

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 9/09

- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
- 9:15 am F3 Teachers Meeting (Family Room)
- 12:00 pm SPL Kids Team Meeting (Great Room)

Monday 9/10

- 5:30 pm SPL Women's Ministry Meeting (Family Room)

Tuesday 9/11

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 6:15 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Family Room)

Wednesday 9/12 *F3 Fall Session Begins Today!*

- 10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm F3 Dinner--Taco/Nacho Bar (Dining Room)
- 6:30 pm F3 Classes (Children, Confirmation, Adults)
- 6:30 pm SPL Youth -Wednesday Night @The Loft

Thursday 9/13

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)
- 1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Family Room)
- 4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team (Sm. Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Potluck (Dining Room)
- 6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 9/14

Saturday 9/15 *Message - "12 Steps to Power"*

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

Sunday 9/16 *Message - "12 Steps to Power"*

- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

DADS-GRANDPAS-KIDS CAMPOUT 2018

September 22 & 23 (Optional 9/21 Stay) - Details available at the display in the Fellowship Area. Register online at SPLDECATUR.ORG. All welcome!

September Actual Giving

\$ 27,502 as of 9/02

September Budgeted Giving

\$ 30,931 as of 9/02

2018 Annual Budget =
\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =
\$ 110,550

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 744
Four Week Worship Average: 788

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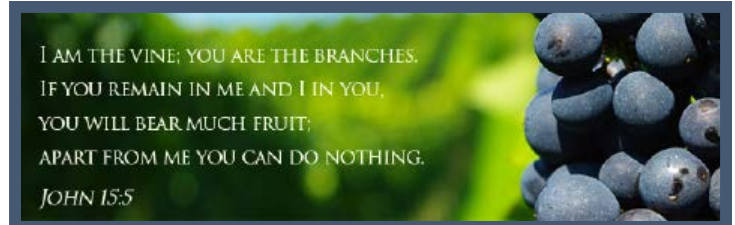
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

September 8 & 9, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY
PASTOR MARK GEARIG
PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Thought Before Worship

With all the problems in our world today, we must stop making excuses. We can make excuses or we can make a difference, but we cannot make both. - Craig Groeschel

Call to Worship

My Feet Are On the Rock

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Do What You Want To

God Of This City

Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, You have given me a blueprint for life that will set me free and bless those around me. Yet, Lord, again and again I have strayed from Your plan. I have failed to place You first in my life. I have not loved the people You have placed before me with Your love, even those closest to me. And worst of all Lord, I have made excuses to justify it all. Forgive me, Lord, for following after my own desires instead of following after You and Your will. Restore me and align me once again with Your blueprint for my life that I might impact others for Your glory.

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 back of the Sanctuary to pray with you during this time.



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Communion Songs

Tremble

Do It Again

10,000 Reasons

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 with First Bibles

Dismissal of Children to SPL KIDS Worship

Offering SPL Vision Statement

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 "Love God, Build the Home, Change the World" Pastor Mark Gearig

Blessing

Closing Song Lay Me Down

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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 17th Wedding Anniversary of Cindy and Terry Howe.

F3: FAMILY-FAITH-FORMATION begins this Wednesday. Classes meet weekly through November 14th at 6:30pm - Dinner served at 5:30pm in the Dining Room (no class 10/31 due to Trunk or Treat Event). Register now at the F3 table in the Fellowship Area or online at SPLDECATUR.ORG. Financial Peace University - Led by Matt & Kara Nalley. Keep Your Love On - Led by Kurt & Jessica Younghouse. Bible Study: Book of Acts - Led by Bob Watters. Front Porch Conversations - Led by Pastor Mark Gearig & Daniel Luka. Lead Where You Are: How to Lead When You're Not in Charge - Led by Chuck Schuette. Raising Up Dads - Led by John Powers. Twelve Steps to Power - Led by Pastor Eric Trickey.

FMSC DECATUR COMMUNITY MOBILEPACK SEPTEMBER 29TH POWERPACK with us on Saturday, September 29th - three packing sessions (9am, 12pm, 2:30pm), 100,000 meals, 500 volunteers needed. REGISTER & DONATE at GIVE.FMSC.ORG/DECATUR. Visit the FMSC table by the Connection Center. Become a Sponsor: Contact Andrea Gerhard (217-423-6955).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays (Sept 18 - Oct 30) Maryel Nelson will be leading, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver in the Family Room from 10:30am-Noon. Contact Sarah Johnson in the Church Office to register (217-423-6955).

WOMEN'S FALL FELLOWSHIP October 2 Join us at Fletcher Park (Mt. Zion) from 6:00-8:00pm. Hot dogs & drinks provided - bring a dish/dessert to share. Also collecting items for DK Bags of Hope. Sign up in the Fellowship Area or contact Teresa Glick (glickteresa@gmail.com).

DECATUR KIDS SOAR ACADEMY IMPACTING CHILDREN Make a positive impact in the life of a child in our community - become a Tutor for our Decatur Kids SOAR Academy mentoring program at French Academy on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:40-3:40pm. We begin October 2nd. Interested? Contact Libby Mize at Inmize@hotmail.com.

ON THE CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE Camp CILCA Golf Outing at Hickory Point- Friday, September 28 www.CILCA.org. Trunk or Treat and Taste of SPL - Fall Fun for All Generations: Oct. 31st at SPL Membership @SPL - Fall Class: Sunday, November 4th (12:00-4:00pm)

SPL KIDS

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) Join us for SPL KIDS: F3 on Wednesdays at 6:30pm (begins September 12th)

SPL YOUTH

SPL YOUTH All Youth Gr. 9 - 12: Sunday Mornings at 9:15am [Meets in The Loft] SPL Youth Wednesday Night at 6:30pm [Meets in The Loft] Connect at http://facebook.com/groups/SPLYouth & TW/Insta @SPLDecatur.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Begin this week on Sunday, September 9th at 9:15am and Wednesday, September 12th at 6:30pm. [Great Room - 2nd Floor]

Get in the Game - Serve with our SPL Youth Ministry Team!

Contact Pastor Bill at pastorbill@spldecatour.org or 217-423-6955 to learn more.

Bob Rauschek will be celebrating his 90th birthday on September 12. His family would like to honor him with a card shower. Please send cards to: Bob Rauschek, c/o Lincolnshire Memory Care Facility, 1215 Arbor Drive, Apt 102, Decatur, IL 62526.

John 15:2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.



WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Take time for self-reflection. Ask God to show you what you need to "prune" in your life so you can more fully focus on loving God, building the home and impacting the world for God's purposes.

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