

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 8/05 -Decatur Celebration Christian Stage/Family Oasis

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

Monday 8/06

Tuesday 8/07

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 8/08

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 8/09

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)

4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team Meeting (Small Conf. Room)

Friday 8/10

Saturday 8/11 Message - "Serve and Build the Kingdom"

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)

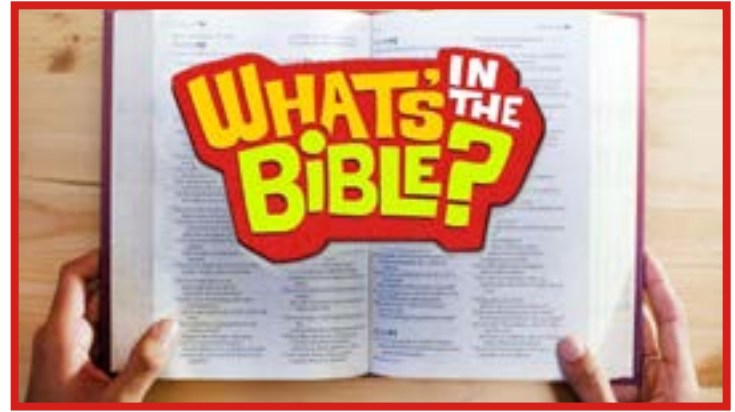
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)

7:15 pm LSA Parent Meeting (Family Room)

Sunday 8/12 Message - "Serve and Build the Kingdom"

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

9:15 am LSA Parent Meeting (Family Room)



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Aug 4 & 5, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Thought Before Worship

"Until we care more about what God thinks than what other people think we are never truly free." -Christine Caine

Call to Worship

"Bible What's It"

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Glorious Day

Who You Say I Am

Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, we thank You for thinking far higher of us than we think of ourselves. We bless You for believing in us far more than other people ever will. Forgive us for all the times we forget that Your opinion matters far more than all other opinions combined. Forgive us for the times that we trust in our own ideas, even when they contradict Yours. Forgive us for wanting to please other people more than we want to please You. Help us Jesus to forget ourselves and remember You. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.

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

\$ 184,545 as of 7/29

July Budgeted Giving

\$ 191,408 as of 7/29

2018 Annual Budget =

\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =

\$ 105,487

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: 678

Four Week Worship Average: 699

...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)

So Will I (100 Billion X)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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.

Baptism (Sunday 10:30am Only)

Children's Message

Dismissal of Children to SPL KIDS Worship

Offering Come to the Table

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 a Christian?" Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song In Christ Alone

What is a Christian?

MESSAGE NOTES

Horizontal lines for 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 celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Sharon and Gary Trickey.

ON THE CALENDAR • SAVE THE DATE

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
Membership @SPL - Fall Class: Sunday, November 4th (12:00-4:00pm)

DECATUR CELEBRATION CHRISTIAN STAGE • THIS WEEKEND

After worship, come join us for a weekend of Spirit-filled music at the Christian Stage! Love & The Outcome (9:00pm 8/4), and Crowder (6:45pm 8/5) along with local Christian artists. Stop by our SPL Family Oasis also located by the stage.

WELCOME HOME FOOD & FUN FEST • AUGUST 26

Bring a friend and gather on the "front porch" at SPL on Sunday, August 26th, following worship until 2:00pm. We'll have inflatables, plus games for all ages - or bring along your favorite outdoor game. We'll also have the tent up on the front lawn and food vendors including Vinnie's BBQ, Mister Softee and others. You can also purchase Heinkel's Hot Dogs in support of the upcoming FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack! Let's gather together and usher in a new season at SPL!

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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.

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 - IMPORTANT DATES • AUGUST 2018

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT @LSA: Monday, August 6 at 7:00pm
LSA ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: Monday, August 13 (12:30pm) Southside CC
Contact Susan Keane at LSA for more Golf Outing details 233-2001
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL @LSA: Tuesday, August 14 (Noon Dismissal)
LSA-PTL TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT: Saturday, August 18 (9am-Noon)

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.

FAMILY AND FAITH CELEBRATION - BAPTISM

At 10:30am worship, we celebrate the Baptism of Grayson James Sullivan (11/6/17). Parents are Carson (Bork) and Grady Sullivan. Please welcome Grayson and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.



WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Just as God chose you before you ever did anything to please Him, choose someone this week who hasn't done anything to earn your favor and find a way to bless that person.

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