



THE TOWER

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Promotion Sunday

Believe it or not, the first day of school is quickly approaching. As our children move to the next grade level in school, they will also be promoted here at St. Paul. On Sunday, August 10, we will celebrate our children moving up to their next Sunday school class. All three-year-olds through rising 5th graders should meet in the Sanctuary at 10:05 a.m., to meet their new teachers and/or shepherds. The new teachers and shepherds will take their kids to their rooms for a promotion celebration! Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Fall Sunday School Rooms

Two-year-olds	Room 201
Three-year-olds	Room 202
Four-year-olds	Room 200
Kindergarten – Fourth Grade	Room 309 (Gathering Room)
Fifth Grade	Room 303

Please keep in mind that St. Paul uses the same cut off date as Jefferson County Public Schools. Therefore, your child should attend the Sunday school class corresponding with his/her age as of October 1, 2008.

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Also, we have made a couple of changes for our Fall Sunday school classes. Due to the very large numbers of rising kindergarteners, they will be a group by themselves in our "Journeys" rotation for next year. First and second graders will travel together, and third and fourth graders will be together. Our fifth graders will attend a traditional Sunday school class in Room 303, led by John Hugues.

For more information on "Journeys", our kindergarten through fourth grade rotation Sunday school, please visit the Children's Ministries page on St. Paul's website, www.stpaulchurch.net.



Tom's Thoughts

A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

This summer I have delighted in a class I have been leading on reaching out to the unchurched. We have based our discussions on a book written by Bill Hybels entitled "Just Walk Across the Room". We have been inspired and challenged in the same breath. Hybels encourages us all to simply "walk across the room" when it comes to building relationships and engaging others regarding their walk with Christ.

He calls us to live what he calls, "3-D Lives". By "3-D Lives," Hybels means living in such a way where we are constantly "developing friendships, discovering stories and discerning next steps."

By so doing we need to stay attuned to God's Spirit and cooperate with the same. We need to constantly keep our eyes and ears open, making ourselves available to every opportunity to help someone along toward a spiritual awakening. As with the Apostle Paul we need to recognize that God has a mystical ability to draw people to himself. It was Paul who recognized his place in all of this. "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." (I Corinthians 3:6)

Hybels gives some helpful hints as we prepare to share our own stories of how God through Christ has made a difference. He says, "Don't be long-winded." Hybels says that our story needs to be condensed to around a hundred words. He encourages clarity. "Fuzziness" only breeds confusion. "Speak simply," he says. The use of religionese serves only to turn off those who might otherwise listen. "Stay humble." An air of superiority will drive people away.

In our every effort at reaching out to the unchurched, may we all take these words to heart as we seek to make good on Christ's mandate to "go into all the world and make disciples."

- Tom Grieb

A Very Special Gift

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

Recently the church received a very special gift from the Brentwood United Methodist Church Foundation in honor of Dr. Howard Olds. As many of you know, Howard retired from full-time ministry as of June 29, 2008.

The Foundation noted in a letter sent along with their most generous gift the following: "We believe that our congregation has truly been blessed by Dr. Olds' tenure with us since 2000. In appreciation of your role in Dr. Olds' ministry, we are sending a monetary gift of \$2500 in his honor. Serving your church was the focus of his life from 1991-2000. The experience he had with you served to shape his future ministry and to add to the wealth of inspiration which he has shared with us all."

As with our sister church in Brentwood, we can certainly affirm that we too have been blessed by Howard and continue to reap the benefits of the firm foundation of effective ministry he helped to lay. Our prayers are with Howard and Sandy as they continue to live faithfully in the midst of challenging times. We pray for God's continued presence, strength, and consolation.

