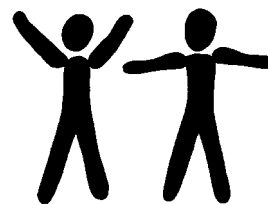


# The Post

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Saint Paul's UMC



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## Summer Small Groups... Wednesday Night Groups

All classes run from 6:30-8:00 p.m....

**Healing Hearts II** is for those who have participated in Healing Hearts and want to do more. The group meets in room 30 and is led by Bob and Dixie Wynne.

**Discussing the DaVinci Code** uses some of the challenges to traditional Christianity from the novel to help us learn more about authenticity and compilation of the New Testament, the role of women in the early church (including a study of Mary Magdalene) and the early church's understandings of the divinity and humanity of Jesus. Classes are held each Wednesday night of June in the Family Life Center and are led by Pastor Mark.

**Prayer Launch** is an introductory course on prayer. This course will help you establish the foundation for a healthy prayer life. It is led by Cameron Pulliam and runs on Wednesday nights from July 5 – 19.

**Saint Paul's Experience** is a great way to learn more about the vision and the values that make Saint Paul's a great church. This class is designed for people who are interested in joining the church, but is also great for any church member who would like to know a little more about our church. This course meets on Wednesday nights, July 5 – July 19, and is led by Pastor Mark.

Listed below are some more small groups...

**Sonshine Crafters** is a women's craft group which meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in Room 30. For more information contact Wendy Istas at 782-4276

**Recovery Support Group** is for recovering alcoholics and addicts which meets on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM. For more information contact Robbie Boyd at 438-2354 or Teddy Steen at 624-3745.

**Women In the Dark** is for women who meet for fellowship on the second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. They alternate meeting in the church and at an off site location. For more information contact Becky Burress at 781-7188.

**Men's Breakfast** is for all men. They meet at the church on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:45 AM. For more information, contact Don Wolfskill at 782-9064.

**We have several Sunday School Classes which meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Following is a brief description of each class:**

**Koinonia** is for persons beginning their retirement years, RM 28.

**Seekers** is for people in their 40's and 50's, RM 51.

**Praying Parents** offers guidance for parents of all ages and mutual support, RM 42.

**Forum** is a group for empty nesters. Join this group for lively discussion and good fellowship, RM 30.

**Messengers** is for adults of all ages, RM 32.

Watch the "This Week's Activities" page in the Sunday program for information on other small groups meeting in the future.

## Nicaragua Response Is Amazing!

What an amazing church!! Your generosity exceeded our wildest dreams! All that is left to say is "praise God!" And now we'll let the numbers speak for themselves!

- 14 High School Sponsorships at \$25/month
  - 221 Children fed for one year (at \$33/child)
  - \$7,626 in gifts and pledges for special medical needs
  - \$13,591 in gifts and pledges for general needs
- That makes a total annual value of all contributions and pledges totaling over **\$33,000!!!**

Thank you Lord, and thank you Saint Paul's!!!

## Saint Paul's to Host Conference

One of our visions at Saint Paul's is to help other congregations be vibrant, growing, Christ-centered places where people are led to an active faith in Jesus Christ. To help that happen, the staff and leaders of Saint Paul's are partnering with the staff and leaders of Sedalia First UMC to host the "Move Conference" on September 18. Saint Paul's and First Church Sedalia have each grown over 300% by following simple, Christ-centered principles and we want to share and encourage other congregations to do the same. So...pray for the conference, and consider volunteering to help when the time comes.

## Camp Galilee Update - Keep Camp in Mind!

WOW! This last week, we sent 31 youth and 21 children to camp! ALSO, 15 adults and 12 youth went to work camp! What a great experience that these kids had! Our camp bill will be over \$12,000. To date, the church congregation has given \$6,583 in offering toward camp, but we still need to raise \$5,417. If you feel called to help support these youth and children at camp, please make your check out to Saint Paul's UMC and mark the offering "Camp".

## Upcoming Sermons

June 18 "Becoming a Difference-Maker" A guilt-free Father's Day!

