



THE TOWER

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Church-Wide Picnic Set for July 20



Join us for a great afternoon of food, games and fellowship on Sunday, July 20. We will gather immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service (approximately 12:15 p.m.) right here at the church. We will utilize the Gym and outside areas so everyone can come and have a good time. Food will be served in the Social Hall and in the Coffee Shop, \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.

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Dress comfortably; there will be lots of things to do after we eat.

We will have inflatables and games for the kids.

There will be basketball in the Gym, as well as ping-pong, pool and air hockey available in the Youth Center.

And if Cornhole is your thing, we'll have that too!

There will only be two services that morning, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., both held in the Sanctuary and both featuring the



Music Camp performance. So come ready to receive a blessing from the children, and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends.

Tom's Thoughts

A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

As you know, "In God We Trust" is very clearly imprinted on all our money. I wonder whether or not we as a country really affirm that any more. We see the phrase so often we lose sight of its importance. This is a time, above all, when trust in God seems to have fallen by the wayside. Given the challenges we face, you would think it would be just the opposite.

Wars rage. Terrorists threaten. The economy worsens. We seem to be divided on every front. There seems to be no common foundation upon which to build our life together. We wonder when things will begin to look up.

Given all of that, trust in God may very well be the thing that once and for all clears our focus, strengthens our resolve, and sets us on the right track. Failure at this point may very well place us on the destructive path of following public opinion and adhering to political self-interest.

In Chronicles 7:14 we find the Lord appearing to King Solomon one night with some very challenging words. They are words that ring true to this day. "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

That's a good word for us as we emerge from a celebration of the 4th of July, and a consideration of the freedoms we enjoy. In the end, we are called to re-affirm the importance of "In God We Trust." It's true, we can certainly depend upon God. While that sort of thing is not so fashionable these days, and in some circles politically incorrect, it is the one thing that will keep us on track and see us through to a brighter day.

- Tom Grieb

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 a hymn 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*.

Our lessons for July are titled "Images of Christ in the Gospels". Last Sunday Les Black presented "Christ as Teacher" from *Luke 4:31-37*; the remaining lessons are "Christ as Healer" (*Mark 1:29-45*), "Christ as Servant" (*John 13:1-8,12-20*), and "Christ as Messiah" (*Matthew 16:13-23*). Please join us for this special series.

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 on the third Friday evening of the month, served in the Social Hall at 5:30 p.m. Les Black will present a patriotic program on July 18. Guests and visitors are welcomed; please call Dean Harper, 452-1207, if you plan to attend.

VBS Thanks **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

A huge "thank you" to everyone who made this year's "Power Lab" and "Project Serve" Vacation Bible School such a tremendous week of ministry! I have had so many people comment on it being "the best VBS ever", and it was definitely the volunteers that made it the huge success it was! The energy around St. Paul throughout the week was amazing. Jesus' "power" was everywhere! We ministered to 154 children throughout the week, with 53 adult and youth volunteers! That is 25% more children than we had last year! We had 62 children participating in Vacation Bible School who were not members or regular visitors at St. Paul—talk about outreach!

Our biggest success was with our new 4th and 5th grade VBS, "Project Serve". Pastor Tom Grieb and Mrs. Grey Buchanan led an awesome week of hands-on service projects for our 4th and 5th graders. They played games with the children at "The Lighthouse", picked up trash and pulled weeds around St. Paul, visited with residents at Westminster Terrace Nursing home, packed lunches at Fourth Avenue UMC, and handed out water bottles on Bardstown Road. They also participated in a daily Bible study, relating to serving the Lord.

Thank you so much to the entire St. Paul family for stepping up when the children needed you most! The week definitely wouldn't have been the huge success it was without every volunteer we had! God's presence was evident everywhere last week—in the volunteers, in the various activities, and definitely in the children. Praise be to God!

- Karen Garner, Minister to Children

Family Fun Night **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Calling all families looking for FUN! Join us on Wednesday, July 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in St. Paul's Family Life Center for a family pizza and game night! Pizza and soft drinks will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in the Coffee Shop. Bring your favorite board game, floor game or even your Wii system, for a fun filled night of family games. We'll have a family "wiffle ball" game in the Gym, as well. Youth are encouraged to join us!

There is no charge but please RSVP to Karen Garner with the number of adults and children who will be joining us for pizza, by Sunday, July 13, at kgarner@stpaulchurch.net or 459-1595 ext. 17.

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

We are in need of some Sunday school teachers for our next rotation of "Journeys" Sunday school (kindergarten through fifth graders), beginning Sunday, July 20. It will be a four week unit on acceptance (diversity), wrapping up on Sunday, August 10. Volunteers will teach the same station for three of the four weeks, one week teaching the kindergarten and first graders, another week the second and third graders, and the other week the fourth and fifth graders. The stations that will be taught are video, cooking, Bible storytelling and art. The curriculum is provided, as well as teacher training, if needed. Please contact Karen Garner, as soon as possible, if you are available or interested!

