



The CIRCUIT RIDER

Dear St. Paul's Friends,

Summer is coming to a close, school is back in session, and our fall schedule at St. Paul's is gearing up. So I'd like to tell you about our new preaching series and an exciting change that's happening in our traditional worship service.

The series is **Work Matters**. We'll be looking at what the Bible says about work, how you balance your life and your work, how to get along with difficult people where you work, and more. Here's the schedule:

- AUG 28 ***You Matter to God***
- SEP 4 ***What Should I Do with My Life***
- SEP 11 ***How Do I Balance Life and Work***
- SEP 18 ***How Do I Manage My Money***
- SEP 25 ***How Do I Show My Faith at Work***
- OCT 2 ***How Do I Deal with Difficult People, part 1***
- OCT 9 ***How Do I Deal with Difficult People, part 2***
- OCT 16 ***How Do I Leave a Legacy***

So that's where the preaching is going early this fall. And now here is the good news about our 10:15 worship.

Starting on September 4, St. Paul's will have two fine organists, not one. Martha Avery and Jim Mace will share the organ bench throughout the year. Martha will continue to accompany the choir and will now be compensated for directing our handbell choir, the Wesleyan Ringers (something we've not been able to do in the past). God has blessed us with two very gifted organists at St. Paul's, and this is a wonderful gain for our traditional worship service. To God be the glory!

See you Sunday at St. Paul's where we'll be "*Offering Christ and Discovering LIFE!*"

Pastor Greg Creech

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Children's Ministry

CALENDAR

September

11 5:15-6:45 Discover

18 5:15-6:45 Discover

25 5:15-6:45 Discover



DISCOVER

BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 11!
5:15-6:45

Join us as we begin our quest to discover more about the Bible. At Discover your child will build a growing relationship with Jesus and discover actions that will help us follow him! Each Sunday evening we will explore Bible stories through music, drama, crafts, and games.

Discover will be from 5:15-6:45 PM on scheduled Sundays. All children 3 years - 5th grade are invited to attend. Questions? Email or call Laurie Beaty at 419-422-4131 or laurie@stpaulsfindlay.org.



Forms

All children who attend Kids' Worship, Sunday School, Discover or other Children's Ministry events must have their parents complete a Medical Form and Covenant for us to keep on file. These forms were mailed last week and need to be completed as soon as possible. Please return the completed forms to Laurie Beaty. If you did not receive the forms please talk with Laurie.

The Children's Ministry of St. Paul's exists to help children discover God so they are inspired to love God, themselves, and others.



SPIRIT SAFARI SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School!

Children in K-4th grade will explore one Bible Story for an entire month while traveling to a different hands-on Workshop each week to engage in the story. Workshops vary each month but may include Lookout Library, Desert Drama, Adventure Art, Campfire Café, Extraordinary Experiments, Wild Games, and Starry Night Theater.

In September the Kindergarteners-4th graders will be learning about the Bible and that God's Word is Life Changing! They will visit Lookout Library, Campfire Café and Starry Night Theater.

The Preschool children (ages 3-5) learn about Bible stories through songs, games, activities, and prayer in a class that's just for them!

Bibles for Sunday School

If your 3rd or 4th grade child has a Bible please have him/her bring it to Sunday School every week. The Sunday School Workshop Leaders will be encouraging the children to dig into the Bible for themselves on Sunday mornings as they learn more from God's Word.

VBS Donations

If you let us borrow items for VBS - THANK YOU!
Items can be picked up in the Choir Room in the basement.



Bible Sunday

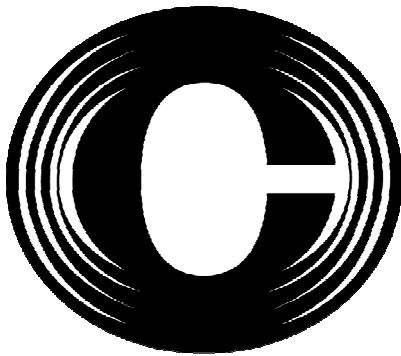
Each year at St. Paul's Church we give Bibles to kindergarteners, 3rd graders and 6th graders because we believe the Bible is important and we want everyone to learn the Word of God!

Children in Kindergarten, 3rd grade, or 6th grade may come to either Worship Service on **Sunday, September 18** to be presented with their Bible during the service.

If you have any questions please talk with Laurie Beaty or Mandy Stevens.