Connections Class Announced

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

The next Connections Class will be offered on Sunday mornings, August 3, 10, 17, 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Church Parlor (Room 219). Connections gives an overview of the ministry of St. Paul, as well as a quick summary of the United Methodist beliefs. The class, led by Tom Grieb, is geared toward those persons who are new to the church and want to know more about its ministry. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

L.O.A. Sunday School Class

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

The “Love One Another” Class invites you to be with us each Sunday as we worship God and study His word. We meet in the Chapel at 9:45 a.m. Laura Williams and Lucille Moss lead us in hymns of praise, a member of the class offers a devotional selection, and our teacher for the month leads us in a lesson from the *Adult Bible Studies*.

Les Black will present our remaining lesson for July, “Christ as Messiah”, based on *Matthew 16:13-23*. In August our five lessons, titled “Images of Christ in Us”, are from the book of *James*. Please join us.

After the lessons we have our “time of sharing” when we keep in touch with our members who are in need of prayer or have a joy to report; it is one way in which we express our Love for One Another. Our monthly socials are pitch-in dinners, held on the third Friday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Guests and visitors are welcomed; please call Dean Harper, 452-1207, if you plan to attend.

Need Direction in Your Life?

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

The Communications team is working on signage to better direct visitors and newcomers in our church to where they want to go. Sample diagrams have been placed at the first floor Douglass Blvd. entrance and the first floor large elevator entrance.

They have also been placed in the hall near the Information Desk and at the entrance from the Gym into the child care rooms. The plan calls for framed signage to be placed at the entrances to our church. Please forward your comments and input on the diagrams to either kcurry@stpaulchurch.net or tim.ellis@insightbb.com.

Computer Recycling Event

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

St. Paul and Commonwealth Computer Recycling will join together to sponsor a Highlands Community Recycling event on Saturday, August 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the back parking lots of St. Paul UMC. Proper disposal of old computers helps to keep our environment cleaner. Collect the old computers you have around the house and bring them on the 23rd. Volunteers will be present to remove them from your car (it’s a drive-thru disposal). There is a \$2 per car fee to cover the expense of rental equipment to properly transport and dispose of the computers.

New Books in the Library

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

- “The Prince of Frogtown” by Rick Bragg
- “All Over but the Shoutin’” by Rick Bragg
- “Founding Faith” by Steven Waldman
- “What the Gospels Meant” by Gary Wills
- “The Reason for God” by Timothy Keller
- “Sundays at Tiffany’s” by James Patterson

We have recently had some Christian fiction paperback books donated as well.

Fifth Grade Promotion Lunch **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

All current fifth graders and their families are invited to attend a luncheon on Sunday, August 10, to celebrate their promotion to Youth Ministry. Join us in the Coffee Shop of the Family Life Center following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The luncheon is free of charge, however, we do ask you to RSVP with the number of people who will attend from your family. Please call or email Karen Garner by Wednesday, August 6, at 459-1595 ext. 17 or kgarner@stpaulchurch.net.

Sunday School Teachers Needed **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

As we look ahead to the Fall, we are in need of both shepherds and teachers for our kindergarten – fourth grade rotation Sunday school, "Journeys". Shepherds will commit to traveling with the children every Sunday as they move to their current weeks' station. They are not required to teach! Teachers will teach three weeks of the same station: art, music, games, science, cooking, video, computers or Bible storytelling. They will teach the same lesson with age group modifications, each of the three Sundays they teach (one week with kindergarteners, one week with 1st /2nd graders, one week with 3rd/4th graders). All curricula and materials are provided. Please contact Karen Garner (459-1595 ext. 17 or kgarner@stpaulchurch.net) if you have any questions, or if you are interested in serving as a shepherd or a teacher this Fall. Our first unit will begin on Sunday, August 17.



Parents Night Out Reminder **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Our last Summer Parents Night Out will be Saturday, August 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Parents must register their children by Wednesday, July 30, by contacting Karen Garner at 459-1595 ext. 17 or kgarner@stpaulchurch.net, with names and ages of the children participating.

Parents Night Out will continue in the Fall, the third Saturday of each month. Look for more information to come in the next Tower!

