

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 7/15

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

Monday 7/16

Tuesday 7/17

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
 8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Family Room)
 9:15 am Motivated by More Moms & Kids Fitness (Cresthaven Park)
 6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Family Room)

Wednesday 7/18

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

Thursday 7/19

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 7/20

Saturday 7/21 Message - "Why do we need the Old 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 7/22 Message - "Why do we need the Old Testament?"

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July Actual Giving

\$ 90,739 as of 7/08

July Budgeted Giving

\$ 76,563 as of 7/08

2018 Annual Budget =
 \$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =
 \$ 84,448

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: 681
 Four Week Worship Average: 686

...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.

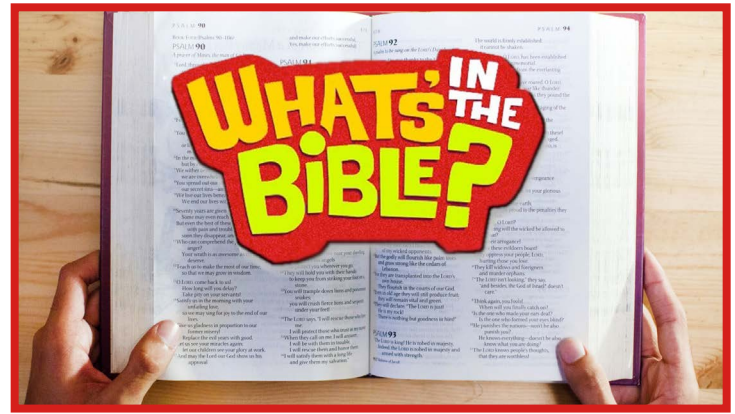
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

July 14 & 15, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY
 PASTOR MARK GEARIG
 PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Thought Before Worship

"Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand."

-Mark Twain

Call to Worship

"Bible What's It"

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Only King Forever

What A Beautiful Name

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 32:1-5 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

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

Words of Institution



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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.

Communion Songs

Captain

Word of God Speak

Baptism

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

Ancient Words

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

"What IS the Bible?"
Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song

I'm Not Ashamed

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

MESSAGE NOTES

We should consume God's Word:

- At _____
- In _____
- As a _____

Hermeneutic

- What did the author _____?
- How did the intended audience _____ it?
- What does it mean for _____?

The Bible is useful for:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- Training in _____



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

FAMILY AND FAITH CELEBRATION - BAPTISM

At 6:00pm worship, we celebrate the baptism of Addison Kate Stone (6/6/18). Parents are Jennifer and Jonathan Stone. Please welcome Addison and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



SPL MISSION: TEXAS • JULY 14-21

Pray for our SPL Mission: Texas team and the work they will do as they help bring restoration and renewal to the struggling community of Rockport, Texas (July 14-21). Follow our group at <http://facebook.com/groups/SPLMission>
Mission Team: Pastor Mark Gearig, Richard Heinkel, Jamie Martin, Nancy McGlade, Lisa Miloser, Dakota Miloser (Y), Judy Minton, Sam Morrow, Gene Mueller, Carol Raney, Alan Schelling, Melanie Schelling, Allie Schelling (Y), Isabella Schelling (Y), Beth Stensrud, and Ken Stensrud.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE • July 30

Here at St. Paul's 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

Volunteers (Senior High Youth & Adults) **needed** to serve with Team SPL at the Christian Stage, SPL Info Tent and SPL Family Oasis. Contact Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955 or email andrea@spldecatour.org with your times of availability.

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, 12pm-2

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, serving at local agencies and utilizing SPL as "base camp". Just \$30 to participate - **REGISTER NOW** (by July 18th). Questions? Contact Adam Mize at mizeaj@hotmail.com or pastorbill@spldecatour.org for more information.

LSA

LSA JOB OPENING • Teaching Position

LSA is seeking candidates for a First Grade teacher for the 2018/19 school year. Great benefits, small classes, a wonderful faculty and team. Salary is based on experience. Contact anolen@lsadecatur.net or call 233-2000.

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 for info.

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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Barry Sanders on the 4th anniversary of his passing on July 18th from Joy Sanders.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. --2 Timothy 3:16-17

RED LETTER LIVING

WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Make sure every member of your household has a personal bible. Mark them with their important life dates (Birth, Baptism, Confirmation date and verse & wedding).

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