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Anna Jean Dye Announces Retirement

After 30+ years of serving on the ministry staff at Saint Paul's, Anna Jean Dye, our Director of Caring Ministries is, in her own words, "stepping down" from full-time service. During her many years, A.J. has served wonderfully as Office Secretary, Pastoral Assistant, and Director of Caring Ministries. A.J. has always wanted to be encouraging and supportive to God's mission in any way she can and we anticipate that she will continue to be strongly connected to many ministries for years to come.

Even though Anna Jean shutters at the idea of being the central figure for a big party, we will formally celebrate Anna Jean's many years of ministry in May. Details will be coming soon.

This announcement also means that Saint Paul's will immediately begin a search for someone to fill the position of Director of Caring Ministries. Please pray for A.J. as she moves into retirement status and pray for the church as we begin to search for someone to fill her shoes.

Serve the World-Missions Fair, March 6

Matthew 25:40 "whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you may not know it but you did it for me."

Leading people to an active faith in Jesus Christ is the mission statement of Saint Paul's. That means to love God, love others and **serve the world**. Find out about many of the local opportunities to serve others at the "Serve the World" Missions Fair. This fair will be held in the lobby of Saint Paul's on Sunday, March 6.

"Fill it Up Cup": Clean Water Campaign

You and your family can help others by participating in the "Fill It Up Cup" Clean Water Campaign. During the 6 weeks of Lent, we ask each family to put their change in an empty water bottle. On Easter Sunday, April 24, bring in your bottle full of change and add it to the big mission's cup. The money collected will go to purchase water filtration systems to use in Haiti and around the world. Think about it... for us, getting clean water is as easy as grabbing a bottle at the store or turning on the faucet. Let's do our best to help others get clean water too! We will have water bottles available in the lobby.

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Aaron Brown, Lead Pastor • Sunday Worship—8:15, 9:30, 11:00, 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m. at the Salvage Yard



The Zone Presents Six Flags Over Texas March 18th - 20th

It's our first trip of the year for all 8th-12th graders. We will be loading up right after school gets out on the 18th and heading to Arlington, Texas. We will be staying at a local church, and going to Six Flags Over Texas all day Saturday. On Sunday, we will wake up, go to church, and head back home. The cost is \$95 a person, and includes transportation, ticket cost, all meals, and lodging. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS TRIP!!!** See Brandon for a permission slip. Parents, if you need more information, give me a call at 417-434-1780.

Mark your Calendars!!

Summer is quickly approaching, and that means camps and mission trips!

March 18th-20th Students currently in 8th-12th - Six Flags

June 12th-18th Students going into 9th-12th - Christ In Youth Elizabethton, TN

June 25th-29th Students going into 7th-9th - Church Camp Sky Ranch

July 22nd - 31st Students going into 9th-12th - Mission Trip to Mascalero, NM

Educational Scholarships Available...

Applications for the Methodist Women's Educational Scholarships may be picked up in the church office or at the Information Desk. Church members of all ages who are pursuing any form of education beyond high school are eligible to participate. *Previous winners are not eligible. Applications must be returned to the church office by noon, Monday March 14.* For additional information, call Nancy Hoagland at 781-1264.



A Few Words From Aaron...

I've got a few things I want to highlight in this article. First, the **retirement of A.J. Dye**. She's been on staff here for over 30 years and has made an impact in the lives of so many, many people! She's not quite sure

what retirement is going to look like for her so she will need our help to fill the void! She will continue at her job until we fill her position.

Second, **join me in praying for peace** in our world. The events in the Middle East have an impact on our lives. God has instructed us to be bearers of peace and to pray for peace. It's hard for me to know **exactly** what to pray for, so my prayers focus on those people in various leadership positions to be wise and see the big picture of the people of their countries.

Third, we're on the front end of the **Ignite capital stewardship campaign**. By working together, we can knock out our debt and free up resources to do more ministry for more people. We've done this several times here at Saint Paul's and the end result has always helped us live out our mission better—leading people to an active faith in Jesus Christ. When it comes to money, sometimes we try to avoid the issues, but denial doesn't get us toward our goals. Whether or not you've been through one of these before, make sure you get informed, be prayerful, and be positive.

