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## A Spiritual Life Retreat for Men and Women: **WALKING THE PATH Of Transforming Love**

Join Certified Veriditas Labyrinth Facilitator, (and former St. Paul member) Robin Bradley Hansel, to explore and deepen your spiritual journey within the context of music, reflection, and shared experience.



**Friday, October 15 • 6:30 PM - 9 PM**  
**Saturday, October 16 • 9 AM - 2 PM**

Retreat will take place in the St. Paul Family Life Center with an optional off-site Labyrinth Walk offered Saturday 2-4 PM, weather permitting.

Light refreshments and lunch provided by *The Café*

Retreat fee: \$15

Registration Forms available at the Information Desk, bulletin board by Social Hall or call the church office at 459-1595.

Registration deadline: October 10

## Youth Group Treat October 15-17

The annual Fall Retreat is at Camp Loucon, in Leitchfield, KY. Youth and Chaperones will leave St. Paul at 7:00 PM, Friday, October 15 and return Sunday, October 17 by 12:30 PM for parent pick-up.

The cost is \$50 and includes lodging, food, and all activities.

For more information, contact Brian Wright,

[bwright@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:bwright@stpaulchurch.net).



# GARY'S THOUGHTS

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October is our stewardship emphasis month. During the month, we will be making our financial pledges for the 2011 Ministry Budget; however, stewardship involves much more than our financial giving. Stewardship addresses how we manage all the gifts God has entrusted into our care, not only our financial resources.

Stewardship also involves our time and talents. It is my firm belief that God has given each one of us at least one spiritual gift to be used to carry out God's mission in the world. You may or may not know what your spiritual gift is, but you do know the things you do well and enjoy doing.

You will find in this issue of *The Tower* a "The Servant Ministry Interest: Your Opportunity to Make a Difference" survey. I am aware that you have filled out similar surveys before; however, we are revising and updating our database to make it more useful. Therefore, we would like to start fresh and have everyone fill out the survey.

St. Paul is an active congregation with many ministries touching many lives. The ministry of this congregation is far bigger than the staff. The ministry of St. Paul could not happen without you, the servants. I thank you for all you've done to make St. Paul a vital and effective congregation. I ask every one of you to take time to review the survey, fill it out, and turn it in by October 31. Even if you want to continue serving in your current area, please indicate that on the survey.

Some of the ministry opportunities require only a small amount of time while others demand much more. Only you know how much time you can give, but every ministry opportunity makes a difference. You have an opportunity to touch lives and make a difference. Please fill out the survey and return it.

*Gary R. Gibson*  
Senior Pastor

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## Pictorial Directory Sign-ups and Update

It's time to sign up to have your picture made for our new pictorial directory! You may still sign up on Sundays at the Information Center, on Wednesdays at Wesley Night or by calling the church office. The on-line sign-up is now closed.

The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing are:

October 19-22, 2 pm-9:20 pm

October 23, 9:30 am-5:10 pm

October 25-29, 2 pm-9:20 pm

October 30, 9:30 am-5:10 pm

We will also have a page in the directory honoring our military. If you have family members who you would like recognized, please send a photo to Ken Curry or email a digital photo to [kcurry@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:kcurry@stpaulchurch.net) no later than October 30.

For those who are not able to get to the church for photos, please contact Ken Curry at the church and give him your name. We will set up a schedule and come to you for the photo.

If you have any questions, please contact Pauletta Matthews at 451-6759. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory!

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# NEWS FOR ALL

## The Power of a Simple Gift

### Operation Christmas Child

Last year St. Paul UMC set a goal of packing 200 boxes. We packed 437! And raised over \$1000 on top of that! This year our goal is 600 boxes! The people of St. Paul have a strong reputation for serving, for being there for others in the name of Jesus Christ. Let's be at his service again! Join me in this exciting project.

