

Saint Paul's E-News

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Fall Plans for Adult Growth Groups

Church-wide Spiritual Growth Experience Coming in September

Just because our building is not yet ready, does not mean we cannot do ministry in September! Early this fall is the perfect time to try a short-term home group! We will launch a 4 week message series coupled with the opportunity to step into a four-week home-based small group. It's a great way to take the inspiration of Sunday morning and add the depth of additional teaching, discussion and application into your life. The message series will all start on Sunday, September 11 with home groups to start that week. Sign ups for the home groups will begin soon!

Wednesday Night Live to Start in Mid-October

Since it is difficult to say at this point exactly when the Family Life Center will be ready for occupancy, we are delaying the fall launch of WNL for adults until Mid-October. Hopefully that will give us plenty of time to ensure that the repairs are made and rooms are set-up and prepared.

Charge Conference on Monday August 8

There will be a **Charge Conference** held at Saint Paul's on Monday, August 8th at 6:00 p.m. A Charge Conference is a congregational meeting chaired by the District Superintendent. It is the highest decision making body within a local UM Church. The agenda for this Charge Conference is to elect a building committee that has been nominated by the Administrative Council. Anyone is welcome to attend.

River Baptism Aug. 21

For the fourth year running, we're planning a river baptism day Sunday, August 21, 3 p.m. We'll gather at the low water bridge on Shoal Creek and anyone who is ready to be baptized, or reclaim their baptism, can take part. If you would like to take part in this special celebration you can sign up on the Connection Form in the Sunday worship program or call the church @ 623-7090 or just show up on Sunday, August 21st at Shoal Creek.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Saint Paul's wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving lets you go to spwired.com at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

Building Update

The work on the repair of the Family Life Center is still progressing. The classrooms on the north end have been re-sheet rocked, textured and are in line to be painted shortly. The siding and roof are being replaced but the extreme temperatures have slowed that down a bit. The stage area of the Family Life Center is starting to be refinished and will soon start looking familiar. After the Charge Conference Monday night the Building Committee will begin the process of reconstructing the Worship Center. Please continue to keep this process in your prayers.

Kindermusik Now Enrolling for the Fall Semester *Free Demonstration Classes Available*

We've moved to a new space within the church, but Kindermusik classes are up and going! We're just finishing our summer semester, but are now enrolling for the fall classes which begin the week of August 22nd and run for 15 weeks. If you have a little one who enjoys music, then Kindermusik is a great option for you! It is a unique music and movement program designed specifically for babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers. In a typical class, you'll sing, dance, play instruments, and experience the gift of music in a fun, learning environment. We'll be offering free demonstration classes so that you can participate in a class and see for yourself what it's all about. Take a look at the Demonstration class schedule below. You can sign up for the Demo class on Sundays by completing the "Connection Form." For a detailed look at our schedule for the fall, visit our church website at www.spwired.com. Click on "Download Forms" then "Kindermusik." You can also contact Janet Brown at spumcmusic@gmail.com or call her at church at 623-7090.

Demonstration Class Schedule

Village (ages newborn-18 months)-Monday, August 8th -5:30-6:00 p.m.

Our Time (ages 18 months-3 ½ years) –Monday, August 8th -6:30-7:00 p.m.

Imagine That (ages 3 ½-5 years) –Tuesday, August 9th -5:30-6:00 p.m.

If you participate in a free demonstration class, you can also save \$15 on the cost.

News from The Salvage Yard

This Friday at the Salvage Yard, the band "Apokritheis" will hit the stage at 9:00 p.m. on August 12th. The next upcoming show is August 19th "Of The Rescue". This band raised \$1,000 for Saint Paul's and wants to do a worship night for Saint Paul's and The Salvage Yard. Stop in and say "Hello". Enjoy a refreshing iced tea and some great music! Hope to see you there or check out our website at www.thesalvageyard.com for future concert info.