It is also time to look ahead to Fall Sunday school, and address our needs for volunteers to come. We are in need of shepherds for the kindergarten group, the first and second grade group, and the third and fourth grade group. The shepherds do not teach, but rather commit to "shepherding" the children from the gathering room to the weekly rotation, taking attendance, and forming relationships with the children. This is an August through May commitment, however arrangements are always made for Sundays you may need off. Again, please contact Karen Garner if you are interested or have any questions (kgarner@stpaulchurch.net or 459-1595).

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

YOUTH MINISTRY

Wow! What an awesome trip! I hope that you were able to see the great work done in the Dominican Republic via a media presentation during the June 22 worship services. We are very proud of the construction, dental, and childcare teams and their dedication to God during the trip. We look forward to another great Senior High Mission Trip next year.

Mid-High Mission Trip

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Mid-High Mission Trip is scheduled for July 7 through July 11. Please be in prayer for our youth and the leadership team on the trip. We will be traveling to Cedarville, Ohio and look forward to serving the surrounding community through a variety of different ministry opportunities.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

The New Song Music Festival is held August 8 and August 9 in Leitchfield, Kentucky. We will travel to New Song on Saturday, August 9. We will leave at 3:00 p.m. from the back parking lot here at St. Paul and will return by 11:30 p.m. The cost of the event is \$40. If you are interested in attending and/or chaperoning, please email Brian Ebel at bebel@stpaulchurch.net.

Sign up to receive The Tower online - call the church office at (502) 459-1595, mark your Attendance Card accordingly on Sunday a.m. or email ehance@stpaulchurch.net - make sure to include your name and email address.

Women's Retreat

ADULT MINISTRY

Save the date for the women's retreat! The third annual St. Paul Women's Retreat will be held November 1, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now to save the date and be thinking of women in your life that you would like to invite. Our theme this year will be *Resting in God's Spirit: A Wellspring for the Seasons of Our Lives*. Plan now to attend!

Summer Women's Bible Study

ADULT MINISTRY

"Living Free: Learning to Pray God's Word" by Beth Moore combines key concepts from Beth's best-selling Bible study *Breaking Free*, for a more in-depth look at Christian freedom and explores the somewhat-radical idea that we cannot please God by being perfect. The study begins by defining false strongholds, then focuses on five key benefits for every believer, including how to find satisfaction in God and experience God's peace. Participants can learn how to develop a Godward focus in life, while beginning to incorporate the key benefits in their lives through practices of prayer and Bible study.

Sunday evenings, beginning July 20th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Room 113. To participate, contact Patty Eiden at 432-3341 or pseiden@insightbb.com.

Baptisms

AROUND THE CHURCH

Elizabeth Joy C. Melgar
daughter of
Steven L. Melgar & Freda Corpuz-Melgar
June 29, 2008

Sympathy to

AROUND THE CHURCH

...Judy Kasey and family on the death of her brother, Don Mayfield.

...Kathy Nally and family on the death of her father, Joseph Nally, who died on June 16, 2008.

Honorariums

AROUND THE CHURCH

For: James Foster & Elisabeth McInnis Foster
To: Mission Fund
From: David & Sarah Kelly

For: James Foster & Elisabeth McInnis Foster
To: Mission Fund
From: Kel & Beth Thrush

For: Allan & Nancy Morris
To: Music Fund
From: Elaine & Donald Stern

For: Allan & Nancy Morris
To: Music Fund
From: Sam & Price Foster

Memorials

AROUND THE CHURCH

For: Keller Kitchen
To: Memorial Fund
From: Frances & Barbara Tesorero

For: Ruth Elaine Beattie
To: Memorial Fund
From: Carter & Marilyn Reynolds

For: Alvina "Meme" Branum
To: Memorial Fund
From: Noel D. & Phyllis A. Weber

For: Alvina "Meme" Branum
To: Memorial Fund
From: Mark P. Pfeifer

Biblical Worship

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Last time we talked about Narcissistic Worship, worship that is focused on me, my experience, my emotions, my needs. This time we will discuss what Biblical worship is. I would like to start this discussion with another quote from Robert Webber:

“The true love of God and the true experience of God are not found in the languages of experience. . . . We do not contemplate our own experience of God or the romantic feelings we may experience. We contemplate the wonder, the marvel, the mystery, the glory of God creating and becoming incarnate to recreate the whole world and bring it back to himself. Worship is not measured by the depth of my feelings but the deep wonder of the God whose story is so marvelous that it does in fact create feelings of love and gratitude.” (Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life*)

