

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 7/29

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

Monday 7/30

12:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Room 122)

Tuesday 7/31

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 8/01

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 8/02

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)

Friday 8/03 --Decatur Celebration Christian Stage/Family Oasis

Saturday 8/04 Message - "What is a Christian?"

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)

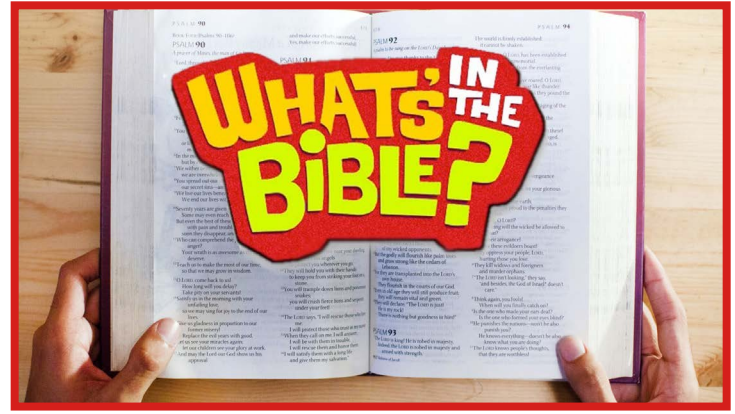
7:30 am Motivated by More (Cresthaven Park)

4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)

Sunday 8/05 Message - "What is a Christian?"

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

July 28 & 29, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Thought Before Worship

Though the Bible was written over sixteen centuries by at least forty authors, it has one central theme—salvation through faith in Christ. -Max Lucado

Call to Worship

"Bible What's It"

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Death Arrested

Rescuer

Confession and Absolution

Lord, I have stumbled and fallen short of Your glory. Instead of seeking the abundant life You have given me in Christ, I have continued to seek my own will and the things of this world that only lead me to death. Forgive me, Lord, for my unfaithfulness. Restore and empower me by Your Holy Spirit, that I may live more fully as a beloved child and representative of Your Kingdom.

Words of Institution (Saturday Only)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper (Saturday Only)

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

\$ 156,286 as of 7/22

July Budgeted Giving

\$ 153,126 as of 7/22

2018 Annual Budget =
\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =
\$ 95,464

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 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: 707
Four Week Worship Average: 701

...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 (Saturday only)

Jesus Messiah

Tremble

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.

Dismissal of Children to SPL KIDS Worship

Offering *My Feet Are On The Rock*
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 New Testament?"*
Pastor Mark Gearig

Blessing

Closing Song *Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)*

Why do we need the New Testament? MESSAGE NOTES



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 loving memory of Verna Minton on her birthday, July 29th, from her family.
Flowers in front of the pulpit are in celebration of the 95th birthday on July 28th of Luella Lange (Mother of Kathy Zeurcher) by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Special Events

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.

DECATUR CELEBRATION CHRISTIAN STAGE • August 3-5
Go online to decaturcelebration.com and purchase your wristbands, then come join us for a weekend of great worship and music at the Christian Stage! Jonathan McReynolds (8/3), Love & The Outcome (8/4), and Crowder (8/5) along with local Christian artists. Stop by our SPL Family Oasis also located by the stage.

MISSION: DECATUR • SPL YOUTH
This week 12 youth and 4 adults, went on mission to their own hometown through MISSION: DECATUR. They got a chance to see how God was working through Baby TALK, Good Samaritan Inn, Central Illinois Christians in Mission and more! We praise God for these 16 missionaries and their willingness to love God, Build the Home and CHANGE the World!

ON THE CALENDAR • SAVE THE DATE
SPL Welcome Home Picnic: Sunday, August 26th (following worship)
F3: Family-Faith-Formation Fall 2018: Classes begin September 12th
Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout: September 22-23 @Camp Cilca
FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack POWERPACK: September 29th

SPL KIDS

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

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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.

CONFIRMATION - PARENTS & STUDENTS
For all 7th & 8th Grade Students and Parents - Confirmation Meeting taking place with Pastor Bill on Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00pm in The Loft.

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
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL @LSA: Tuesday, August 14 (Noon Dismissal)
LSA-PTL TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT: Saturday, August 18 (9am-Noon)

LSA JOB OPENING • Teaching Position
LSA is seeking candidates for a Fourth Grade teacher for the 2018/19 school year. Great benefits, small classes, a wonderful faculty and team. Salary is based on experience. Contact Joel Witt at 233-2001.

SPL FAMILY MEETING - LSA PARENTS • August 11 & 12
We're gearing up for the start of another new school year - it's time for all of our LSA Parents to attend one of the LSA Parent Meetings with our pastors. Come to the Family Room following worship on Saturday 8/11 (7:15pm) or Sunday 8/12 (9:15am). Additional details & Parent Covenant have been mailed to your home.

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.

John 20:31 - "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."



WEEKLY CHALLENGE: This week, read John chapter 15. Reflect on it and ask, "What stands out to me in these verses? How is God speaking to me today and how can I respond?"

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