BRIGHT FUTURES IS CHANGING LIVES

One year ago, Saint Paul's entered into a partnership with Cecil Floyd Elementary School through the Bright Futures Program, an initiative that seeks to improve academic success, and eventually address issues of poverty, through deeper involvement from community volunteers. Volunteers from Saint Paul's speak passionately about the ways that their involvement is not just bringing hope to a student, but brings fulfillment to their own lives as well!

Now is the time to prayerfully consider if God is leading you to make an impact that could literally change a life. If you would like more information about the following options, or want to volunteer, please see the connection form on Sunday in worship, or call the office at 623-7090.

Lunch Buddies – Spend one hour a week encouraging a student by simply building a relationship over their lunch period.

TREK - Be more involved with a student's academic success through TREK. Spend an hour after school to mentor and help students through a guided program of activities.

Be a Classroom Volunteer – You can spend a couple hours a week or several hours a day helping out in a wide variety of ways in the school.

Connections...

Meet the Pastor Sunday, August 14 @ 11:00

If you are new to Saint Paul's and would like more information, please join us for this informal get acquainted time. This is a chance to meet our Pastors, hear the vision of the church and ask questions. Sign up on the Connection Form in the Sunday brochure or call the church @ 623-7090.

The Caring People-A Ministry for Single Moms

Whether you are a Single Mom seeking a place of love and support or a caring woman wanting to make a difference in the lives of single moms, The Caring People – A Ministry for Single Moms may be the place for you. For more information contact Lin Harris 918-607-5125; marklinharris@yahoo.com

Missions...

Saint Paul's Tornado Relief...

Since the May 22nd tornado, Saint Paul's has played an active role in providing relief to those in need within our church and community. This help has come in the form of financial assistance, donations of supplies, prayer, and countless volunteer hours. Our damaged building has served as a hospitality room as well as a dispatch point for volunteers from our congregation and church groups from many states that have come to our aid. The people of Saint Paul's remain active in demonstrating Christ-like service to those who need it most. Here's what you are doing as a church:

- Donating money and supplies toward the relief effort.
- Praying for our community and its members.
- Devoting your time to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever it is needed.
- Keeping in contact with one another through Shepherd groups. (If your home was damaged/destroyed and have not been contacted by a "Shepherd", please contact the church.)
- Sending workers into the community on "Saturday Work Days" and virtually every other day of the week.
- Providing hospitality to volunteers.
- Serving to keep our church functional.
- Hosting groups in our building.
- Remaining faithful as the church goes through the rebuilding process.
- Alerting the church to any needs you or others may have.

Thank you to the many individuals who have been able to help in any way. Even the smallest gesture makes a world of difference. Please contact Chuck Kralik, our Tornado Relief Coordinator, with needs, questions, and suggestions or resources. His phone number is (417)629-4436 and his email address is sptornadorelief@gmail.com.

Our Partner School, Cecil Floyd, Needs Our Help to be Ready for Start of School

We are continuing our partnership with Cecil Floyd Elementary School by assisting in their back-to-school preparations. After the storm, all the contents of the school were packed and put into storage so reconstruction could begin. Now there are mountains of boxes and supplies and equipment to get back into classrooms and many hands are needed! We plan to help teachers move into their classrooms beginning Wed., August 10th, starting at 9 a.m. and continuing through August 12th. Hours will vary and because of construction days may change completely. If you can, just go up to Cecil Floyd when you are available and see if you are needed.

Volunteers can also help by providing hospitality on Open House Night on Tues., Aug. 16th and for the first day of school on Wed., Aug. 17th. Please contact Chuck Kralik, our Tornado Relief Coordinator, at (417)629-4436 or sptornadorelief@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you!

The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center Relocation...

The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center has relocated from the Taylor Performing Arts Center and the First Methodist Church. Their new location is at the Landmark Center Shopping Mall, 2640 E. 32nd Street, Ste. 5, Joplin, MO 64804. They are open Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm until further notice. Before visiting the DRC, register online at: www.DisasterAssistance.gov; By smartphone at <http://m.fema.gov> or by phone 800-621-FEMA (3362). If you have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY call 800-462-7585; use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS) to call 1-800-621-3362.

