

# The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!

## Saint Paul's UMC



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## Wednesday Night Live Begins, August 30, 2006!



On Wednesdays beginning on August 30th there will be classes for adults, CrossTraining for kids and The Crossing for youth. It all begins with dinner and then on to classes, 6:00-8:00 p.m. There are many adult courses from which to choose.

### Wednesday Night Live, August 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Alpha** – an introduction to the Christian faith for adults. Alpha is geared to people interested in investigating Christianity, newcomers to the church, new Christians, couples preparing for marriage, Christians who want to brush up on the basics. **For other adult courses, call Pastor Mark at 623-7090**

**The Crossing** – Our dynamic Youth Ministry begins Wednesday, August 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Dinner will be served! The Crossing is for all youth in grades 6 through 12.

**CrossTraining** - This is for 3 year olds through fifth grade. It begins Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 PM. There will be a light supper served in classrooms. They will then enjoy a time of music, fun Bible lessons, life application studies and crafts, which take place in Creation Station! Fisherman Todd will be sharing more of his "Famous Fish Stories". All activities conclude at 8:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering for CrossTraining, call Todd Taylor at 623-7090.

### Personal Information Updates...

We are very excited about using a new information system in our church called Fellowship One. This change will enable our church to continue to grow and still maintain the very personal touches that make Saint Paul's a great church. In order for us to fully utilize all the aspects of this software, we want to make sure that your personal information is current and correct. You can help us by filling out the Personal Information Update form that will be in the worship programs in a few weeks, or you can email us at: [spinfodesk@fastfreedom.net](mailto:spinfodesk@fastfreedom.net) with your family member names and dates of birth (year included), home address and phone, email addresses, and cell phone numbers. Thanks for keeping us connected!

## Catch the Spirit! Weekend

### Saturday, September 9

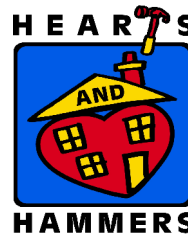
- 3:00-6:00 p.m. Carnival and inflatable games for the kids (on the church grounds; inside in the event of rain).
- Food and Live Music (inside).
- 3:00-6:00 p.m. Food is served. (Burgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, cake and ice cream).

### Sunday, September 10

- 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. "Catch The Spirit" Worship Services. Mosaic 6:45 p.m.

## Hearts and Hammers October 7

Jesus calls us to extend his love to others and Hearts and Hammers is a great way to show our community that Jesus loves them.



Last year, we had over 200 people from Saint Paul's making a difference in our community on the same day through Hearts and Hammers. Folks from all sorts of community organizations and churches show up at one place at 8:00 a.m. that day, get organized and then go out to repair, winterize and sometimes paint homes of people who either cannot afford to or are unable to do it for themselves. Project leaders and supplies are already in place. Then there's a big celebration dinner at 5:00 p.m. that evening. Individuals or groups such as small groups or Sunday School Classes can sign up starting Sunday, September 3rd.

"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

**Sunday, August 27** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th  
9-12 Noon The Zone Open House

**Wednesday, August 30** 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

**Sunday, Sept. 3** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th

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

**Saturday, Sept. 9** 3-6 p.m. Catch the Spirit

**Sunday, Sept. 10** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th

4:00-5:30 p.m. Ronald McDonald House

**Wednesday, Sept. 13** 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

**Sunday, Sept. 17** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th

**Wednesday, Sept. 20** 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

**Saturday, Sept. 23** 11:30 a.m. - ?? Shoutfest

**Sunday, Sept 24** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th

**Wednesday, Sept. 27** 6:30 a.m. See You At the Pole  
Breakfast 6-9 p.m. *The Crossing* goes to SYATP rally

Thank you so much to our church family for all your support of prayers, cards, care and concern during this time of my father's death. We really love and thank you all!  
God Bless. Nancy Hampton and Family

## Get Into "The Zone"

Thanks so much to all the people who helped paint The Zone, the new youth wing here at Saint Paul's! We are still working on finishing it, but so far we have had over 50 people help out! You are all wonderful! Wow! What an exciting time!