June 25 New Sermon Series Begins! "The Beatitudes"

"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., 6:45 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

**Wednesday, June 17** 5:30 p.m. Colorado Camp parent's meeting @ Salvage Yard 5:30 p.m. Mid High Mission trip parent's meeting @ Salvage Yard 6:00-8:00 p.m. *The Crossing* at the Salvage Yard

**Friday, June 16** 12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m. *Fun Friday*

**Sunday, June 18** 9:30-10:30 p.m. Go 4th Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Senior High leaves for Colorado Camp (return on Saturday, June 24)

**Wednesday, June 21** 6:00-8:00 p.m. *The Crossing* at the Salvage Yard

**Sunday, June 25** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday School

**Monday, June 26-June 30** Mid High Mission Trip

**Wednesday, June 28** 5:30 p.m. Sr. High Mission Trip parent's meeting @ Salvage Yard

6:00-8:00 p.m. *The Crossing* at the Salvage Yard

**Friday, June 30** 12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m. *Fun Friday*

## The Crossing Summer Schedule!

All youth who have completed grades 6-12, are invited to join us at *The Crossing*. This summer, we will hold *The Crossing* on Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. at the Salvage Yard, 1402 Main Street. Join us for an awesome summer of worship and fun! (Dinner is not provided, but the Salvage Yard kitchen is open for business!)

## Did You Know?????

We had over 150 people at the "May 31st" Youth event at the Salvage Yard! AND...we raised over \$500 to support the Invisible children.

Thanks so much to Dani, Melissa, and Jessica for organizing this event, to Jackie for being our MC. Also, thanks to Mike Turner, KDMD, Sounding the Silence and Chris Thomas for giving their time and talents to perform that evening. Thanks to Dawn and Chris for running the kitchen! And thanks to the Salvage Yard for opening their doors to us! It was awesome!



## Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found Box seems to be overflowing again! Stop by the Information Center and check it out to see if any of the items belong to you!

We will be sending all unclaimed items to Crosslines in the next couple of weeks.

## A few words from Aaron...

First of all I want to thank Ryan Lowe, Susan Holmes, Kenny Neal and Ricky Foster for sharing their stories on Sunday. This is always one of the most powerful days of worship as you hear from people you sit next to in church every Sunday what God has done in their lives. I am so proud of them, and I am so proud of our church for being a place where people can have life-changing experiences of Jesus Christ. The stories they shared point to how God pursues us even before we believe there is a God, how they opened themselves up to God, and how we are living out our mission as a church—to lead people to an active faith in Jesus Christ. What a great day!

At the risk of sounding redundant, I want to say again how proud I am of Saint Paul's and your giving toward helping people in Nicaragua. Not only are we helping people directly with that offering, but other churches in our area will be inspired to do the same. Generosity inspires generosity and other churches will be inspired to step up and do their part in serving the poor close to home and around the world.

I sent out a letter this week with details about the building project and increased costs along with how we are going to address those. If you didn't get that letter, pick one up at the Information Center.

And lastly, this Sunday is Father's Day and dads, don't worry! This is going to be a time of inspiration, not guilt. So often in churches dads are made to feel guilty on Father's Day, not here. This will be a day to take home some good stuff! Don't miss it!

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

## Annual Conference Report

Every year the pastors and lay representatives from each United Methodist Church in Missouri gather for a time that includes worship, church business, ordination, reports on missions, workshops and much more. 1,500 people took part and there is a great deal of good news happening in the churches of Missouri. A report of the Annual Conference will be available at the Info Desk this Sunday. Pick one up and get informed!

## 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	WNL	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
May 21....	641	169.....	80	\$12,069	\$3,750
May 28....	493	132.....	188	\$7,497	\$3,050
June 4....	547	151.....	75	\$16,644	\$9,452
June 11...	616	163		\$10,857	\$1,606

*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.*

## News From SW District..

### Farewell Celebration

There will be a "Farewell Celebration" on Sunday, June 25th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Monett United Methodist Church in honor of Fausto and Alma Villagrana.

They are leaving the district Hispanic Ministry after 11 years for a time of rest and renewal.

