson at 623-7803 or the church at 623-7090.

## WOMAN TO WOMAN

The **Lamplighters Circle** is a group of women at Saint Paul's that meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in members' homes. The meetings are for all ages of women - they study, pray and have lots of fun. The next meeting will be February 28, in the home of Pauline Lewis. If you have questions, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.

## Prayer Concerns

<b>Military Troops and Families</b>	<b>Kay Chorum</b>	<b>The Hamilton Family</b>
<b>David &amp; Kandra Garwood</b>	<b>Eric Shank</b>	<b>Kara Hulsey</b>
<b>Dell, Dean, Bobby Joe and Mary Lyerla</b>	<b>Gerold Koehler</b>	<b>Donna Schroeder</b>
<b>Rob Boyd</b>	<b>James McDaniel</b>	<b>Justin Burch</b>
<b>Charlie Tanner</b>	<b>Cassie Edens</b>	<b>Michele Uttley</b>
<b>Harry Davidson</b>	<b>Dustin Routledge</b>	<b>Brandy Purdy</b>
<b>Elsie Chorum</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Gavin James</b>	<b>Zachary</b>
<b>Collen Chorum</b>	<b>Teresa Cooper</b>	<b>Jay &amp; Heather Lewis</b>
	<b>Edna Dill</b>	<b>Scott Yount</b>
	<b>Ervin Dill</b>	
	<b>Kassandra Hamilton</b>	

## Attention Alpha Alumni!!!

Do you remember the blessings you received when you attended your Alpha Overnight Away? Or were you unable to go on the Overnighter when you first attended Alpha? Either way, you have the opportunity to experience the good food, fellowship and ministry times on March 3 and 4!!!

You are invited to join with Alpha 14 as we head off to Cave Springs Retreat Center for 24 hours of relaxation and renewal for body, mind and soul!! We will meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. on Friday March 3, and plan to depart the church by 6:00 p.m. for the retreat center. We will enjoy a great dinner and spend the rest of the evening enjoying music by Spirit Force and a variety of activities, ending with s'mores and a bonfire! Then on Saturday we will continue with opportunities to share in worship, small group time, great fellowship and free time to explore the beautiful camp! We will head for home around 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Cost to attend the event is \$45 per person. For more information contact Mark at 623-7090 or Rebecca at 417/499-8334. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

If the cost is prohibitive, ask us about scholarships!!!

## The Salvage Yard Upcoming Events

- Friday, February 24 - Beautiful Allegation starting at 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 25 - Psalm 151, starting at 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 3 - Open Mic Night, starting at 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 4 - Thelma's Dog, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

You can contact the Salvage Yard at 417-623-YARD (9273), and our websites at [www.thesalvageyard.com](http://www.thesalvageyard.com) or [www.myspace.com/thesalvageyard](http://www.myspace.com/thesalvageyard).



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## **Kids' Corner Day Camp 2006! FBI (Fully Believe in Jesus) Enroll Now!!**

Hey kids!! Join us this summer at FBI Day Camp and become agents for Jesus! FBI Day Camp will meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. beginning June 5 thru July 21.

FBI Day Camp is the summer day camp program that is a ministry at Saint Paul's. We are proud to be able to offer a program designed to give your children a great time, while learning how to be Special Agents for Jesus. At FBI Camp, we work hard to make sure our campers have fun, but we believe that camp is more than swimming, songs, crafts, sports and games - all of which FBI Day Camp offers. FBI Day Camp is about developing and fostering a relationship with Jesus and of course new friends.

We invite you to look through the brochure located in Creation Station or at the Information Center in the church lobby.



**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MARCH 6**

## **FIESTA**

### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a vital ministry for the children at Saint Paul's and the community. Children from 3 years old to 5th grade may attend Saint Paul's Fiesta VBS, which is regularly scheduled for the last week of July each year. This is a special 5 day summer class in a relaxed fun safe setting, focused on acquainting children with Bible stories. Children will be divided into crews where they will rotate through stations every day. They'll spend 20-25 minutes at each station for a total of 3 hours (9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon) of VBS fun! Bible learning is reinforced in everything they do! The daily Bible Point is celebrated at every station and throughout Fiesta in all-new, creative ways. Children will enjoy stations such as Grande Games, Maraca Munchies, Sing and Play Ole, Cactus Crafts and Hot Bible Adventures.



If you are interested in helping with this ministry July 25-29, 2006, please call the church office at 623-7090.

### **Summer/Fall Sessions Now Enrolling for Saint Paul's Preschool and Kids' Day Out!**

Come see and experience Awesome Adventure Preschool and Kids' Day Out! Stop by anytime and talk to our staff and teachers. For more information about enrolling, please call Awesome Adventure Preschool at 623-7090.