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Vacation Bible School



What a week we had at Vacation Bible School, July 24-28! Over 300 kids and 115 volunteers attended the Fiesta this week! **Thanks to all for making FIESTA a huge success!** Thanks to the VBS staff for welcoming kids with open arms, to parents for shuttling kids to and from church, and to all who donated snacks or supplies, said a prayer, or offered a word of encouragement. Way to go, kids, for bringing in stuffed animals and blankets for The Children's Center and Children's Haven and thanks for putting together 20 blankets for children in Argentina! Jesus was definitely working in the lives of our children this week as they learned that He is our friend, our life, our leader, our savior and our helper.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FOR ADULTS!!

It's an all-star line up of opportunities for adults at WNL this fall! The journeys begin on August 30th. Bring the whole FAM! - There's CrossTraining for children, and The Crossing for youth. Feed your body with the dinner, which is provided, at 6:00 p.m., then feed your soul with one of the following:

- **Alpha is for everyone!** It's a 10-week exploration of the basics of the Christian faith AND it's a wonderful way to get to know other people! Doesn't matter if you've been at Saint Paul's for ten weeks or ten years! Give Alpha a try!
- **Joy of Living Bible Study** is a 10-week study of the book of Acts. This interactive and exciting study will be led by Larry Courtney.
- **Crown Financial Bible Study.** The Bible has a lot to say about how we use our resources. This course will help you discover how to manage your resources to live fulfilling, purposeful, God-honoring lives.
- **Do You Think I'm Beautiful? – Women's Study Group.** This course will help you feel God's deep love for you and will help you deepen your relationship with him. Led by Bernice Robinson.
- **Healing Hearts Seminar** has been a highly successful course at Saint Paul's. It is a journey of developing your relationship with God and improving your relationship with others by understanding more about yourself. Led by Bob and Dixie Wynne.

Kindermusik Now Enrolling for the 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 children in grades K-2. All classes for the fall semester begin the week of August 21st. If you are interested in participating in a Free Demonstration class before enrolling, please stop by the Kindermusik table in the church lobby and sign up or check the appropriate box in the church bulletin. The Demonstration classes will be held August 7th and 8th. At the Kindermusik table you will also find brochures with more detailed information regarding all of 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, August 7th)
 18 months-3½ years - 6:30-7:00 p.m. (Monday, August 7th)
 3½ -5 years - 5:30-6:00 p.m. (Tuesday, August 8th)
 Grades K-2 - 6:30-7:00 p.m. (Tuesday, August 8th)

Upcoming Sermons

- July 30 **'Espresso Yourself—Rude is the Mood.'** How can we do a rude reversal?
- August 6 **'Espresso Yourself—What do you Say?'** How do we move into a lifestyle of gratitude toward God and others?

"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, August 2 5-8 p.m. Paint Ball (meet at Paintball Ridge)

Sunday, August 6 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday School

Sunday, August 13 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday School 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ronald McDonald House

Friday, August 18 7-9 p.m. 6th grade party

Saturday, August 19 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. White Water

White Water - Fun In the Son...

Saturday, August 19th, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All youth going into 6 - 12th grades are invited to join us for a day trip to White Water in Branson! Reserve your seat on the van by paying for your ticket before August 4th. Ticket cost is \$22.00 (This includes a child's meal.) Tickets purchased after that date are \$34.60.



Promotion Sunday...

If you are going into 6th grade this year, we want to meet you! So, we have planned several events just for you!

On Sunday, August 13th, we invite all new 6th graders to join us for Go 4th Promotion Sunday! This is the day that all youth move up in their Sunday School classes to their new grade. Go 4th Sunday School is held every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We will begin the activities that day in the Family Life Center at 9:30 a.m. Parents and youth are invited to join us this day to learn more about Go 4th Sunday School.

Also, on Friday, August 18th from 7-9 p.m., we invite all new 6th graders to join us for a Welcome Party! This party will be held just for youth who are going into the 6th grade! It is a great chance to get to meet other youth and learn more about Saint Paul's Student Ministries.

On Wednesday, August 23rd, we will hold our annual family party! So, mark your calendars and be ready! More information will be sent to you! Please call the youth office at 623-7090, ext. 813 or send an email to youth@saintpauls-umc.com to get your name on the youth mailing list.

A few words from Aaron...

The church has been a hive of activity this week with hundreds and hundreds of kids singing, playing, learning, praying. It's always a highlight of the year and many kids in our community get their first glimpse of Jesus. What an awesome week!

