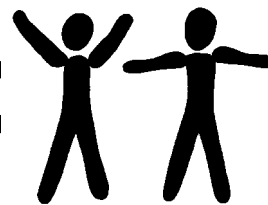


The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!

Saint Paul's UMC



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New Courses Starting Soon!!

Jump-Start Courses

Jump-Start is a set of short term courses designed to help you jump-start some aspect of your spiritual life. Step out, and begin a new spiritual journey. Sign up for any of these through the Friendship Form in the Sunday brochure beginning April 2nd or by calling the office at 623-7090.

Spiritual Gifts Class - Discover your spiritual gifts and find places to use them. This is a 2 week class beginning **Wednesday, April 19 and ending Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Prayer Launch - An introduction to the basics of prayer. This class will run for 4 weeks beginning **Wednesday, April 19 and ending Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Saint Paul's Experience - Step deeper into the values, vision, mission and purposes that make Saint Paul's such an awesome place to be. This is a 3 week class beginning **Wednesday, April 19 and ending Wednesday, May 3, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Other New Courses...

Healing Hearts Seminar - The Healing Hearts Seminar applies Biblical principles in an interactive way to understand how to improve the way we are. This course will lead us into healthier relationships with God and with others by knowing ourselves better. Hope to see you there! The course begins **Sunday, April 2 and runs for six weeks 5:00-6:30 p.m.** Just sign up on the Friendship Form or call Bob or Dixie Wynne at 417-850-2104.

Marriage Enrichment Classes - Marriage is hard work! But isn't it nice to know God has given you everything you need to fulfill His will and design for you as a husband/wife? Join us for scripture-based marriage enrichment Bible studies beginning **April 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** We will be learning what God has to say about such topics as communication, intimacy, finances, children, serving others, and having fun together. There will be two separate seven week classes: the men's class will be led by Bob Hicks and the women's by Susie Hicks. The books that will be used are *A Husband After God's Own Heart* by Jim George and *A Wife After God's Own Heart* by Elizabeth George. For more information call Mark Statler at 623-7090 or Bob or Susie at 623-7470.

Daylight Savings Time Begins April 2!

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, April 2, time springs forward, so before you go to bed Saturday night on April 1, **set your clocks forward one hour** or you will be late for church on Sunday morning! This is also a great time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors!



Mosaic's Move to the Salvage Yard...

Last Sunday, our evening worship service called Mosaic moved its location to The Salvage Yard. We had record attendance for the year and it was an amazing night! Don't forget about this option if you can't make a morning service. And don't forget that we have childcare and kids' worship going on at the same time. The Salvage Yard is an off-site location of Saint Paul's at 1402 Main Street.

Easter Events...

- Sunday, April 9 - **Easter Musical**, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. **Preaching service** 8:15 a.m., **praise service** 6:45 at The Salvage Yard.
- Thursday, April 13, 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.
- Sunday, April 16 - **Easter Sunday**. Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast. Other services at 8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m. and MOSAIC 6:45 p.m. at Salvage Yard, 1402 Main. Aaron will be preaching at all the Easter Sunday services.

Order 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 may call the church at 623-7090 to place your order or fill out the order form which is in the Sunday brochure.



Upcoming Sermons

March 26 "Can You Hear Me Now? A Study on Prayer. When God Says 'No'."

April 2 **SERIES FINALE** "Can You Hear Me Now? A Study on Prayer. Why Pray?"

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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

Sunday, March 26 The Bridge grand opening!
2:00-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

Sunday, April 2 24/7 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

Sunday, April 9 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ronald McDonald House (Mid High) 5:00-6:00 p.m. 24/7 groups

Wednesday, April 12 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

Saturday, April 15 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
Easter service practice

Sunday, April 16 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast. 24/7 will not meet. Happy Easter!

Camp Galilee Registrations

Space is filling up for Camp Galilee! If you are going into grades 3 - 12 and are interested in going to camp this summer, you need to register as soon as possible. Your cost to attend camp is \$100; \$50 is due upon registration and \$50 is due the week before camp starts. Camp forms are available in The Creation Station and in the Youth office as well as the Information Center. If you register after April 15, the cost of registration is \$125. If you are going into grades 9 - 12, you can also register to go with us to Christ In Youth Camp in Durango, Colorado!

Camp Dates:	Galilee Mid Elementary	July 6-8
	Galilee Older Elementary	June 5-10
	Galilee Junior High	June 5-10
	Colorado Senior High	June 18-24

Youth Rummage Sale 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.

A few words from Aaron...

Over the last 10 days four members of the church have died. We have said goodbye to Robert Allen, Jim Grindstaff, Stephanie Stephens and Louise Brown (Louise's memorial service will be Monday, March 27, 2:00 p.m. at the church). Whenever I'm called upon to do a person's funeral, it reminds me about the reality of eternity. In fact, part of what I do at every funeral is remind each of us that death for a Christian is not an end, but a new beginning. That's why, as Christians, we face death differently than if we had no faith. Yes, we grieve at the fact that our loved one is gone. And yes, there is an ongoing sadness at their absence. But at the same time, we take a long view of things. We know that when a Christian dies, if we follow the one they followed, we will see him or her again. That's why as Christians, we don't wallow in despair when someone close to us dies, we know that one day we will be reunited. Jesus promised this over and over again. He said, "I go ahead and prepare a place for you, and where I am, you will be also." That is one of the most powerful promises in scripture. One that we need to have clearly in our hearts when we face our own mortality or that of those we love. Remember, death is not the end, it is only the beginning.