As we prepare the final touches, we would like for everyone to take a peek at The Zone. We will have an "Open House" on Sunday, August 27. Come by any time between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon. We can't wait to show you the exciting things that are happening. Thank you Saint Paul's!

## Saint Paul's to Host Conference

Saint Paul's along with First Methodist Church of Sedalia will be teaming up to do two identical conferences in two locations called The Move Conference. It will be at Saint Paul's on September 18, in Sedalia on September 25. Saint Paul's and Sedalia First are two of the fastest growing Methodist congregations in the state and we will be offering workshops for pastors and church members for the churches in our area. This is a big step for us as a church as we strive to live out one of our visions—to help other churches lead people to an active faith in Jesus Christ. If you want to volunteer to help on this day with hospitality, meals, etc, please contact Aaron at 623-7090 or sign up on the Friendship Form on Sunday morning.

## A few words from Aaron...

This week I'll be starting a three-part message series on forgiveness. You should have gotten an email survey asking you a few questions about forgiveness issues in your life. When you take the time to respond it gives me a feel for some of the things that are going on in your lives and helps me prepare to speak. I've already had a number of people ask big questions about forgiveness and tell me they really want to know how to handle issues of unforgiveness. We're going to go deep—consider it an adventure!

After this series I'll be starting another called God is Closer Than You Think. I'll be using some resources from Rev. John Ortberg, one of my spiritual heroes. At the same time we'll be launching short-term home groups with material that will take us deeper into the topics. So as you look to Fall, please start to think about, and make room for, a home group connection.

We have lots of things to take part in and enjoy with the launch of Fall ministries, Catch the Spirit Weekend, The Church on the Move Conference, Hearts and Hammers, etc. So jump in! If you consider yourself a part of Saint Paul's, then part of what that means is that you find a small group to be a part of, and find ways to be in servant ministries.

See you on Sunday!

Aaron (stpaul's@joplin.com)

## Upcoming Sermons

**NEW SERIES BEGINS! "Forgiveness: The Real F Word"**

August 27 "Collateral Damage."

September 3 "Forgive For Good"

The choice of a lawyer is an important decision  
and should not be based solely on advertisements.

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## Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	WNL	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
July 30	713	187	28	\$13,372	\$2,952
Aug 6	662	161	00	\$15,773	\$5,215
Aug 13	679	185	00	\$15,796	\$4,315
Aug 20	950	174		\$11,005	\$2,410

*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.*

## Celebrating Camp Galilee

We have a great big joy to celebrate about Camp Galilee. Not only did we send over 50 children and youth to camp this summer, but we didn't have to dip into our operating budget to do it! Thanks to the parents, the congregation, the Scrip program and youth fundraising activities, we were able to completely fund this year's camp. This is a big deal and a huge blessing at this time of year!

Thank you for supporting our children and youth!

## Mission Notes...

### Hygiene Kits for August

We're collecting HYGIENE KITS FOR AUGUST for use in the Joplin area! Often when people arrive at Lafayette House, Children's Haven, Soul's Harbor and many other places, they don't have essential hygiene items. We want to do something about that! Our goal is that **every Saint Paul's family** will create at least **one kit** in the month of August and place it in the mission cargo box in the lobby.

#### PERSONAL HYGIENE KIT

1 Fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more); 1 Toothbrush in original, unopened pkg.; 1 Bath-size bar of soap; 1 Shampoo (full size, not sample); 1 Skin lotion; 1 Washcloth; 1 Deodorant; 1 Hand towel; 2 Disposable razors; and 1 Comb or brush.

## The Salvage Yard...

With Summer winding down and school starting, the Salvage Yard is getting ready for fall with some great local and regional music.