Music Camp Thanks! **WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY**



Thanks so much to all youth and adults who helped to make music camp such a great success. Thank you children for your hard work and commitment. You all did a beautiful job! You bring joy to my heart.

- Karla Temple

Mid-High Mission Trip

YOUTH MINISTRY

A great time was had by all who attended the Mid-High Mission Trip! We traveled to Cedarville, Ohio and worked with children at a YMCA for our mission project. The youth played on the playground with the children, played sports, and did an afternoon Bible School. Every morning and evening the youth participated in an awesome time of worship and lives were changed through the love of Jesus. A special thanks to our youth for attending and the chaperones who gave a week of their time to make a difference in the lives of our youth.

Parent Meeting

YOUTH MINISTRY

Please note the change in dates! Our Fall '08 parent kick-off meeting will be held Wednesday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Coffee Shop. We will discuss the Fall '08 schedule, create a cooks list for Metamorphosis Youth Group, have parents fill out medical information forms, and answer any questions you might have. Please mark this date on your calendar and be sure to attend this informational meeting.

New Song Music Festival

YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth will be attending New Song on Friday, August 8. For more information please see the back cover of this issue.

Youth Pool Party Kick-Off

YOUTH MINISTRY

As is the tradition of our youth ministry, our good friend, Ruth Clemmens, has graciously agreed to host the kick-off party at her home on August 17 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm. We will leave the back parking lot of St. Paul at 1:45 p.m. and return by 5:15 p.m. Please bring an appropriate swimsuit, towel, suntan lotion, a tennis racket (if you desire to play), and be ready for a great time!



Metamorphosis is Coming Soon!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Metamorphosis Youth Group Ministry resumes on August 24, 2008 with Youth Choir at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a study, games, and worship to follow. I am thrilled to have new additions to our leadership team this year and look forward to a great time of new growth and fresh blessings from above. We will continue to send interaction questions/readings/activity ideas to parents with the weekly email in the hopes of not only building stronger youth but stronger families. I am also pleased to announce an addition to this year's ministry: we will have a mission component to cement each series of teaching and we are hopeful that the learning opportunities will fuel action for the Kingdom of God. I ask that you be in prayer for our ministry in this new year filled with new opportunities!

- Brian Ebel

Challengers Luncheon

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

The fourth Challengers Luncheon for 2008 will be Tuesday, August 5 at 12:00 p.m. in the Coffee Shop of the Family Life Center. The speaker will be David Roos. His topic will be Bee Keeping.

The meal will be catered by Sal and Cindy Rubino and the cost is \$8. Please call the church at 459-1595 by July 31, 2008 to make your (necessary) reservations.

Lemonade on the Lawn

ACTIVITIES MINISTRY

The Activities Committee would like to invite you to join us out on the lawn at the corner of Bardstown and Douglass for lemonade, cookies, fellowship and outreach. We'll set up at 11:00 a.m. for those attending Sunday school, and stay until everyone has been served after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The next gathering will be on August 10. Please make plans to join us.

Co-ed Softball

ACTIVITIES MINISTRY

Anyone interested in playing co-ed softball in the fall please contact Brian Wright at 459-1595 ext. 25 or bwright@stpaulchurch.net.

New Members

AROUND THE CHURCH

Amy A. Lee June 29, 2008
Katharine Faris July 6, 2008

Weddings

AROUND THE CHURCH

Congratulations to Ashley Burnett and Matthew Morris who were married at St. Paul United Methodist Church on July 12, 2008.