Children's Ministry

Youth Ministry



CONNECT

CALENDAR

September

11 Connect (HS 4:30-6:00 MS 5:30-7:00)

17-18 Cedar Point w/Skillet & Toby Mac Concert Overnighter

18 Bible Sunday

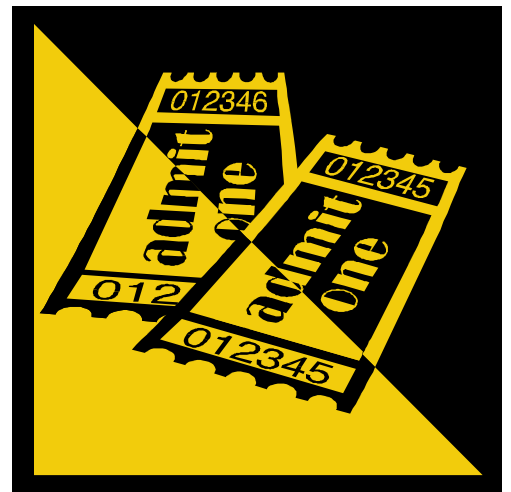
18 Prayer Partner Breakfast 9;15 am

25 Connect (HS 4:30-6:00 MS 5;30-7;00)

We will be kicking off the new Connect year with some big events! The first night of Connect is going to be September 11, at the church. We will again be meeting in the youth room and will be serving dinner between the high school and middle school groups. The next weekend, we will be headed to Cedar Point for a day of fun on Saturday, which this year includes their Halloweekend combined with a Skillet and Toby Mac concert. It is going to be an awesome trip! We are looking forward to the start of another year of learning and growing together as we journey toward Christ!

Cedar Point w/Skillet & Toby Mac Concert Overnighter September 17 & 18

Feel like a MONSTER!!! You know the Skillet song, now come and experience Cedar Point's Halloweekends and hear Skillet sing their monster song in the same trip!! We will be leaving from St. Paul's parking lot at 10:00 on Saturday morning, September 17, and head to Cedar Point for the day, which is also the same day as PointFest (Skillet and Toby Mac in concert at the park). We will be staying late (park closes at midnight) then we will be coming back to Findlay and staying overnight at St. Paul's. Bring \$35 (includes admission to the park and admission to the concert), bring a sack lunch that can be completely thrown away, and bring money to eat dinner at the park. You will also need to bring overnight stuff (sleeping bag and pillow, etc...) for sleeping overnight at the church. We will be going to 8:00 worship at St. Paul's, then heading to Prayer Partner breakfast on Sunday morning. Deadline: We need registration in hand (fill out online form and turn money in to Mark) by Sunday, September 11. Contact Mark if you have any questions.



Connect medical and covenant forms have been sent home, along with the calendar and an information letter for the new year. Please fill out these forms and turn them back in to Mark as soon as possible. Additional forms and information can be found on the Connect website.

Prayer Partner Breakfast

Sunday, September 18

Join us for the first Prayer Partner breakfast of the new school year. You will have time to meet with your prayer partner, have a light breakfast, and kick the school year off right with some fellowship and prayer. Please let Mark and your prayer partner know if you are not going to be able to make it to this breakfast. See you there!



Youth Ministry

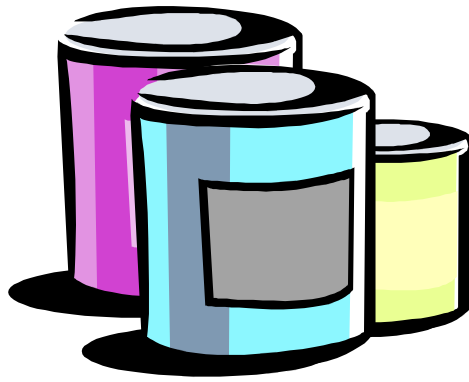
Dear St. Paul's Scholarship Committee and Church family,
 Thank you for the generous scholarship I have received for the 2011-2012 school year! It is wonderful to know I have such a wonderful church family to come home to, the scholarship will be so helpful for all of the books and supplies I'll need! Again, thank you so much for your gift!
 God Bless,
 Libby Wilson.

St. Paul's Family & Scholarship Committee,
 Thank you for my scholarship, it is such a blessing to have the continual support of my church family. I have been so blessed over the years as I have had the support and encouragement of the church family. As I work toward my goal of being a school counselor, I know I will be able to serve well. I'm grateful for the services of so many at St. Paul's!
 Thank you,
 Renee Bell (Bader)

Dear Scholarship Committee and St. Paul's family,
 Thank you so much for awarding me the church scholarship. I'm sure it will come in handy for text books my first quarter at Ohio State. Thank you all for supporting my family and me throughout the years. It will not be forgotten.
 Love,
 Samuel Eckert

The Youth Ministry of St. Paul's exists to inspire youth to become Christ-centered, alive in their faith, and equipped to make a difference.

Diving In



GRAB-N-GO
5:00 p.m.
9-8-11



*St. Paul's
 Grab-n-Go
 ministry is an
 extension
 of our
 Community
 Dinners.*



KATRINA MISSION 2011 **November 5**

You can be a part of this mission with your gifts. Make your checks to St. Paul's Church. Note "Katrina" on the memo line.

The Katrina portion of the church website has been updated. Check it out at www.stpaulsfindlay.org.

