



# The CIRCUIT RIDER

Dear St. Paul's Friends,

OK, I confess. I'm stuck and having a bit of "preacher's block." But you can help me out. In fact, by helping *me*, you'll be helping *yourself*...I hope.

How? By answering this simple question about yourself: "**What do I personally need to hear a sermon on?**" In other words, what topic or question would help you grow in your faith and be a stronger disciple of Jesus? I'm not looking for what we might think somebody *else* needs to hear but rather what you feel that *you* need that will help *you*. ☺

My plan is to do a summer series to answer questions *you're* asking. I believe the Holy Spirit can speak through the congregation and certainly not just through the pastor. So I hope this series will touch a variety of things on *your* mind.

You can also give me more than one idea...just so it's a question or topic that will help *you*. Just send it to [pastorgreg@stpaulsfindlay.org](mailto:pastorgreg@stpaulsfindlay.org) or call my voice mail at **422.4131, ex. 22**. Help me get unstuck and hear what God is saying to *you*.

Now for a quick look ahead. For the rest of Lent, our theme will be **24 Hours That Changed the World**. During **Holy Week**, we'll have **prayer stations** set up throughout the church to help make it a truly sacred time for you. (See more details inside.) On **Good Friday**, we'll have an evening service here at 7:30. And then on **Easter Sunday**, it's the Sunrise Service at 7:30, Breakfast, the Easter Celebration service at 10:15, and the Community Dinner. Good days!

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

*Pastor Greg Creech*

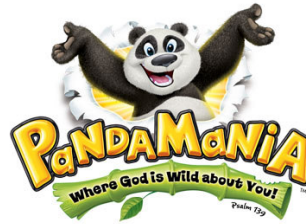
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## CALENDAR

### March

- 27 5:15-6:45 Discover  
 27 5:30-6:30 Parenting in the Pew  
 Discussion



**VBS 2011**

**July 17-21**

**Mark your calendar!**



**Join us for the last Discover of this school year!**

**March 27**



We will meet from 5:15-6:45 PM  
 in the basement.

Kids 3 years–5th grade are invited to  
 come and explore the Parables of Jesus.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

OUR END OF THE SCHOOL  
 YEAR SPRING PICNIC WILL  
 BE MAY 1.



## Parenting in the Pew Discussion

**Do you find it challenging to worship with your children?** Do you sometimes wonder why we really need to have Family Sundays? Mandy recently read a wonderful book, Parenting in the Pew, which reminds us why it is important to worship with our children, despite the challenges, and gives helpful ideas for how parents can help their kids *worship* alongside them.

Please join Mandy on Sunday, March 27, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (while your kids are at Discover) as she shares the highlights of this book and the tips it offers for helping parents teach their children how to worship. A light dinner will be provided. ***Please sign up at the Welcome Center.***



## SPIRIT SAFARI SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Join us in April for Sunday School!**

In April the K-4th graders are learning that Jesus Saves as they study the death and resurrection of Jesus.



### **Bibles for Sunday School**

Third & Fourth graders should bring their Bibles to Sunday School every week so they can dig into God's Word for themselves.

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

## CALENDAR

### March

- 23 6:30-8:00 p.m. Apply Bible Study
- 27 4:30-6:00 p.m. HS CONNECT
- 27 5:30-7:00 p.m. MS CONNECT
- 30 6:30-8:00 p.m. Apply Bible Study

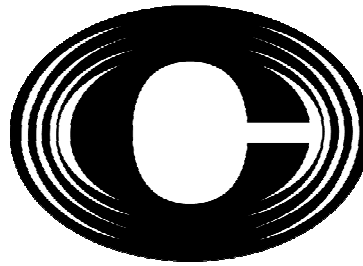
### April

- 3 Easter Sunrise Planning 5:00-6:30pm
- 6 Apply Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
- 13 Apply Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
- 23 Easter Sunrise Practice 9:00am-12:00pm
- 24 Easter Sunrise Service 7:30am
- 27 Apply Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm

We will be practicing the Easter Sunrise service in the Sanctuary from 9am until 12pm on Saturday, April 23. Lunch will be provided. Anyone with any parts on Easter morning (drama, worship, usher, greeter, etc...) please plan on being at this practice!

**Check us out on  
the web @  
[www.connectsm.com](http://www.connectsm.com)**

Christ  
the Lord  
Is Risen  
Today!



CONNECT

We will be meeting in the youth room at 5:00pm on Sunday, April 3, to continue planning the Easter Sunrise Service. Pizza and fix-ins will be provided! We have a great start with the service, now we need to figure out who is going to do what and plan out the morning. You will need to let Mark know in advance if you are not going to be able to

make this planning session. We need your help with this meaningful, important, and fun worship service.