If you are unable to attend, cards of appreciation may be sent to the Villagrana's at the church: Monett UMC, P.O. Box 312, Monett, MO 65708.

### District Parsonage

The district parsonage is progressing along! However, we are getting to a point where we could use some help!

In an effort to lower the cost of the home, we are using some volunteer labor where we can. Tom Nenadal and a couple of friends, have been working on the electrical the past few days. In the next few weeks, they will be working on installing lights and fans, painting interior walls, landscaping, and pouring a concrete patio.

If anyone would like to volunteer some skilled labor, please give Rebecca Courtney a call at 623-2382. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

## Crosslines Needs Bake Sale Items!

Crosslines, a community ministry to the poor, needs items for a bake sale to be held Friday, June 30th at the Webb City Farmers Market.

Please bring your baked goods to Crosslines, 131 S. High St. on Thursday, June 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or to the Webb City Farmers Market (King Jack Park) from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 30th. Please do not bring items that need to be refrigerated. The sale begins at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 30th.

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## Prayer Concerns

### Military Troops & Families

Carrol Skelton  
Marla Lammi  
Jim Wood  
Chris Cook & Family  
Dr. Bill McAllister  
James McDaniel  
Charlie Kisling  
Kayden Jones  
Edna & Ervin Dill

### Patrick Hamilton & Family

Lisa Smittle  
Kathy George  
Zachary Dugan  
Brandie Purdy

## Missions...

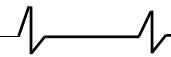
### June is Lafayette House Month

The Saint Paul's Missions Team has set up a house in the church lobby. The house is covered with hanging tags and suggests donations for Lafayette House.

These will be in the church lobby during the month of June. Our responsibility is to supply paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue, and reams of copy paper. We are also asked to supply economy-sized containers of laundry detergent.

The Lafayette House provides a retreat for battered and abused women and children, and our help during "Lafayette House Month" is greatly appreciated.

## Healthbeat



Research shows that people who focus on the more immediate benefits of exercise (better sleep, greater energy, less stress) are more likely to stick with their workout programs than those who focus on the weight loss.

Even minimal exercise will help keep you healthy. People who worked out as little as 20 minutes two times per week, were better able to fight off illness than sedentary individuals, according to one study.

Many nuts, especially walnuts, are good sources of omega-3 fatty acids, which smooth out abnormal heart rhythms and help prevent blood clots.

## WOMAN TO WOMAN

The Ruby Circle will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 21 at 11:30 a.m. in room 51 at Saint Paul's. The program on "Paper Dolls" will be presented by Claudia Gray. All women in the church are invited to attend...Bring your lunch if you wish. For further information, please contact Loretta Crim at 623-5415.



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**Kids' Corner**

**Kids Enjoy Mission Possible  
FBI Day Camp!!!**

**Jesus said...GO! Become an FBI Agent for Jesus!**

Children are enjoying becoming "Special Agents" for Jesus as they start their days at Mission Control.

Agents have already received their first mission to prepare them for the missions which they receive each day. They are memorizing the 10 Commandments while traveling around the world learning how to share the good news with others!



**VBS Fiesta!!!**

**July 23-28**  
**9:00 AM-12:00 Noon**

Register now at the Fiesta information tables for a great time! "Where Kids Are On Fire About God!" For more information,

call Todd Taylor, 623-7090 or email Todd at [toddtaylor@fastfreedom.net](mailto:toddtaylor@fastfreedom.net)

**Help Support Vacation Bible School!!**

Buy a VBS Cookbook at the Information Center in the church lobby. The cost is \$7.00 Cookbooks are available during all Sunday services.



**Awesome Adventure Preschool & Kids' Day Out**

**Now Enrolling for Fall Session!**

We are now taking fall enrollment!!! Saint Paul's Awesome Adventure Preschool offers a Christian-based setting for children ages 3 through 5. Classes meet 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. To enter preschool, your child must be 3 years old by July 31. Classes will be available on Tuesday/Thursday, Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Monday through Friday. Kids' Day Out classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon for children 12 months to 3 years old. Extended preschool is now available 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Visit us at the Creation Station front desk for more information on cost or call us at 623-7090, ext. 20.