

Saint Paul's E-News

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GREAT WAYS TO BEGIN 2011!

Wednesday Night Live Begins January 12th!

WNL courses are for everyone! The goal is to help you *do life better*. The kids can go to CrossTraining, youth head over to The Crossing, and there are lots of courses for adults all at the same time. All that, and we start off with a free dinner! Enrollment for many courses is limited. You may still register for any of the groups listed below by calling the church @ 623-7090 or sign up on the Connection Form in the Sunday Program

Spiritual Life Courses

Starting Point. Jan. 12—March 16. If you have questions about your faith and are searching for a place to learn, **START HERE**. This course has ten episodes, ten stories and one timeless quest - to quench the thirst that burns in every human spirit. Join Pastor Ben in this journey. No curriculum cost.

THE COMPASS COURSE Jan. 12—March 16. (formally, Road Trip With Jesus) Christ gives us direction for our lives, and everyone of us, from time to time, needs a course correction. The Compass Course is aimed at developing personal strength and confidence in interpreting, understanding and applying scripture for an active faith and to deepen the joy of a closer walk with Jesus. The Compass Course will be led by Pastor Mark. No curriculum cost.

The Bible 101. Jan 12 —March 2. This 8 week group will introduce you to the themes, characters, authors and background of the Old and New Testament scriptures and give you tools for personal interpretation. No curriculum cost.

Live Like You Were Dying, Jan. 12—Feb. 9. OR Feb. 16—March 16.

This 5 week course was inspired by the song by Tim McGraw. It focuses on thoughtful reflections and discussions about what really matters and how to begin living out the life that really is life. Curriculum \$10.

Nooma. Feb. 16—March 16. Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now and anybody can be part of it. God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. NOOMA is a series of short films that are very engaging and invite you to search, question, and join the discussion. No curriculum cost.

Relational Life Courses

Healing Hearts Seminar. Jan. 12—April 6. The Healing Hearts Seminar was created to help people draw closer to God by finding peace within themselves. Issues such as fear, anger, family dynamics and the inability to forgive, have a strong influence on our future. Through the use of informal games and exercises, participants learn simple life skills that help them find true happiness and purpose in their lives. Visit healinghearts1.weebly.com. No curriculum cost.

The Caring People. Jan. 12—March 16. This new group is geared toward single moms. It is a study and encouragement group helping single moms grow together under the guidance of other women who have "been there, done that". No curriculum cost.

Don't forget your Commitment Card

If you have not yet returned your 2011 Financial Commitment Card, please bring it with you Sunday. Give us a call if you can't find your card and we'll mail you another one (623-7090). Together we provide the financial fuel for living out our mission.

2011 Offering Envelopes are Here!

The 2011 Offering Envelopes have arrived and can be picked up in the church lobby.

Kindermusik Now Enrolling for the Winter/Spring Semester! **Free Demonstration Classes Available!**

"Mommy, is today *Kindermusik* day?" Those are the words you hear from little ones enrolled in *Kindermusik* classes here at Saint Paul's. Music is an awesome gift from God and we want children to experience it at a very young age. *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 three different age groups: Newborns-18 months, 18 months-3½ years and 3½ -5 years. All classes for the winter/spring semester begin the week of January 24th and run for 15 weeks. Free Demonstration Classes will be held January 10th and 11th. This gives you a chance to participate in a class and see what *Kindermusik* is all about. Visit the *Kindermusik* display in the church lobby where you will find brochures with more detailed information regarding all of the classes for the next semester. You may also contact Janet Brown at 623-7090 (ext. 31) or email her at spumcmusic@gmail.com. Download an enrollment form by visiting our church website at www.spwired.com. Click on "Download Forms" then "Kindermusik."

Demonstration Class Schedule

Newborns-18 months 5:30-6:00 p.m. (Monday, Jan. 10th)

18 months-3½ years 6:30-7:00 p.m. (Monday, Jan. 10th)

3½ years -5 years 5:30-6:00 p.m. (Tuesday, Jan. 11th)

Blood Drive January 16...

Saint Paul's will be having a Blood Drive on Sunday, January 16th, 2011. Sign-ups are in the church lobby. The Blood Mobile will be parked in the parking lot on the east side of the church.

2011 Building Use Forms...

New Building Use Forms must be filled out by each committee, class or ongoing group for the new year of 2011. Please include all pertinent dates, times, rooms, etc. on each form that is filled out. Building Use Forms are available in the church office or they may be picked up and returned to the wall pocket beside the church office door or left in the office.

CHECK OUT THE SALVAGE YARD !

Enjoy an evening of live music featuring both local and national talent and various genre's. This is the perfect opportunity for you to have a great night and not regret it the next morning. If you like to sleep in on Sunday, don't forget, we have Worship Service every Sunday evening at 6pm. We're located at 1402 S. Main, Joplin, MO, or visit us on line at www.thesalvageyard.com.