# Youth Ministry

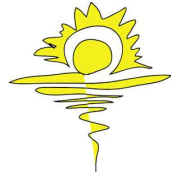
## SUMMER 2011 EVENTS

Dates have been finalized for our summer camps in 2011:

- ❖ High School Leadership Quest: June 11-19
- ❖ Middle School Mission Trip to Special Olympics: June 24-26
- ❖ Middle School Church Camp: July 10-15

For more information, including costs and deadlines, check the website under the "Summer Opps" link. Forms are also available there for download as we have them available.

**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.**



# 24 Hours

That Changed the World

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. This study written by Adam Hamilton will help guide us through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Each session is designed to help us experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way we may never have done before, whether we are long-time Christians or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion.

Join us as we walk through the events of this life-changing day.

We will meet in A20 March 13–April 17 at 9:15 AM.

## Read and Pray today

Read and Pray today calendars are available at the Welcome Center and online at [www.stpaulsfindlay.org](http://www.stpaulsfindlay.org).

### Journey to the Cross

During Holy Week we will have the opportunity to meditate on the events of Jesus' final days and his resurrection. This can be a profound experience as we quiet ourselves and listen to the Holy Spirit.

Journey to the Cross consists of 14 prayer stations, and each station focuses on the events of that historical week. The journey will take approximately an hour to complete. In an effort to provide privacy, we have set up times for you to register. Sign up online at [www.stpaulsfindlay.org](http://www.stpaulsfindlay.org) or in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.

### Are You Creative?

During the week of April 19-22, we will be offering prayer stations as a way of experiencing the events of Holy Week. If you are interested in designing one of the 14 prayer stations, plan on meeting with us March 28, at 6:00 PM in the youth room. We will provide the information to guide you. Questions? Contact Laurie Beaty or Mark Lichtle for more information.

## Chili Cook-Off 2011

The 2011 Chili Cook-Off was again a big success and a lot of fun! There were approximately 80 in attendance and 14 different delicious chili recipes to be judged. There were also many fine sides and desserts. The judges for this event were John Livingston, Cassie Van Horn and Jason Morsfield. The winner of Best Traditional Chili was Ginny Mills. The winner of Best Non-Traditional Chili was Pastor Greg. The winners were rewarded with Dietsch's Gift Certificates. Get your chili recipe fine tuned and join us for the 2012 Chili Cook-Off.

## Photo Directory

The directory is currently in the process of being assembled. Questions? Call Gretchen Anderson.

## Dinner's For 8!

Dinners for Eight are currently meeting in March, April and May. Look out for an all group get together in June.

Linking Up



### *Welcome Spring Women's Tea*

*All women invited*

*Saturday, April 2*

*1:00 p.m.*

*Menu*

*Warm Scones*

*Tea Sandwiches*

*Savories*

*Sweets*

*Hot & Iced Tea*

*Sign up at the Welcome Center. Reservations are due by March 27.*

*Cost is \$5 at the door.*

## Easter Breakfast!

Sharon Jess is heading up an Easter Sunrise Breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service.

Also on Easter Sunday, we will host a **Community Dinner**, 11:30—1:00. So plan on a special day of dining with your own real family, your church family, and our community friends!

## 20th Anniversary Celebration!

On Sunday, May 15, we are planning a 20th anniversary celebration to celebrate Pastor Greg & Mary's 20th year at St. Paul's! We will have a lunch and a small program. Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate!

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 21  
11:30 a.m. @ Tony's

On Thursday, April 21, at 11:30 a.m. we will be meeting at Kathy's Korner. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, April 17.



### Hook & Needle Group

Beginning in April the Hook & Needle group will only be meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

The Diving In Ministry team is seriously considering planting a garden this year. The produce from the garden will be used to supplement Community Dinners with any surplus going to Community Dinner guests and those who help manage the garden. Our first step to launching this ministry is to learn from gardeners!

- If you are a gardener or farmer and would like to help us organize and plan then let one of us know as soon as possible.
- If you'd like to help with the garden this year we'd like to hear from you too. We need to make sure that we have sufficient interest in the garden ministry before we plant it!



Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you're interested in learning more about the gardening ministry.

February 19<sup>th</sup> I had the opportunity to spend time with 9 wonderful teenage girls as a part of the Youth Ministry at St. Paul's for the *Frost Yourself* girls retreat. We spent our time relaxing, enjoying delicious meals, crafting, resting and enjoying the presence of God and one another. Ashley Barger and I shared with them how God created each of them- fearfully and wonderfully- to be a beautiful creation, both inside and out. We hope that the young ladies came home with a deeper understanding of God's love for them.

I'd like to thank each of you who generously give to St. Paul's general fund for making events like this happen. Thanks to a church budget that makes ministry opportunities a priority, these girls were able to come for only \$15, removing financial barriers for them to participate. It's not "the norm" to be able to offer such low cost, God-exposing experiences.

Often times when we speak of giving or money in the church setting, I tend to think about it as something between God and myself; however, by participating in ministries such as this, it's quite evident that a person's generosity greatly affects others, specifically these 9 teenage girls who were able to hear repeatedly "You're beautiful, God made you that way". So thank you, church family, for continuing to give, support, love and minister the teenagers in the Body of Christ through your regular offerings.

