

# THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

## Sunday 7/22

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

## Monday 7/23

## Tuesday 7/24

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
 9:15 am Motivated by More Moms & Kids Fitness (Cresthaven Park)  
 6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Family Room)

## Wednesday 7/25

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)  
 6:30 pm SPL Youth FUN IN THE SON (Room 122)  
 6:30 pm ManUP Men's Ministry (Small Conference Room)

## Thursday 7/26 -- MISSION: DECATUR Youth Servant Event

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Family Room)  
 9:15 am Motivated by More Moms & Kids Fitness (Cresthaven Park)  
 1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Family Room)  
 6:00 pm Youth Advisory Counsel  
 7:30 pm ELC Advisory Counsel (Room 106)

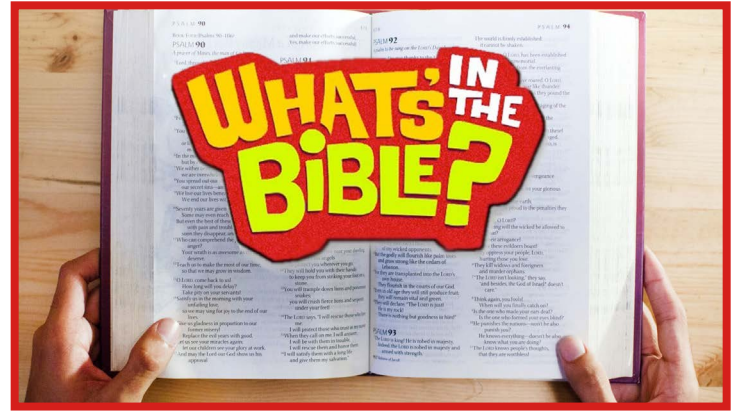
## Friday 7/27 -- MISSION: DECATUR Youth Servant Event

## Saturday 7/28 Message - "Why do we need the New Testament?"

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)  
 7:30 am Motivated by More (Cresthaven Park)  
 4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)

## Sunday 7/29 Message - "Why do we need the New Testament?"

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages



## 6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

July 21 & 22, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY  
 PASTOR MARK GEARIG  
 PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



### Thought Before Worship

How sweet are your words to my taste,  
 sweeter than honey to my mouth! --Psalm 119:103

### Call to Worship

"Bible What's It"

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Deep Down (Walk Through Fire)*

*Spirit of the Living God*

### Confession and Absolution

Almighty and everlasting God, there are days we ignore your commands. We set aside the plans you have for us. Commands to love one another and to focus on you. We often put other things before you. For this we ask for forgiveness. Heal us, renew us, and lead us in loving your word.

*(We take a few moments of silence to confess the sins that burden us to the Lord)*

### Words of Institution

### Celebrating the Lord's Supper

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the back page. We encourage families to commune together. Prayer Ministers will be at the front and back of the Sanctuary to pray with you during this time.

July Actual Giving  
**\$119,299** as of 7/15

July Budgeted Giving  
**\$114,844** as of 7/15

2018 Annual Budget =  
**\$2,360,500**

Year to date shortage =  
**\$ 94,169**

### GIVING

### LOOKING FOR AN EASIER WAY TO GIVE?

We've made a few changes to the ways you can give online at SPL - fewer clicks and more options! It's easy - Visit [SPLDECATUR.ORG](http://SPLDECATUR.ORG) and click GIVING from our home page to access online giving via debit or credit card. If you'd like to set up an ACH or repeating gift option, contact Lisa Lovekamp at 217-423-6955 for a login for The Front Porch at SPL.

### WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 728  
 Four Week Worship Average: 695

### ...BETTER TOGETHER!

### OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.\*

\*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.

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**Communion Songs**

*Behold (Then Sings My Soul)*

*Speak O Lord*

*Good Good Father*

**Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer**

*A handout with this week's prayers is available at the back of the Sanctuary for those who would like to continue to pray for these concerns.*

**Children's Message**

**Dismissal of Children to SPL KIDS Worship**

**Offering** *Days of Elijah*

*Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the Offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.*

**Message** *"Why do we need the Old Testament?"*  
Pastor Gill Grueninger

**Blessing**

**Closing Song** *Do It Again*

**Why do we need the Old Testament? MESSAGE NOTES**

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*Community Life Discussion Questions are available along with the weekly Prayer Concerns at the back of the Sanctuary.*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**  
Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the blessing of hearing God's Word in Worship with our St. Paul's Family.