Our January schedule is as follows:

Sat. 1/8 Crossmember

Fri. 1/21 Open Mic

Fri. 1/14 Open Mic

Sat. 1/29 Motive For Movement

GET CONNECTED

Women's Retreat Jan 28-29... "You Matter More Than You Think" -- *What A Woman Needs to know About the Difference She Makes*. Saint Paul's annual women's retreat is scheduled for the weekend of January 28-29. Fun and festivities will begin on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. with a delicious dinner and conclude no later than 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Activities will include motivational speakers, devotions, breakout sessions, great food, movie-watching and all around fun! Registration forms will be available in the church lobby. The total cost is \$20 per participant, and (for planning purposes) this fee will need to be paid at the time you submit your registration. There is a box at the Information Center for your completed registration form and attached check. Should you need financial assistance or additional information, please contact Sue Utter @ 782-0061 or Bernice Robinson @ 623-0174. We hope to have a great turnout!

Camino Weekends Are Coming in February...

If you are looking for a great way to strengthen or renew your faith, then Camino may be what you are looking for. Camino is a three day journey through the Christian faith that happens twice a year. It is hosted by various churches throughout Southwest Missouri and works with many different denominations. The next one is scheduled for February 2011 and will be in Monett, MO. The men's weekend is February 17th - 20th and the women's weekend is February 24th - 27th.

If you would like more information, or want to sign up to attend, please contact Pastor Ben Bainbridge at the church (623-7090) or email him at ben@thesalvageyard.com.

A New Walking Club at Saint Paul's!

The Dogwood Trailblazers Walking Club of Joplin kicks off another year of activities on Thursday, January 13th, 5:30 p.m. at Saint Paul's. Their monthly meetings will be held at Saint Paul's the 2nd Thursday, of each month. The Trailblazers promote fun, fitness and friendship through walking. Everyone is invited to attend a meeting and learn more about this fun activity of walking with a group. If you would like more information please call Jim Gant at 291-4432.

20's and 30's Group...

Grow in your relationship with God and with others. The 20's and 30's Group is beginning a new study on "*Forgotten God*" by Francis Chan on Thursday, January 13th, 6:30 p.m. They will meet at the church and childcare is available. Sign up on the Connection Form in the Sunday Program, or for more information, call the church @ 623-7090.

MISSIONS

Mission Box Collections:

Help support the "Super Bowl of Caring"

During the month of January and on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, we encourage the congregation to bring soup and crackers to church and fill up the mission box. The soup and crackers will be given to Crosslines. Our goal is to donate over 1000 cans of soup and boxes of crackers.

Coffee With Pastor...

If you are new to Saint Paul's and would like more information, please join us for this get acquainted time. This is the first step in meeting one of our Pastors, hearing the vision of the church, asking questions and taking a tour. Join us on Sunday, January 9th at 10:30 a.m. in Room 53.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

The ZONE Series "DOORS" OPENED on 01.5.11

Join us On Wednesday Nights in **The ZONE**
for our next series called.... **DOORS** ...

This series will be slamming with excitement...

A door is defined as a means of entry or access, allowing us to move from one environment to another. And in the physical sense, we understand that. From front doors to garage doors, classroom doors to back doors, we are continually moving from one place to another as we are confronted with doors every day. When it comes to life, there are doors that we consciously choose to open and close as well. Doors can have serious consequences or abundant rewards, depending on what we do with them.

In this 3-part series, youth will approach the threshold to some of these doors. We will learn to unlock and do what it takes to close and open the right doors.

Invite your friends and don't miss the fun!

Give Blankets & Win!

When you give a warm blanket you will get a warm feeling inside! The Youth in The Zone at Saint Paul's are competing with KidSPace to reach a goal to provide warmth and comfort to those in need. Full, Queen or King sizes are requested. **Our goal is to provide 150 blankets.** Please deliver your blanket or donation to The Zone next Wednesday, January 12th.

If you have any questions please contact The Zone at 417-623-7090.

KidSPace

CrossTraining will Resume on January 12th, 2011

Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Children, 3 years old through 5th grade, can be part of an exciting and active environment. Each lesson uses a variety of teaching methods to create a fun learning atmosphere while impacting the children spiritually. Lesson includes stories, object lessons, activity reinforcements, memory verses and a large group message in the Worship Center.

Baby It's Cold Outside...

When you give a warm blanket you will get a warm feeling inside! Saint Paul's KidSPace is asking you to give a gently worn or new blanket to provide warmth and comfort to those in need. Full, Queen or King Sizes are requested. **Our goal is for our children to help provide 150 blankets.** Please deliver your blanket to KidSPace by **January 19th**.

If you have any questions please contact KidSPace at 417-623-7090 ext. 20.