A simple gift: a filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love. This *Samaritan's Purse* project is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Christ to children in need of hope, in countries all over the world. Shoeboxes are filled with a variety of gifts, school supplies, toys, hygiene items, candy, books, socks – for a child of your choosing, boy/girl ages 2-14. Each box should be accompanied by a \$7 donation to cover shipping, and most importantly, for a Gospel booklet written in the child's own native language.

### How can I get involved?

Ask God to guide you as you pack a shoebox for a specific child in mind. Pray over it that the child receiving it will come to know the greatest gift of all – Christ Jesus.

### What else can I do?

Consider a donation to cover shipping from families who can't afford it; pick up a prayer guide and pray for our project; organize a "packing party" with your Sunday school class, prayer group, work, or other club; volunteer to answer questions about OCC on Sunday mornings; donate supplies or toys to be packed by the Children's Ministry.

Experience the joy and excitement of helping children to deeply love Jesus; what a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming Christmas season.

To volunteer, for info on organizing a "packing party," group ideas, or other questions: Contact Amy Benton [amybenton@mac.com](mailto:amybenton@mac.com) or 456-0428 (home) or 553-0577 (work).

### Important Dates

#### Operation Christmas Child

Oct 10: Children's Sabbath, OCC Kickoff Video

Oct 17-Nov 7: OCC Tables set up after church services to answer questions

Nov 14: Boxes Due!

*Children's Ministry and other volunteers will assemble boxes with donated materials and secure boxes for transport.*

Nov 21: Blessing of the Boxes

Nov 22: Cartons leave St. Paul for Collection Center

## MOPS Group to Offer Flu Shots

The MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will have flu shots available during their October 11 meeting, from 9:00-11:00 AM in the Youth Center. CVS pharmacy will administer the shots. If you have Medicare, the shot is free; if you want to pay yourself it is \$30; if you want to go through insurance the cost varies depending on your insurance.

## Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

Upward season is just around the corner... The Mission of Upward Unlimited is: To introduce children to Jesus Christ by creating opportunities to serve through sports. We have been given the opportunity to serve.



### How you can help:

1. Pray for this upcoming season
2. Distribute brochures and posters into the community

There are lots of ways to serve through this ministry. Please consider helping! Contact Brian Wright, [bwright@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:bwright@stpaulchurch.net) if you are interested.

# ADULT MINISTRY

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## Business @ St. Paul

As we head into the fourth quarter, now is the time to go for the goal line and score the winning points. Plan to attend the next meeting of The Business @ St. Paul networking group so we can help connect you to new prospective customers or clients or your next strategic business partner. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 19 at 8:00 AM in the Coffee Shop at St. Paul. This is a great opportunity to meet other St. Paul members and our friends and learn how we can help each other grow our businesses. Coffee, tea and pastries will be provided. Please RSVP to Gretchen Mahaffey at [gmahaffey@kfg.com](mailto:gmahaffey@kfg.com) by Monday, October 18. For more information, contact Gretchen at 451-0600.

## Vines & Branches Class

### Upcoming study—all are welcome!

The Vines and Branches Sunday School Class will begin a study of Acts on Sunday, October 10. The books selected by the class for the 12– 14 week study are: *Book of Acts: Christ's church in the world*, by Max Lucado and *The Acts of the Apostles*, by William Barclay.

The two books will be integrated through a supplemental study guide. Videos will be used where appropriate for historical context. You are invited to join the class for this study. Members of the class will be leading the study. To order the books, inform or email Denzil or Sharon Edge at [edge.denzil@gmail.com](mailto:edge.denzil@gmail.com) of your need for a book.

# SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

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## Slugger Museum Trip-October 21

Thursday, October 21, 2:00 PM, we will be going to the *Slugger Museum*. We will enjoy lunch at 12:30 pm at *Boomer's*, 722 West Main, just a few doors down from *Slugger Museum*. There is a parking garage behind the museum. We will be in a separate area where we can visit with one another during lunch.

