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**YOUR ELECTRONIC UPDATE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING  
 IN AND AROUND SAINT PAUL'S**



# SPwired E-news

**"THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST  
 CHURCH IS TO LEAD PEOPLE TO AN ACTIVE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST"**

## **GREAT WAYS TO BEGIN 2009!**

### **Wednesday Night Live started on January 7th!**

*The following groups are still open for registration...*

If you want to **do life better**, then check out Wednesday Night Live (WNL) at Saint Paul's. The kids can go to CrossTraining for a great adventure, youth head over to The Crossing, and there are lots of courses for adults all at the same time! We start off with a free dinner! To register for a class or for more information, call the church office at 623-7090.

#### *Spiritual Life Courses*

**Alpha**—Is there more to life than this? The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening manner over 10, thought-provoking weekly sessions. It's low key, friendly and fun. No materials cost.

**H2O**—Ten episodes, ten stories, one timeless quest - to quench the thirst that burns in every human spirit. Materials cost \$5.

**New Men's Study: Uprising, A Revolution of the Soul**—Be a part of the revolution that changes a life of limitation and mediocrity into one of power and adventure. Materials cost of \$10.

**Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God**—Significantly deepen your relationship with God and learn how to overcome fears and step out in faith. Materials cost of \$20.

#### *Financial Life Course*

**Crown Financial** is a life-changing, intentional Bible study about good stewardship of your resources with practical applications for your personal finances. Materials cost is \$55/couple or \$45/individual.

#### *Relational Course*

**Healing Hearts I**—Discover the love of God that can heal your wounds and reconnect you with other people. Jan 7—Feb 18 (7 weeks). No materials cost.

#### *Parental Skills Course*

**For Parents of Pre-School Age Children: Love and Logic**—Learn the basics of Dr. Jim Faye's love and logic method of discipline. Materials cost is \$12.

## Women's Retreat Jan 16-17

A highlight event for women every year! The Retreat is at Saint Paul's UMC and begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. All meals included along with fun and fellowship. Cost: \$20.00. (*Scholarships available*). Flyers are available at the Information Center. For more information call Bernice Robinson at 623-0174.



## Missions

### Long John January

*Show someone that you care by giving long underwear!*

This January, we encourage everyone to give a little added warmth. The Missions Team is sponsoring Long John January. We are collecting Long Johns/thermal underwear, scarves, gloves and any other items that will help someone stay warm this winter. The collected items will be given to the homeless during the Joplin Area Project Homeless Connect on January 28. Bring your items to the Missions Cargo Box in the lobby by January 25th.

### Nicaragua Discovery Trip

The next Saint Paul's/Rainbow Network Discovery Trip will be taken during the 3rd week of March, 2009. If you are planning on going with us on this trip a \$100 deposit is due to the church by January 12th.

Please contact Nancy Henley at 624-8611 or Nancy Hampton at 623-7090 for more information.

## Student Ministries

### Bring Soup to the church for the needy!

Saint Paul's youth is sponsoring "Souper Sundays". We are asking everyone to donate at least one can of soup from each person in their family. Please bring your soup (and crackers) to the church by Sunday, February 1, Super Bowl Sunday.



### Guide Book & Directory Update

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. The book contains the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How of our Church. The book is provided at **no cost** to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out how to advertise in our book, please call the Church Office at 417-623-7090.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize our Guide Book & Directory advertisers over non-advertisers. It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book & Directory.

### 2009 Offering Envelopes Are Here!

The 2009 Pledge Envelopes have arrived and can be picked up in the church lobby.

# Camino Coming In February!

If you have been thinking about how to take the next step in your faith journey, then Camino might be just what you are looking for. Camino is an ecumenical (multi-denominational) spiritual retreat weekend that takes place twice a year. The next Camino weekends are February 19th-22nd, 2009 for men and February 26th-March 1st, 2009 for women. This event will take place in Monett, Missouri and there is plenty of room for you. If you would like more information or want to sign up, please contact Ben Bainbridge at 417-623-9273 or email him at [ben@thesalvageyard.com](mailto:ben@thesalvageyard.com).

## Kindermusik Now Enrolling for Winter/Spring!

Children love to sing and dance! Here at Saint Paul's we encourage that natural love of music by offering Kindermusik classes for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and children ages 5-7. The winter/spring semester begins the week of January 26th and runs for 15 weeks. Take a look at the Kindermusik display in the lobby or call Janet Brown at 623-7090, ext. 31 for more information.



## CrossTraining Has Begun....January 7, 2009!

Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Children, 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> 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. CrossTraining helps the Bible come alive in children's hearts. But don't take our word for it, bring your kids and let them tell you all about it.

## The Salvage Yard is having a birthday!

The Salvage Yard is turning three! (That's 21 in dog years!) We want to invite everyone down to celebrate our three year anniversary on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Saint Paul's own worship band, Spirit Force, will be playing along with a local favorite, Trinity's Cross. This is a free, all ages event that will begin at 8:00 p.m. The doors of The Salvage Yard open at 6:00 p.m., so come early, have a cup of coffee, play a game of pool, relax and enjoy the night with us. You can check out other events on our website; [www.thesalvageyard.com](http://www.thesalvageyard.com). The Salvage Yard is located at 14<sup>th</sup> and Main Street in Joplin and you can call us at 417-623-YARD.