Biblical worship is the kind of worship we find in the first chapters of Genesis. Adam and Eve live in, work in and enjoy the presence of God. They are totally unconscious of themselves and totally focused on the nearness of God, on the goodness of the creation with which He blessed them, and the relationships He entered into with them. Their focus was entirely on God and off of self.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism begins with this question, “What is the chief end of man?”. The answer is “to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” This is what we do in biblical worship—we glorify God, not our experiences! We recall that God created everything, a perfect world, but in our self-centeredness we turned our back on God and brought death and separation from God. But God’s great love would not leave us to languish in exile under the rule of sin and death. Instead God stepped into our world and sacrificed Himself on the cross to reconcile us and all of creation back to Himself. In worship, regardless of the style, we retell this story over and over. We learn to turn our eyes up to God as the sunflower turns its face to the sun. We fix our eyes on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and let the power of the Holy Spirit fill, and send us out once again.

This is biblical worship: to give praise and glory to our God who created and loved us, who redeemed and restored us; to lose our self-consciousness and gain a God-consciousness—namely a constant awareness of the constant presence and power of God. From that point we go out to carry the kingdom of God into the lost and dying world around us.

- *Lori Elbert*

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. The next gathering will be on August 10. Please make plans to join us.

St. Paul Night at the Louisville Bats

ACTIVITIES MINISTRY

St. Paul members and friends are invited to attend a Louisville Bats game on Tuesday, July 22. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. There will be \$1 Hot dogs and Pepsi’s. Please contact Brian Wright or the church office to reserve your tickets. Group tickets are \$6 each.

ST. PAUL UMC - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 13

- 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)
 5:00p Administrative Council Mtg. (120)
 6:00 Beading to Beat Autism (111)
 8:00 AA Group Mtg. (100)

MONDAY, JULY 14

- 9:00a Music Camp
 6:00p AA Group Mtg. (120)
 6:30 MOPS Evening Group Mtg. (113)

TUESDAY, JULY 15

- 9:00a Music Camp
 9:00 Yoga Class (YC)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 5:30p Yoga Class (YC)
 7:00 C.A.S.A. Mtg. (100)
 7:30 Depression & Bipolar Support Group (110, 113)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

- 9:00a Music Camp
 5:30p Family Fun Night
 6:30 Salt & Light—Small Group (316)
 6:30 Care for the Caregiver (219)
 7:30 Knitting Group (CS)

THURSDAY, JULY 17

- 9:00a Music Camp
 9:00 Yoga Class (YC)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 10:30 La Leche Women's Support Group (316)
 5:30p Yoga Class (YC)
 5:30 Women's Volleyball (Gym)
 6:00 Nutrition 101: Finding Your Own Path to Wellness (CS, 113)

FRIDAY, JULY 18

- 9:00a Music Camp
 5:30p LOA Dinner (120)

SATURDAY, JULY 19

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

SUNDAY, JULY 20

- 9:00a Worship (Sanctuary)
 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 21

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

TUESDAY, JULY 22

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

- 10:00a American Sewing Guild (CS)
 6:30p Salt & Light—Small Group (316)
 6:30 Just Walk Across the Room—Evangelism Class (100)
 6:30 Care for the Caregiver (219)
 7:30 Knitting Group (CS)

THURSDAY, JULY 24

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
 5:30p Yoga Class (YC)
 5:30 Women's Volleyball (Gym)

FRIDAY, JULY 25

SATURDAY, JULY 26

- 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.

Recycling Project

Help the kids and help the planet at the same time! Since 2004 St. Paul has participated in a recycling project for the Methodist Children's Home. The Home recycles old cell phones, toner cartridges and ink cartridges for revenue. The revenue is shared by both children's homes in Owensboro and Versailles. It is used for updated computer and recreational equipment and other needs for the children. Methodist churches throughout the Kentucky Conference participate in this project.



This is an easy, inexpensive way for everyone, including youth, to be involved. It requires no additional shopping or money! You will find marked containers near the Information Center and in the Family Life Center.

We will be delivering these items to the Home in September, so please bring in your donations by September 7th. If you have any questions please call Audra Kays at 426-8566. Thank you.

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

Sunday, July 13, 2008

Sermon Title: *Three Simple Rules:
Stay in Love with God*

Scripture: Psalm 42:1-8
Colossians 2:1-7

Rev. Tom Grieb Preaching

8:30 Music: Laura Williams

9:00 Music: Praise Team

11:00 Music: Laura Williams

Sunday, July 20, 2008

**Please note there will be no
8:30 a.m. service on this day.**

Sermon Title: *A Promise for All*

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Rev. Tom Grieb Preaching

9:00 Music: Music Camp

11:00 Music: Music Camp

Weekly Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Worship
June 22	208	635
June 29	126	742

Tower Deadline: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2008

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