**Note:** *Boomer's* does not take credit cards – **CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS ONLY.** A sign-up sheet is at the reception desk: Please indicate your lunch choice and transportation needs. Deadline for signing up is Friday, October 15. If you have questions, call Allen Goulder (254-7078) regarding transportation or Bill Dickinson (458-5607) regarding lunch and the museum.

## Annual Fall Fling-Autumn at St. Paul

The Senior Adult Ministries will present their Fall Gala of fellowship, food and entertainment on November 7 at 12:15 in the Social Hall. This is a church wide event. Sign up sheets will be at the Information Center. Watch *The Tower* for more details. For more info, contact Allen Goulder, 254-7078.

## Start Your Christmas Activities at Derby Dinner Playhouse

We have been lucky enough to get tickets for Derby Dinner's Christmas program. This year, it will be "Plaid Tidings." This is an adaptation for the Christmas Season of the very popular "Forever Plaid." Our tickets are for **THURSDAY, December 9.** The cost is \$30.00 per person; doors open at 11:45 am, with the performance beginning at 1:00 pm.

Transportation is on your own; however, if you need transportation or are willing to drive, indicate so on the sign-up sheet at the reception desk. Allen Goulder (254-7078) will coordinate transportation. For other questions, call Bill Dickinson (458-5607) or Pat Miller (894-8477).

## AARP Driver Safety Class

St. Paul will host this class on October 26 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM in room 113. Session includes: Specially trained instructors, manual, video, certificate to provide to insurance company for possible discount; no driving or tests; AARP members pay \$12, all others, \$14. Sign up at information center. Class cancels if less than 10 sign up.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## MOPS Consignment Sale Report

The recent Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Consignment Sale was a success on many fronts. We made more money than we had hoped, had several new consignors, and saw many first-time buyers.

Thank you to everyone who shopped, consigned, told someone about the sale, put a sign in your yard or prayed for us. We really appreciate your help.

Our next sale will be in the Spring, so if you did not get a chance to consign or buy, you will get another opportunity. If you would like to receive advance notice of the sale, please email Kellie McFarland, MOPS Consignment Sale Chair, [Jewelryforu@insightbb.com](mailto:Jewelryforu@insightbb.com).

## Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat and Safety Fair-Wednesday, October 27

This year's Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat is Wednesday, October 27, from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Dinner will be served in the Social Hall from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM. Chili, hot dogs, nachos, grilled cheese, cookies and drinks will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child. Children's inflatables will be set up in the gym from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. In addition, this year we will once again host a Safety Fair in conjunction with the Fall Festival.

Following dinner, from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, "Trunk-or-Treat" will be in the alley parking lot. Cars will decorate their trunks with a theme or game, and hand out candy or treats to the children as they pass from trunk to trunk. **Please consider volunteering to host a trunk!** The more trunks we have, the more fun the children will have. Registration forms should be submitted to the Information Desk by Sunday, October 24. Call the church office(459.1595) if you have questions!

**There will be no regular Wesley Night Dinner or activities (adult, youth, or children) on October 27.**

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle make \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle model \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle color \_\_\_\_\_

Idea (ex. Pirate theme, will hand out tattoos): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the Information Desk by 10/24.**

# WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

## Worship Service for Healing

Join us on October 10 at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary for a Service of Healing. The service will include gentle and uplifting hymns and songs, the imposition of oil to symbolize God's healing power, and a time for prayer and reflection. If you have experienced physical sickness, spiritual emptiness, personal loss or you feel like you need to be more connected with God, this service offers a chance to embrace the healing and restoring power of God.

## Calling All Instrumentalists!

The St. Paul Orchestra and Chancel Choir will be providing music for the 8:30 and 11:00 Worship services on October 31 and our traditional *Lessons and Carols* service on December 12. The rehearsals for these two events will be October 30 and December 11 at 10:00 AM. Both rehearsals will be one hour. If you would like to play in our orchestra, please call Will Simpson at 459 1595 ext 18. or email [wsimpson@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:wsimpson@stpaulchurch.net).

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## Wedding Congratulations...