On another note, this Sunday I'll be talking about one of the most pressing questions of the Christian faith regarding prayer. "Why does God sometimes not answer my prayers? And why, sometimes, does God say 'No' to my requests?" This is a question that we will all face in our spiritual journeys. And it's a question that can cause seasoned Christians and new Christians alike to question their faith. We'll take a close look at this and see why it happens. We'll wrap up this series on April 2. In the mean time, I'm getting ready for the next series that we'll be starting on Easter Sunday. It's called "Christianity and the Religions of the World." This will get at the heart of the Christian faith and answer a question that Christians and non-Christians both have: "Is Christianity the only true way? And if it is, what about the other religions of the world? How do we view people of other faiths?" I'm excited about this series because at the same time we'll be encouraging our small groups to study the same issues.

See you on Sunday, Aaron (stpauls@joplin.com)

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Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	WNL	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Feb 26	673	192	264	\$13,936	\$3,479
Mar 5	726	227	202	\$19,502	\$6,996
Mar 12	806	234	100	\$17,172	\$8,476
Mar 19	708	204		\$15,324	\$3,538

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

Complete Church Financial Reports are available at the Info Center.

New "Life Together" Groups Forming Now!

Try out a home-based small group for six weeks. These weekly 90 minute groups will help you grow in your faith through study, fellowship, and service. The topics of study will follow the sermon series, "Christianity and The Religions of the World" which begins April 16th. To sign up, please use the Friendship Form in the Sunday worship program or call the church office at 623-7090.



FIESTA Vacation Bible School July 24-28, 2006

Registration Coming in April

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a week long program held in July, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon for children 3 years old through fifth grade. Each day the children are part of a fun scripture-based program they can see, hear, touch, and even taste! Fun crafts, team-building games, great songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the VBS activities that will help faith grow into real life.



Join Pablo, Ray & Spike for a week of fun!!

Kids will travel with their crews through Sing and Play Ole', Hot Bible Adventure, Cactus Crafts, the Desert Drive In Theatre, and Mariachi Munchies.

Help Wanted! Come join our party! We are looking for adult leaders willing to commit to the week. Sign up on the Friendship Form in the Sunday brochure.

Supplies Needed! Fiesta type decorations are needed! Drop off the decorations by Spike the Cactus in Creation Station.

Prayer Concerns

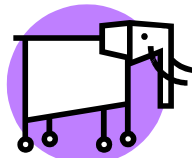
Military Troops & Families	David & Beth Wood	Desi Reyna & baby
Scott Yount	Alexander Soriano	Gerold Koehler
Carrol Skelton		Edna & Ervin Dill
Ora Lou Hill	The family of	Patrick Hamilton & Family
Kathleen Murrer	Stephanie Stephens at her passing	Lisa Smittle
Mary Soriano and Children		Carol Brockman
The Sullivan Family	Don McGinnis & Family	Chathan Roth
David Smith	Chris & Gavin James	Alley Taylor
Kara Hulsey	James Wood	Jason & Wendy Istars

Lamplighter's March Meeting...

The Lamplighter's meeting for March 28 will be held in Saint Paul's Family Life Center. The topic will be "Self Defense Tips for Women" presented by Brian Chaffin, Pastor at Pathways United Methodist Church. The time is 7:00 p.m. Hostesses will be Vivian Olson and Maril Thompson. We invite you to join us and learn safety measures that will be helpful on a daily basis. Please call Joyce Hair at 781-4648, if you are interested in attending the meeting.

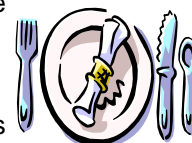
White Elephants Wanted!

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 clothing please!** This is our yearly fundraiser for various ministries in the church and the community. If you have questions, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.



Prime Timers Lunch...

The lunch this month will be on Wednesday, April 5 at 12:00 Noon in Saint Paul's Family Life Center. The menu will be chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, banana bars, rolls, coffee and tea. The cost is \$5.00 per person and anyone 55 and older is welcome to come and bring a friend. Call Maril Thompson for reservations at 623-7803.



Scholarships...

Attention students!! Time is running out!! Get your scholarship application forms turned into the church office by **12:00 Noon, March 29!!**



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Kids' Corner

Summer 2006 FBI Day Camp

The Summer 2006 FBI Day Camp will start June 5 and run through July 21. The day camp is for kids in grades kindergarten thru 4th grade. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Fees are outlined in the brochures located at the Information Center.

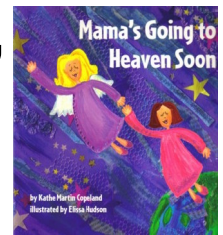


One of the goals of the FBI Day Camp is to provide a balanced program for our kids. We offer a variety of activities throughout the day including:

- ART
- SPORTS
- SCIENCE
- DEVOTIONS
- CRAFTS
- GROUP GAMES
- DAY TRIPS
- AND MORE

Pick up a brochure today to get your kids enrolled - space is limited!!

“Mama’s Going to Heaven Soon” Available in the Soul Source Bookstore



Talking to your children about death can be very difficult, but if you are concerned about discussing death with your children, you're not alone. Many of us hesitate to talk about death, particularly with youngsters. But death is an inescapable fact of life. We must deal with it and so must our children. If we are to help them, we must let them know it's okay to talk about it.

By talking to our children about death, we may discover what they know and do not know - if they have misconceptions, fears, or worries. We can help them by providing needed information, comfort, and understanding.

To help you with this subject, you can purchase a new book in the Soul Source Bookstore “Mama’s Going To Heaven Soon”. This is a story about a mother who goes to heaven. The book also has great guidelines and information to help you as the adult, to talk about death with your children.

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