Sincerely,

Michele Minehart, Youth volunteer

# Diving In Team

## 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.

- ◆ March—enjoy the month off! We're going to give away the assortment of items that we have in inventory.
- ◆ April—dishwashing soap (34 oz.)
- ◆ May—shampoo (14.5 oz.)

## Opportunities to Serve

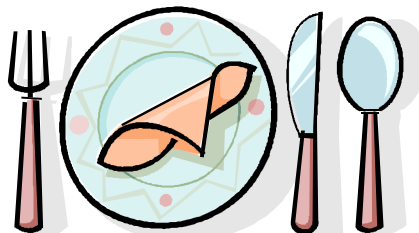
### Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ July 16—Mobile Food Pantry
- ◆ 2nd Thursday of every month—Grab-n-Go
- ◆ 4th Sunday of every month—Community Dinner

## COMMUNITY DINNER

**11:30 a.m.**

**March 27, 2011**



### MENU

**Beef & Noodles  
Green Beans  
Cake**

The following items are needed and can be placed in the basket marked "Community Dinner" at the Welcome Center by March 23.

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| Rice           | Noodles            |
| Tomato Sauce   | Diced Tomatoes     |
| Ketchup        | Canned Green Beans |
| Ranch Dressing | Beef/Chicken Broth |
| Cake Mixes     | Cake Frosting      |
| Brownie Mixes  | Canned Pudding     |
| Tea Bags       | Drink Mixes        |

**GRAB-N-GO  
5:00 p.m.  
April 14, 2011**



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

*Money donations should be placed in an envelope marked Community Dinner/Grab-n-Go" and put in the offering plate or brought to the office.)*

**Diving In**

## *Chopin Hall Mobile Food Pantry*

**10,000 pounds  
of food**

**to be distributed.**

**No income/eligibility  
requirements.**

**March 26**

**9:30 a.m.**

**U of F @ Winebrenner  
Theological Seminary  
950 N. Main St.**

**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.**



## **KATRINA MISSION 2011 November 5**

If you are interested in going on this mission in November or if you would like more information, contact Dave Tharp at 419-306-4466 or [dtharp6821@aol.com](mailto:dtharp6821@aol.com).

For more details, check out:  
<http://neworleansmission.xanga.com/>



The next bloodmobile sponsored by St. Paul's will be held on **Wednesday, March 30, 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!**

## **Fall No Sale Rummage Sale**

Many of you have asked about another No Sale Rummage Sale. We're willing to organize a NSRS but we are in need of a location. If you know of anyone with a fairly large building or room that we could borrow for a few days then we'll have a NSRS this fall. If you have any ideas for a location then let one of us know as soon as possible. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you're interested in donating and/or helping with a NSRS this fall.

## APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Contemporary Praise <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Community Dinner <b>4:30 PM</b> Children's Chime Choir <b>4:30 PM</b> High School Connect <b>5:15 PM</b> Discover <b>5:30 PM</b> Middle School Connect <b>5:30 PM</b> Parenting in the Pew Discussion	<b>28</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Journey to the Cross Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Circle 6 @ Mary Creech's home	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Old Millstream Ringers Rehearsal <b>6:15 PM</b> Alpha	<b>30</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study <b>6:45 PM</b> Choir	<b>31</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Praise Team	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Ladies' Spring Tea
<b>3</b> Blood Pressure Checks <b>8:00 AM</b> Contemporary Praise with Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Traditional Worship with Communion	<b>4</b> <b>CIRCUIT RIDER DEADLINE</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Building Up	<b>5</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> IT Ministry Team Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Old Millstream Ringers Rehearsal <b>6:15 PM</b> Alpha	<b>6</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Diving In Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study <b>6:45 PM</b> Choir	<b>7</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Circle 5 <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees <b>7:30 PM</b> Praise Team	<b>8</b> Wedding Rehearsal	<b>9</b> Wedding
<b>10</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Contemporary Praise <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>11</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> Church Council	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Old Millstream Ringers Rehearsal <b>6:15 PM</b> Alpha	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study <b>6:45 PM</b> Choir	<b>14</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Grab 'N' Go Dinner <b>6:30 PM</b> Reaching Out Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Praise Team	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Contemporary Praise <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>18</b> <b>HOLY WEEK</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Staff-Parish	<b>19</b> <b>HOLY WEEK</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Journey to the Cross <b>6:00 PM</b> Old Millstream Ringers Rehearsal	<b>20</b> <b>HOLY WEEK</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Journey to the Cross <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study <b>6:45 PM</b> Choir	<b>21</b> <b>HOLY WEEK</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Senior Luncheon <b>4:00 PM</b> Journey to the Cross	<b>22</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>HOLY WEEK</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> Journey to the Cross <b>7:30 PM</b> Good Friday Service	<b>23</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Easter Sunrise Service Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Community Dinner Prep
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