Chopin Hall Mobile Food Pantry

10,000 pounds
 of food to be distributed.
 No income/eligibility
 requirements.

October 8

First Presbyterian Church
 2330 S. Main St., Findlay

And

October 22

U of F @ Winebrenner
 950 N. Main St., Findlay

A representative from each family will need to attend to receive food. One person will not be able to receive food for multiple families. Hancock County residents only.

(In case of inclement weather, listen to local radio for cancellation.)

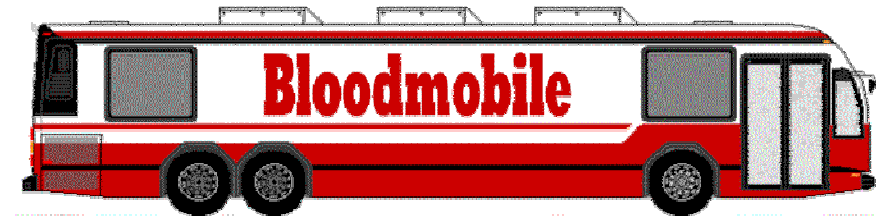
Community Dinner FREE Gift Schedule

In addition to providing our guests with a delicious meal on the 4th Sunday of every month, we also send them home with a free gift. In 2011, we will give household and personal hygiene items. The guests have expressed their appreciation for receiving these items! If you choose to donate to this ministry at any time during the year, then please leave your donation behind the desk at the Welcome Center or place your donation on the wire shelves just inside the door to the basement.

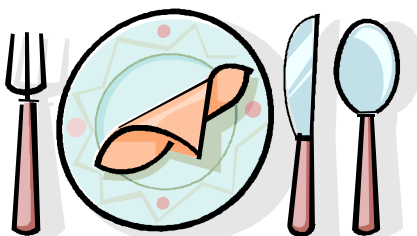
- ◆ September - 4 oz. bars of bath soap (4 bars)
- ◆ October - laundry detergent
- ◆ November - Toilet Paper (4 rolls)

Opportunities to Serve Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ 2nd Thursday of every month—Grab-n-Go
- ◆ 4th Sunday of every month—Community Dinner



The next bloodmobile sponsored by St. Paul's will be held on **Wednesday, September 21, from 12:00-6:00 p.m.** at Parkview Church. A sign up sheet is available in the Welcome Center. **Please sign up for a time to donate your blood which is the gift of life to another person!**



**COMMUNITY DINNER
11:30 a.m.
September 25, 2011**

Dining In



SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 15
11:30 a.m.
Pizza at Church

On Thursday, September 15, at 11:30 a.m. we will meet in the church fellowship hall for pizza. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, September 11.

Read and Pray today

Read and Pray today calendars are available at the Welcome Center and online at www.stpaulsfindlay.org.

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your loving kindness in allowing my family and me to celebrate my 90th birthday there at St. Paul's Church. It was wonderful to see so many long time friends and to be remembered with so many loving cards.

Claud and I spend many happy years here and I shall never forget them.

May God Bless all of you!

Lovingly,
Darl A. Perry



Mid – Year Church Financial Update

The first half of 2011 has come and gone and wow, what a difference a year makes. It was just a short 12 months ago that we were worrying about having to dip into savings to meet budgeted expenses. The Finance committee never completely came out and asked for reductions but we certainly were not looking for ways to spend money. Our congregation met the challenge in the second half of last year and turned a \$30,000 potential deficit into a \$26,000 positive. The additional money has been moved into the church savings account bringing the total up to \$112,000. We like to keep a couple months' worth of church expenses in a liquid account for easy access. Our budgeted monthly expenses for 2011 are around \$41,000 for a total of about \$492,000 this year. We were a bit conservative on our budgeted income for 2011 and figured on about \$460,000. This means that we planned to spend more than we brought in thinking that the economy may be rough for a couple of years before recovering.

The positive giving trend at the end of 2010 has carried over into 2011. At the mid-point, giving has outpaced expenses by \$26,000. That is quite a change from last year at the end of June. We still have 6 months to go and the spending season is just getting started with many youth events coming up and several outreach projects to come. At this time, we are comfortable with where the finances are and excited to see what is to come. We are also very excited to be able to offer a summer internship this year and increase the hours for our Adult/Children's Ministry Director.

Your volunteer church leadership both present and past, have done an outstanding job managing the financial assets of this church. Due to their foresight the church has been in a position to take advantage of a number of improvement projects lately. No money from the general fund was needed to purchase the Funk House property or to construct the new digital sign out front. Much of the money for these projects came from the endowment fund, memorial fund and some from savings. Your church leadership continues to look for ways to use the financial resources of this congregation to meet our calling: Offering Christ, Discovering Life



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Schedule of Services

Sundays

Contemporary Celebration—8:00 a.m.

Sunday School—9:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship—10:15 a.m.



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