Honorariums

AROUND THE CHURCH

For: Jamie & Elisabeth Foster
To: Mission Fund
From: Jerry & Claudia Bodine

For: Clinton & Margaret Korfhage
To: Mission Fund
From: Ray & Betty Jo Fore

For: Allan & Nancy Morris
To: Memorial Fund
From: David & Vickie Blanton

Memorials

AROUND THE CHURCH

For: Alvina "Meme" Branum
To: Memorial Fund
From: Jean Horner Allen

For: Keller Kitchen
To: Memorial Fund
From: Allan & Nancy Morris

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ST. PAUL UMC - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 27

- 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 Worship (FLC Gym)
 9:45 Aldersgate Class (319)
 9:45 LOA Class (Chapel)
 9:55 Sunday School Classes
 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary)
 6:00p Beading to Beat Autism (111)
 6:00 Beth Moore Bible Study (113)
 8:00 AA Group Mtg. (100)

MONDAY, JULY 28

- 6:00p AA Group Mtg. (120)

TUESDAY, JULY 29

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 5:30p Yoga Class (YC)
 7:30 Depression & Bipolar Support Group (110, 113)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

- 10:00a Wacky Wednesday (FLC)
 6:30p Salt & Light—Small Group (316)
 6:30 Care for the Caregiver (219)
 6:30 Membership Ministry Team Mtg. (319)
 7:30 Knitting Group (CS)

THURSDAY, JULY 31

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 5:30p Yoga Class (YC)

- 6:00 Nutrition 101: Finding Your Own Path to Wellness (CS, 113)

- 6:00 UMW (113)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- 9:00a Spiritual Actions AA Group (100)
 5:00p Parents Night Out
 8:00 AA Group Mtg. (120)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 Worship (FLC Gym)
 9:45 Aldersgate Class (319)
 9:45 LOA Class (Chapel)
 9:55 Sunday School Classes
 10:00 Connections Class (219)
 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:00p Childcare Ministries Team Mtg. (308)

- 5:00 Children's Ministries Team Mtg. (308)

- 6:00 Beading to Beat Autism (111)

- 6:00 Beth Moore Bible Study (113)

- 8:00 AA Group Mtg. (100)

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

- 6:00p AA Group Mtg. (120)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 12:00p Challengers Luncheon (CS)
 5:30 Yoga Class (YC)
 5:30 Endowment & Planned Giving Mtg. (113)
 7:00 La Leche Women's Support Group (316)
 7:00 Kaleidoscope Small Group
 7:30 Depression & Bi-Polar Support Group (110, 113)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

- 10:00a Wacky Wednesday (FLC)
 6:30p Salt & Light—Small Group (316)
 6:30 Care for the Caregiver (219)
 7:30 Knitting Group (CS)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 5:30p Yoga Class (YC)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

- 6:00p Youth Leave for New Song

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

- 9:00a Spiritual Actions AA Group (100)
 8:00p AA Group Mtg. (120)

The above times and events are listed according to the church calendar at the date of printing. For additional information please call the Church Office at 502.459.1595.



Due to an overwhelming number of persons who want to see Jeremy Camp, the youth will attend New Song on FRIDAY, AUGUST 8. Please note this is a change in schedule. We will leave at 6:00 p.m. from the back parking lot at St. Paul and will arrive home at 1:00 on Saturday morning. Please consider the reason for the late night is due to the fact the times for New Song Music Festival are CST, one hour behind Louisville time. The cost of the event is \$30. If you are interested in attending and/or chaperoning, please email Brian Ebel at bebel@stpaulchurch.net.

WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30, 9:00 & 11:00

Sunday, July 27, 2008

Sermon Title: *Free Indeed: From Guilt*
 Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-25
 John 8:31-38
 Rev. Tom Grieb Preaching
 8:30 Music: Bill Williams
 9:00 Music: Praise Team
 11:00 Music: Bill Williams

Sunday, August 3 2008

Sermon Title: *Free Indeed: From Fear*
 Scripture: Numbers 13:26-33
 Rev. Tom Grieb Preaching
 8:30 Music: Karla Temple
 9:00 Music: Praise Team
 11:00 Music: Karla Temple

Weekly Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Worship
July 6	136	608
July 13	217	581

Tower Deadline: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Please email all articles to ehance@stpaulchurch.net

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