I'm also excited to have started a new sermon series last week called, *Espresso Yourself*. It's all about bringing strength, power and concentration into our lives and faith. This week the message is called *Rude is the Mood*. We'll look at the causes of rudeness and how it affects our relationship with God and others. We'll also look at how to diffuse it in real life situations.

I always hate to rush summer along, but this is the time to start thinking of how you are going to take another step in your faith journey. On August 30th, we'll be offering all kinds of new classes on Wednesday evenings. Jump in, meet some new friends, learn and get closer to the God who made you.

I had a great break spending time with family, holding our new baby, praying, reading and reflecting. I'm more excited than ever about what God is doing through Saint Paul's! Let's enjoy God in the present and be looking ahead to the future.

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

Burned with Acid...

Cindy Broaddus was traveling down the interstate in Oklahoma in 2004 when someone dropped a gallon jug of acid off of an overpass and onto her car. The acid poured into her car burning nearly her entire body. She has spent the time since recovering and sharing her story. Cindy is the sister-in-law of Dr. Phil McGraw and has been on the Dr. Phil show, Oprah and may other national talk shows telling her story of hope, determination, forgiveness and faith. Cindy will be speaking at the morning services at Saint Paul's on August 20th. You will not want to miss hearing her story and Aaron's interview with her on that day. Also, don't forget to invite a friend.

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Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	WNL	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
July 02	526	157	54	\$12,860	\$3,438
July 09	594	162	40	\$20,529	\$5,986
July 16	503	208	38	\$17,366	\$3,722
July 23	540	185		\$10,371	\$2,934

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.

Building Update...

We are getting close to the having new youth area completed and a word that comes to mind to describe it is "WOW". The ceilings are in, the walls are textured and are ready to be painted. To save money, the church is going to do the painting. Everything should be done by the time we launch our fall programming on August 30. This new area will be called "The Zone" and will give our youth an awesome space to meet. If you haven't made a commitment to the Making Room For All Campaign, this would be a great time to do so.

Please keep this project in your prayers.

Drive-In Movie Night at the Church, August 5!

That's right! We're turning our parking lot into a Drive-In Movie Theatre, on Saturday, August 5th! We'll be showing *Eight Below* on the side of the Worship Center. The movie will begin around 9:00 PM, but come early to get a good space! You can either tailgate or bring your lawn chairs and be ready for some good fun! The movie and popcorn are furnished, bring your own pop and snacks. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be held in the Family Life Center.

Catch The Spirit Sept 9!

Catch the Spirit will be Saturday, September 9, 2006. 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!

Southwest District...

The Southwest District Office will be closed on Fridays in observance of summer hours from now until Labor Day.

In case of emergencies, please contact Rebecca Courtney at 417-499-8334 and she will assist you in contacting the correct person.

Prayer Concerns

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| Military Troops & Families | Laura Karch |
| Travis & Stephanie Robinson | Ted Moore |
| Bill Lyerla | R. J. Koehler |
| Bobby Joe & Mary Lyerla | Emily Shannon |
| Audrey Efird | Zachary |
| Bob Hamlin | Brandie |
| Patrick Hamilton & Family | David & Alicia Dewelt |
| Kaitlin & Braden Hamilton | Colleen Chorum |
| Cole Osborne | |
| Chris Geer | |

From the Mailbox

Saint Paul's,



Thank you so much for the paper goods, copy paper, and detergent you donated to Lafayette House. We depend on groups like yours to offer our services and appreciate your support.

Lafayette House

Community Health Screening...

Freeman Health System will be sponsoring a community health screening at the Calvary Baptist Church, 600 East 50th Street, on Tuesday, August 15th. Life Line Screening will perform the screenings using Doppler color flow ultrasound systems and include the following - A Carotid Artery Screening, An Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) test, An Ankle Brachial Index (ABI), and a bone density screening for osteoporosis.

These screenings are completely painless, non-invasive, and typically not part of a routine physical. The cost of the screenings are \$35-\$45 each or \$129 for all four (\$109 for the vascular package). This event will also be advertised in the community so reserve your appointment today as appointments are limited and fill very quickly - call 1-800-324-1851.

Seekers Sunday School Class Begins New Study!

The Seekers Sunday School Class will begin a Serendipity Bible Study on James beginning on August 13, 2006 in Room 51. This eight to twelve week study will look at failure, social ethical behaviors, issues of affluence, hope, inconsistent human behavior and walking in faith. All are welcome!

For questions, contact Bernice Robinson at 623-0174.



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Third Graders to Receive Bibles...

On Sunday August 13th 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. or 6:45 p.m. worship service 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 13th, please contact Todd Taylor, Director of Children's Ministries at 623-7090.

CrossTraining

Join the Fun!! Beginning on August 30, 2006!!

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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