

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 1**  
**11:00 - 1:00**  
**First Monday Café**

**August 7**  
**12:15 - 2:00 pm**  
**UMW General Meeting**

**August 14**  
**Both Services**  
**Communion**

**August 16**  
**6:30 - 7:30 pm**  
**Trustees Meeting**

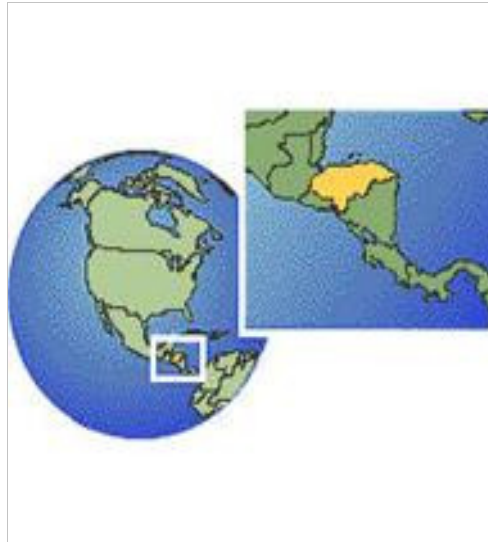
**August 17**  
**5:15 - 7:30 pm**  
**Wonderful Wednesday**  
**Resumes**

**August 18**  
**7:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**Committee on**  
**Nominations**

**August 23**  
**6:30 - 7:30 pm**  
**Finance Committee**

**August 25**  
**7:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**Committee on**  
**Nominations**

**August 28**  
**12:30 - 1:30 pm**  
**Church Council**



## MISSION MINDED, SERVING GOD

A few weeks after I arrived at St. Paul in 2008, a Mission Team left for Honduras. Several members of that team said to me, “Next time we want you to go!” I replied, “Next time I will.” The next mission trip was planned for July 2009. Holding true to the commitment I made a year earlier, I had my airline ticket for departure on July 18, 2009; however, due to the political turmoil in Honduras at the time, The State Department was encouraging people in the USA who did not have to travel into Honduras not to do so and those who were there to leave. Last year

our Mission Team decided not to go and to wait until this year to try and make another trip. Again, honoring my commitment to go the “next time”, I will be in Honduras with Donald Wright and David Martin, along with members of First Baptist, Gainesville and other friends who are joining us for this mission. Please keep all of us in your prayers for safe travels and a successful mission as we try to bring the love of Christ and hope to the people of Honduras as we once again hear Christ say, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these . . . you did for me.”

Our youth returned on July 23 after a week long Mission Trip to the Appalachian Mountains of East Tennessee. I have received reports on how hard they worked and some things they were able to accomplish as they witnessed to their faith by word and deed. I am so proud of these young people, as I know you are! This was our Director of Youth Ministries, Tyler Flowers, first mission trip as leader and he, too, found this trip to be meaningful. A special thanks to Barb Cely and Tim Gale who accompanied Tyler on this mission as chaperones and I know their experience and guidance was invaluable to Tyler. Our youth have heard Christ say, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these . . . you did for me.”

Sunday, July 31 is Youth Sunday and the youth will be sharing with you some of their experiences during their mission trip. I encourage you to be present to show your support for our youth. Following worship, the Explorers Sunday School Class will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Luncheon. This is a donation only fundraiser with proceeds going to help build a playground for our older children near the Pavilion. I hope you will plan to stay and eat and enjoy the time of fellowship. When making your donation, keep in mind what you would pay for a meal if you went to one of the eating establishments.

I look forward to seeing you each Sunday at the place where we “do for the least of these.”

*Calvin*

# READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

## SCRIPTURE FOR August 2011

1. Jeremiah 22, 23, 24 and Psalm 112
2. Jeremiah 25, 26, 27
3. Jeremiah 28, 29, 30
4. Jeremiah 31, 32, 33 and Psalm 113
5. Jeremiah 34, 35, 36
6. Jeremiah 37, 38, 39
7. Jeremiah 40, 41, 42, 43
8. Jeremiah 44, 45 and Psalm 114
9. Jeremiah 46, 47, 48, 49
10. Jeremiah 50, 51, 52
11. Lamentations 1, 2 and Psalm 115
12. Lamentations 3, 4, 5
13. Ezekiel 1, 2, 3
14. Ezekiel 4, 5, 6
15. Ezekiel 7, 8, 9, 10
16. Ezekiel 11, 12, 13
17. Ezekiel 14, 15, 16
18. Ezekiel 17, 18, 19 and Psalm 116
19. Ezekiel 20, 21, 22
20. Ezekiel 23, 24, 25
21. Ezekiel 26, 27, 28
22. Ezekiel 29, 30, 31, 32
23. Ezekiel 33, 34 and Psalm 117
24. Ezekiel 35, 36, 37
25. Ezekiel 38, 39 and Psalm 118, 119:1-24
26. Ezekiel 40, 41, 42
27. Ezekiel 43, 44, 45
28. Ezekiel 46, 47, 48
29. Daniel 1, 2, 3 and Psalm 119:25-48
30. Daniel 4, 5, 6
31. Daniel 7, 8, 9

## Wonderful Wednesday



Please join us on **August 17** for our kick-off of Wonderful Wednesdays. We will enjoy a breakfast meal and afterward be entertained by a guest speaker while the children have a VBS recap program upstairs in the Children's Area.

**August 24** will be movie night where we'll enjoy popcorn from our new church popcorn popper and the movie "UP". Children may bring blankets if they wish.

On **August 31** we'll enjoy game night while we play "A Minute to Win It." The preschoolers will go upstairs to play their own version.

Come join us for an outstanding meal at 5:15 on those evenings and stay for the activities and fellowship!