**Special Events**

**SPL MISSION: TEXAS** • Welcome Back  
We are thankful for the incredible service of our SPL Mission Team in Rockport, Texas! Learn all about their story at <http://facebook.com/groups/SPLMissionMissionTeam>: Pastor Mark Gearig, Richard Heinkel, Jamie Martin, Nancy McGlade, Lisa Miloser, Dakota Miloser, Judy Minton, Sam Morrow, Gene Mueller, Carol Raney, Alan Schelling, Melanie Schelling, Allie Schelling, Isabella Schelling, Beth Stensrud, and Ken Stensrud.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** • July 30  
Give blood and save lives here at SPL in Room 122 from 12:30pm-5:30pm. To schedule an appointment, contact Teena Lichtenberger at 217-520-1050.

**FAMILY SERVING FAMILY: DECATUR CELEBRATION** • August 3-5  
**Heavy Lifters needed** to serve with Team SPL at the Christian Stage as a part of our Stage Crew. Contact Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955 or email [andrea@spldecatour.org](mailto:andrea@spldecatour.org) with your times of availability ASAP.

**SPL KIDS**

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**Worship: Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning** (During Message Time):  
Ages 6 weeks-3 years (Nursery), 3 years-K (Rm 206), 1st-4th grade (Great Rm)  
5th-6th Junior Leaders will leave with children (must have attended training)  
**Sunday Education** (9:15am): PreK-K (Room 206), Gr. 1-4 (Room 213), Gr. 5-6 (Room 211); Building Blocks-Parents/Caretakers/Children 0-3yrs (Rm 203)  
**Junior Leader Training:** Sunday, August 19th, 12:00pm-2:00pm

**SPL YOUTH**

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All Youth Gr. 7 – 12: "Cartoons & Cereal" Sundays at 9:15am (Room 122)  
SPL Youth Wednesday Night at 6:30pm (Room 122)  
Connect at <http://facebook.com/groups/SPLYouth> & TW/Insta @SPLDecatur.  
**FUN IN THE SON:** Gather at SPL each Wednesday at 6:30pm in Room 122 - activities will be on site or in the community.

**MISSION: DECATUR** • JULY 26-28  
Don't miss MISSION: DECATUR Youth Servant Event this July 26-28. All senior high youth (entering 9th Gr. – recent HS graduates) can be on mission with us in Decatur. Just \$30 to participate - **REGISTER NOW**. Questions? Contact Adam Mize at [mizeaj@hotmail.com](mailto:mizeaj@hotmail.com) or [pastorbill@spldecatour.org](mailto:pastorbill@spldecatour.org) for more information.

**ELC**

**NOW HIRING** • APPLY BY JULY 24TH  
St. Paul's Early Learning Center is seeking a Preschool Teacher (FT) and Substitute Teachers (PT). Ideal candidates love Jesus, are energetic, flexible, and enjoy working in a team environment. Experience working with children in a DCFS licensed setting, meet DCFS minimum qualifications for position, pass background check. Contact Kim Newingham 424-9183. Visit [ELCDECATUR.ORG](http://ELCDECATUR.ORG) for info.

**LSA**

**BACK TO SCHOOL** • AUGUST 2018  
Take note of these important LSA dates as we prepare to head back to school:  
LSA REGISTRATION DAYS: August 1 (1-7pm) & August 2 (8am-1pm) @LSA  
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT @LSA: Monday, August 6 at 7:00pm  
LSA ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: Monday, August 13 (12:30pm) Southside CC  
SPL-LSA PARENT MEETINGS: August 11 & August 12 at SPL  
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL @LSA: Tuesday, August 14 (Noon Dismissal)  
RED & BLACK SCRIMMAGE: Friday, August 17 at 6:00pm @LSA  
LSA-PTL TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT: Saturday, August 18 (9am-Noon)

**THANK YOU** to those who have donated food items for church events. If you have left a dish/casserole/tupperware in the kitchen please collect it. We will be donating remaining containers on August 15th to the LSA Resale Shop.

*Exodus 19:5 - if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.*  
**RED LETTER LIVING**  
**WEEKLY CHALLENGE:** This week, read the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) and ask yourself, "Which one do I struggle with the most. Which one would bring me closer to God if I kept it?"  
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