See you on Sunday! Aaron

Ash Sunday March 6

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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 1,500 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 of Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Weekday Discipleship	Faith Offering
Jan 16	843	175	578	\$20,188
Jan 23	849	190	605	\$21,676
Jan 30	924	162	N/A	\$18,608
Feb 6	791	144	N/A	\$21,692
Feb 13	966	176	556	\$26,864
Feb 20	880	215	N/A	\$18,003

Sunday Discipleship includes all children, youth, & adult classes & courses offered on Sundays. Weekday Discipleship includes children, youth & adult ministries on Wednesday evenings.



Operation Fairy Godmother

The mission of "Operation Fairy Godmother" is to make attending prom a possibility for all students regardless of the student's economic situation. OFG is accepting donations of any of the following items you might have "hiding in your closets": prom appropriate dresses/gowns, shoes, purses, jewelry, hair accessories/hair products, nail polish, perfume, makeup, etc. Bring items to Saint Paul's and put in the Missions Cargo Box (monetary donations can be left in the church office). If you have questions or would like to volunteer your services, please call Sue Utter at 782-0061.

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

What an incredible collection of soup and crackers. Currently we have collected 1062 cans of soup and boxes of crackers. The soup and crackers from this collection, held by Saint Paul's congregation and Awesome Adventure Pre School, will be used to support Crosslines Ministries of Joplin.

LifeChoices Medical Clinic

The LifeChoices Medical Clinic and its satellite clinic, 4U Testing Medical Clinic, are in need of volunteer licensed medical professionals! Both clinics are in need of volunteer doctors, nurses, phlebotomists, medical assistants and nursing students.

Volunteer opportunities are available for weekly 4-hour shifts, as well as once-a-month opportunities. For more information, please call Mischa or Karolyn at 417-623-0131 or email us at mischal@lifechoices4states.org.

Get Connected..

Coffee with the Pastor

If you are new to Saint Paul's we would like to invite you to Coffee with the Pastor. This coffee is a great way to get to meet our Pastors, hear the vision of the church and even take a tour. The next class will be held on Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. in room #53, Sign up on the Connections form in the Sunday brochure or by calling the church office at 623-7090.



Prayer Concerns

Health & Healing

- Krista Wessels
- Tina Bowman
- Freddie & Jim McGree
- Dave Ritter
- Felicity Roland
- Vivian Harper

Mario, Noah & Natalie Soriano

- Erick Easom
- Austin Lewis
- Artura Lara & Lara Kids
- James & Simone Lesmeister

Cancer Treatment:

- Pam Clifton
- Rose Hymer
- Easton Murdock
- Joey Walker
- Bob Benefiel

Ron & Bonnie Curtis
Cory Moore

Serving in the military:

We honor those serving in the military by placing their names on the Military Board in the east hallway after listing new names here for one week. Please check that board regularly.

Other Concerns:

- J.D. & Sierra Armstrong
- Tammy Comer
- Jo Clark

Watered Gardens Worth Shop

New to the Saint Paul's Soul Source bookstore: jewelry made just for you by the people at Watered Gardens. At Watered Gardens, they have started a new ministry that helps the poor and homeless to be creative and to realize they have worth. They are now making jewelry and that jewelry is available for sale in the Saint Paul's bookstore. Please stop by and check out the nice pieces of jewelry made by the people of Watered Gardens. All proceeds from these sales will go back in the Worth Shop program.

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Join Us at Camp and Make Summer Count!

June 25th - 29th - kids entering 5th and 6th grade - Sky Ranch, Cave Springs, Oklahoma

June 23rd -25th - kids entering 3rd and 4th grade - Camp Galilee

July 18th – 22nd Vacation Bible School - PANDAMONIA
3 years thru 5th Grade

June 6th -Day Camp - FBI Summer Day Camp begins

Save Best Choice Labels for CASH!

It's as easy as... 123

1. Raise Money for KIDS going to Summer Camp

Together we can work to make a difference in the lives of our children. It's easy, just save labels for cash. Just cut the UPC symbol off any Best Choice brand item. It will say Best Choice above the bar code. We will earn 3 cents for each UPC symbol.

2. Save Best Choice labels...It's That EASY!

Just save the labels of Best Choice products. Saint Paul's Summer Camp Program will earn \$30 in cash for each bundle of 1,000 UPC's sent in. **You bring in the labels we will do the rest!**

3. To participate, just bring your Best Choice labels to Saint Paul's Kid Space

and drop the labels in the marked bins located by the main entrances. Working together building better summers for our children.



Worship as a family
Sunday, February 27
in KidSPACE
at 11:00 a.m. for

JUMP!

A family worship experience