On September 2nd, we will be hosting a battle of the bands. It will be an all afternoon and evening event that costs \$3. The winners of the battle of the bands will get to play in the upcoming Shoutfest concert, held on Saturday, September 23rd. The winner of that day will be able to go to Nashville for a chance to win a national recording contract. So, you never know, you may see the next big Christian band come from The Salvage Yard.

On Friday September 22nd, we will be hosting a Shoutfest preview with Day of Fire, Cut Shallow, and more. That will be a great night to get a glimpse of what is to come at Shoutfest.. Always remember, you can check out all of our events at [www.thesalvageyard.com](http://www.thesalvageyard.com), and you can reach us by phone at 417-623-YARD.

## Prayer Concerns

<b>Military Troops &amp; Families</b>	<b>Bill, Bobby, Joe, Mary Lyerla</b>
<b>Tom Gibson</b>	<b>The Lara Family</b>
<b>Carly Hodgson</b>	<b>Robert</b>
<b>Carrol Skelton</b>	<b>Jeralyn</b>
<b>Bill Cash</b>	<b>Ida Cox and Family</b>
<b>Mandy Hood</b>	<b>The Trease Family/HOUSE, Inc.</b>
<b>Drew Dishman</b>	<b>Brandie</b>
<b>Alexander Soriano</b>	<b>Zach</b>
<b>Theressa Hailey</b>	<b>The Lee Family</b> at the death of <b>Grandfather Jeff Lee.</b>
<b>John Shoenberger</b>	
<b>Rowin James</b>	
<b>Michael McDaniel</b>	
<b>James McDaniel</b>	

## Join the Choir!

The choir has taken a break for the summer, but it is now time to gather again to "make a joyful noise!" If you have ever considered joining the choir, now would be a great time! The choir rehearses on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Childcare is available. Our first rehearsal for this season is August 31st. We would love to see some new faces!



Please contact Janet Brown (623-7090 or 623-1270) if you need more information or would like to join. You may also sign up on the Friendship Form on Sunday.

## Recycling Reminder...

Just a reminder that we have containers on the north side of the garage for recycling. There is a container for all types of cardboard, including cereal boxes. Also, a paper container for newspapers, magazines, office paper, and phone books. We also have a container for aluminum cans. If you are drinking soda pop in the church, there are several receptacles for the cans. There is one by the pop machine in the foyer, and the youth have a container by the kitchen outside door and the proceeds help support their compassion child in Indonesia.



So, why not bring your "trash" to the church? This will help the church and the environment!!

## Prime Timers

On Wednesday, September 6th, Prime Timers will start up again. Our menu will be Beef Tips and Noodles, green beans, combination salad, hot rolls, and peach cobbler, also coffee or tea.

Our speaker will be Detective Charla Geller and she will be speaking on "Identity Theft & Scams". The meal is \$5.00 and everyone must have a reservation. For reservations, please call Maril Thompson at 623-7803.



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## **KidSpace**

### **CrossTraining Kids Celebrate!**



Enroll your children today. This year the goal is to generate excitement about the wonderful way God has revealed Himself to us. Kids will learn that God's family always has the best reasons to rejoice. Kids will discover God's big picture. They will celebrate

and discover how God's people around the world and throughout time have celebrated and still celebrate God's gifts to us. Their discoveries through games, craft projects stories and music, will bring meaningful and enthusiastic worship and praise to God for his greatness. Come celebrate on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.



### **Thanks For Your Patience**

Thanks for your patience on Sunday with our new check in procedures. Due to the growth in our church, we have implemented a new check-in system to maintain a safe environment for your kids. Please check in all children, babies through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. All volunteers will match numbers on your pick up tag to your child's tag before releasing them to you.

Siblings under 16 years of age may not pick up children. Anyone 16 or older will have to have the numbered pick up tag before we can let the child leave with them.

### **Allergies...**



Please be sure to inform the check in staff of any food allergies your child may have. (The new tagging system will alert volunteers of allergies.)

### **Age Appropriate Ministries**

Saint Paul's ministries offer age appropriate ministries for all children. **Please make sure that your children are in the age appropriate ministry or class.**

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