Free Community Support Groups:

- **Forest Park Baptist Church, 7th and Range Line**
Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. – Cindy Lungstrum
Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. – David Hair
- **Joplin NAMI, 2701 South Davis (call Diana Harper 291-3173)**
Wednesday morning 10:00 a.m. – Earl Kirn
Friday evening 6:30 p.m. – David Hair and Angie Parker
- Another resource would be to call Ozark Center, 417-347-7070 or 800-247-0661

Children's Ministries...



Come Join us for CrossTraining - PandaMania!

This year's CrossTraining will begin on September 14 and end on December 7. Each evening will begin at 6pm and end at 8pm. Join us for an exciting adventure filled with dinner, games, art, songs and more. We are so excited to explore all the ways that God is wild about us!

To register your child for CrossTraining, please fill out information located on the Sunday connection form or register on our website www.spwired.com and print out the form and drop it by the church. (children must be at least 3yrs of age thru 5th grade). Childcare will also be available.

See you there!

Volunteer Opportunities at CrossTraining - PandaMania Wednesday night beginning September 14 and ending on December 7th

Welcome to CrossTraining - PandaMania: Where God is Wild About You!

In just a few short weeks, our church will go wild with kids (and pandas) at our CrossTraining – PandaMania! Kids will worship God through songs and prayer, make Bible Point Art, and discover life-changing Bible truths in fun and memorable ways.

To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers who can give some time, energy, and love to the kids who will attend. So let me share a few ideas about ways you might be able to make this program a success. Please check out the following list, and then pray about where God might use you.

Station Leaders: Use easy-to-follow station leader packs and prepare one 20-minute session each Wednesday night, which you will repeat with three different groups of approximately 25 kids. We need leaders for the following stations:

- Crazy Crafts & Missions
- Bamboo Blast Games
- Chadder's Movie Mania (video adventure and discussion)
- Treetop dinner servers (helping serve dinner to kids and cleaning up)
- Wild Bible Adventures

Crew Leaders: Shepherd –specific age groups of elementary children through each night's activities and there's no preparation!

Crew Leaders for preschoolers: Be a friend and helper to a group of preschool children!

Sign up on the Connection Form in the Sunday brochure or contact Becca at 623-7090 ext 20.

We've got a place for you!

Student Ministries... Event For All Ages: I Am Joplin

The "I Am Joplin" event has been made possible through a collaboration between Joplin Youth Service agencies, Bright Futures, Joplin Schools, and many local businesses in order to bring together all school aged children of Joplin prior to the start of school on Aug. 17 in an effort to reunite and celebrate the community as a whole, and to help alleviate any existent anxieties caused by the May 22nd tornado that hit the Joplin community.

On Wednesday, August 10 from 6:30-10 p.m., all K-12 Joplin students, their families, and all Joplin R-VIII employees are invited to MSSU's Lions Stadium for an evening full of fun, food, games, prizes, fireworks, music and friends! There will be carnival style games for all ages ranging from face painting to a 100 foot slip-n-slide to water balloon launcher wars. The event will close with a special concert and a time of remembering and refocusing for the upcoming school year. All Joplin families are encouraged to attend.

For information on volunteering for this event, please visit <http://signupgenius.com/go/iamjoplin>. Please see the event Facebook page www.facebook.com/iamjoplinevent for more details.

Back To School Bash

August 12th 5:30 PM- August 13th 6:00 AM

I'm sorry I mentioned school, but I have to inform you about an **event you don't want to miss!** If you are going into 6th-12th grade you want to be there for this! A whole night full of excitement that you're going to want to bring your friends to! Our night will start of with a trip to Springfield to Incredible pizza, from there we will go see an IMAX movie, and the rest is a mystery! All of this for only \$20! You might want a little bit of spending money, for extra things you want to buy. See Brandon at The Zone, or give him a call at 417-434-8070, to reserve your spot!

Parents your welcome to come along as well! Oh yea, the best part is it is a Lock In-Lock Out!

See You There!