- Nicholas Spurlock and Ashley Wolfe were married at St. Paul on September 18, 2010.
  - Tom Beck and Rachel Sauer (daughter of Ron and Becky Sauer) were married at Yellowstone National Park on June 16, 2010 and had a Blessing Ceremony at St. Paul on September 12, 2010.

## THANK YOU to the St. Paul members and community organizations who participated in the Health and Wellness Fair:

- Alzheimers Association
  - Gilda's Club
  - Norton Health Care
- KY Mental Health Association
  - Lupus Foundation
- Dr. Steven J. Abro, Back, Body & Beyond Chiropractic
- Karen Ellis LMT, Back In Circulation Massage Therapy

## Promise Fest

A Book Drive and Fundraiser to for The Portland Promise Center's Literacy Program

Sunday, October 24, 2010 5:00-8:00 PM

Revolution Church 10901 Shelbyville RD

It's a Fall Festival Fundraiser! Bring the family and enjoy a great evening including:

Trunk-or-Treat • Chili Tasting • Inflatables • Outdoor movies for children • The *CommUNITY Peaceball*— what is soon to be the world's largest ball of tape. It is a 500 lb ball of tape!

Adults-\$10

Kids-Free with a book to donate

For more info or to get involved contact Carrie Burns [cburns@stpaulchurch.net](mailto:cburns@stpaulchurch.net) or 459-1595.



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4**

- 9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)
- 6:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)
- 6:00 PM Exercise and Nutrition (Gym)
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00 PM Handbell Ensemble (302)
- 7:00 PM Disciple II Bible Study

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- 9:00 AM Yoga (113)
- 9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)
- 12:00 AM Challengers Luncheon- (CANCELLED)
- 2:00 PM Sr Adult Spirituality Group (219)
- 6:30 PM Tai Chi (113)
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 40 Meeting
- 7:00 PM Circle Group (100)
- 7:30 PM DBSA Mtg (110)
- 8:00 PM Better Days AA Gr (CS)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6**

- 10:00 PM Wed Morning Bible Study (113)
- 10:00 AM The Way of Scripture (219)
- 2:00 PM "Change the World" Book Study (319)
- 5:30 PM Wesley Night Dinner (120)
- 6:15 PM Children's Choirs and Kid's Klub
- 6:30 PM "Change the World" Book Study (100)
- 6:30 PM The Way (YC)
- 6:30 PM Contemplative Worship (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Healthy Children-Healthy Planet (113)
- 6:30 PM Beading for Autism (120)
- 6:30 PM Youth Studies (FLC)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7**

- 9:00 AM Yoga (YC)
- 9:30 AM Discernment Group (319)
- 10:30 AM Christian Literary Circle (219)
- 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 40 (WH)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 PM DBSA (Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance)(110)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**

- 9:30AM HCM Caregiver Support Group (113)

**ATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**

- 7:00 AM Sat Morning Men's Bible Study (100)
- 9:00 AM Spiritual Actions AA Gr (100)
- 8:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10*****CHILDREN'S SABBATH***

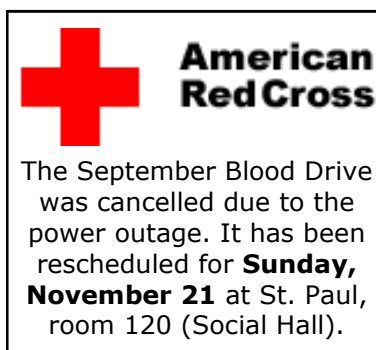
- 9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 PM Motet Singers (113)
- 5:00 PM KICS (100)
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir (310)
- 6:00 PM Healing Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 PM Metamorphosis Youth Group (YC, 120)
- 6:00 PM The Way of Scripture (219)
- 8:00 PM AA Group Meeting (100)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11**

- 9:00 AM MOPS (CS)
- 9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)
- 6:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)
- 6:00 PM Exercise and Nutrition (Gym)
- 6:00 PM Lou District UMW (100)
- 6:30 PM MOPS (113)
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00 PM Handbell Ensemble (302)
- 7:00 PM Disciple II Bible Study

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

- 9:00 AM Yoga (YC)
- 9:15 AM HCM Tai Chi (120)
- 10:00 AM UMW (113)
- 2:00 PM Sr Adult Spirituality Group (219)
- 6:30 PM Tai Chi (113)
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 40 Meeting
- 7:30 PM DBSA (110)
- 8:00 PM Better Days AA Gr (CS)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

- 10:00 AM Wed Morning Bible Study (113)
- 10:00 AM The Way of Scripture (219)
- 1:00 PM Walk the Labyrinth (Gym)
- 2:00 PM "Change the World" Book Study (319)
- 5:30 PM Wesley Night Dinner (120)
- 6:15 PM Children's Choirs and Kid's Klub
- 6:30 PM "Change the World" Book Study (100)
- 6:30 PM The Way (YC)
- 6:30 PM Contemplative Worship (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Healthy Children-Healthy Planet (113)
- 6:30 PM Beading for Autism (120)
- 6:30 PM Youth Studies (FLC)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**

- 9:00 AM Yoga (YC)
- 9:00 AM Discernment Group (219)
- 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 40 (WH)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 PM DBSA (Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance) (110)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15**

- 5:30 PM LOA Potluck (120)
- 6:30 PM Spiritual Life Retreat (FLC)
- 7:00 PM Youth Depart for Retreat

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

- 7:00 AM Sat Morning Men's Bible Study (100)
- 9:00 AM Spiritual Actions AA Gr (100)
- 9:00 AM Spiritual Life Retreat (FLC)
- 9:00 AM CASA Training (113)
- 5:00 PM Parents' Night Out (202)
- 8:00 PM AA Group Mtg. (120)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

- 9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Children's Ministry Team Mtg (319)
- 1:30 PM Motet Singers (113)
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir (310)
- 6:00 PM Metamorphosis Youth Group (YC, 120)
- 6:00 PM The Way of Scripture (219)
- 8:00 PM AA Group Meeting (100)

## Sunday Worship Services

8:30 and 11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship, Gym

**October 10, 2010**

### Children's Sabbath

Scripture: I Kings 17:12-24

Message: "Generosity Transforms  
Our Church"

Rev. Gary Gibson

8:30 Music: Will Simpson, Organ

9:00 Music: Worship Team and Wesleyan Choir

11:00 Music: Cherub, Caroler, and Wesleyan Choirs  
(Grades K-5)

**October 17, 2010**

Scripture: Luke 9:10-17

Message: "Generosity Transforms  
Our Community"

Rev. Gary Gibson

8:30 Music: Will Simpson, Organ and  
Karen Brumley, Bagpipes

9:00 Music: Worship Team

11:00 Music: Chancel Choir,  
Karen Brumley, Bagpipes

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### Weekly Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Worship
September 19	217	641
September 26	186	657



## Children's Sabbath 2010

### "Blessed to Be a Blessing"

St. Paul will join with other congregations of various faiths to celebrate *National Observance of Children's Sabbath* on Sunday, October 10 during all worship services. Children's Choirs (ages K-grade 5) will sing in the 9:00 and 11:00 AM services. We look forward to our children leading us in worship through music, as well as by serving as readers and greeters.

*Operation Christmas Child* is our mission project for Children's Sabbath. You can support it by packing a shoebox, or by contributing financially. (See more about OCC on page 3). Parents, this is a great opportunity to talk with your children about helping and giving to others. Packing a shoebox can be a fun family activity! If you choose to give a monetary gift to Operation Christmas Child, please make checks payable to St. Paul with OCC in the memo line.

#### Prayer Cards

We will be handing out cards featuring each of our children and youth on Children's Sabbath. Please take one, place it in your wallet or your Bible, and pray for that child daily. At each infant baptism, we, as a church family promise to support and uplift the children placed in our care. Please take this commitment to heart and lift these children up in prayers as they learn and grow in faith!