**Wonderful Wednesday meals** will be by reservation. If you don't make your reservation, you will be asked to wait till 5:45 to eat so that we can have enough for those who made reservations. Please call the office by Tuesday to make reservations.



# YOUTH NEWS



*“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7*

This verse has been a great inspiration to me as I have proceeded to take on the responsibility as the Youth Director at St. Paul UMC. It also proved an applicable description for our mission trip to Gatlinburg. There were many times where we were faced with situations where we had to think on the fly and where we had to make do with what we had. But nevertheless, we stood up and showed our spirit of power, love and self-discipline. With

that attitude, we made the week the best it could have been.

To start, our beloved van whom we have dubbed “PJ aka Paul Jr”, had some car trouble once we reached Pigeon Forge. But without panic, our volunteer team and myself composed ourselves and were able to get the van to a shop and back in 24 hours. The best part is that we didn’t have to miss any work at our mission site.

On top of the van trouble, we had some issues with supplies at our site. It seemed that every time we were given a new task by our site leader, we found we lacked the necessary materials to get the job done. Once again, we all put our heads together and got everything done with what we had.

Now, so far it sounds like I’m complaining, but I assure you, it is quite the opposite. God allows these things to happen for a reason . . . to teach us something. And I couldn’t be prouder of our group and how they handled themselves in these situations.

So you might be wondering what we did on the mission trip. We had the pleasure of serving an 83 year old woman named Mickey Huskey. Her husband passed away 3 years ago and her sister recently passed away as well, so she is all alone. We were able to come in, spend time with her and do some minor repairs to her home. Our work consisted of repainting her porch, leak proofing her roof and trimming her bushes. She was so excited when her bushes were low enough for her to see out her front windows. The way she lit up made the whole trip worth it.

So enough from me about the trip, look for a few quotes from some of the youth who went on the trip in the column to the right.

So with one trip down, I cannot wait to experience more trips with this group. There were other youth groups at the mission camp but biased or not, we had the best group there. I am so proud of every one of our youth and am thrilled to continue on this journey with them.

Tyler Flowers

## CHILDREN’S NEWS

July was an exciting month for the Children’s Ministry at St. Paul. VBS was an unqualified success as PandaMania broke out all over the Church. Thrilling Thursday was fun when our children took a trip to Monkey Joe’s where they played and ate pizza, and the last one of this summer was a swim party at Kelleigh Strickland’s mom’s house, with hotdogs cooked on the grill - just a perfect activity for the hot, hot days of summer.

Our Children’s Council met during the month to plan our fall curriculum. St. Paul is very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers in our children’s ministry. Thanks so much for all you do!

Look for new and exciting things happening in the Children’s Ministry at St. Paul UMC!!!



Evelyn Wells

## You’re Invited

***Not in Sunday School? Come to the New Horizons Classroom for Mayberry USA beginning August 7 for a 4 week video series based on the Andy Griffith Show. For more information, call Evelyn Wells, Sue Tibbetts or Shirley Whitaker.***

## Comments from our Youth Group on their Mission Trip

“The St. Paul youth is not just a youth group. We are a family and our family has been through a lot in the past year. This trip has helped us heal and grow stronger together.” -Michael Herrin

“I had a great time painting a roof for the first time for someone who needed it.” -Sammy Rush

“I’ll never forgot the experience of being on a roof for the first time and trusting that God has me in His hands.” -Andrew Gale  
“I’ve done a lot of things this trip that I’ve never done before. I painted a house, rode a roller coaster and this was my first time being this far away from home. I know God has helped me grow through this experience.” -Olivia Morley

“It was an amazing experience being able to worship God and help people in the process.” -Spencer Rush

“It was great getting to know each other a little better while still getting to do the Lord’s work.” -Louis Miller

“God put us right where we needed to be and led us safely through the rough spots.” -Barb Cely

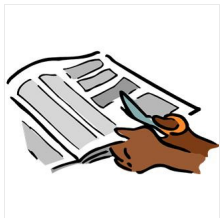
# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) NEEDS YOUR HELP

For the Gainesville District Social Action Project which focuses on collecting coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets for the Homeless. St. Paul's UMW members will be collecting the items until October 2, 2011 and we are asking our UMW members and our congregation to help us by donating items for this project. All sizes will be appreciated for this worthy cause.

Please leave your donated items in a bag or box marked UMW, by the garden cart located in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall. If you need additional information, please contact Shirley Denny at 770-536-8407 or [shdenny@bellsouth.net](mailto:shdenny@bellsouth.net) or Ellen Glicini at 770-503-4125 or [eglicini@charter.net](mailto:eglicini@charter.net).

## COUPONS



If you get the Sunday newspapers and just toss out those coupon inserts, bring them to the church instead! Kate Castner will be collecting coupon inserts to coupon for local charities. Instead of throwing them out, bring them to the box outside the church office. Thanks!

**REMINDER TO UMW MEMBERS:** Our next UMW meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 7 in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service. Please bring your favorite finger food or casserole. We look forward to seeing you there so we can discuss new officers and projects for 2012.

Ellen Glicini, Communications

*Return Service Requested*

## DID YOU KNOW?

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS AUTHORIZED A PROGRAM TO ASSIST INTERESTED MEMBERS OR FRIENDS IN NAMING THE CHURCH IN THEIR WILLS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT GREGG JOHNSON AT 678-947-6112, CHRIS MUNDY AT 770-535-7779 OR STEVE WARD AT 770-534-6000.

## SOFT DRINK TABS

We're still collecting them so keep them coming!!! Last haul to recycle the drink can tabs netted \$16.80 for the Ronald McDonald House in Atlanta!

## ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Deadline for ordering Angel Food boxes is August 16 before 5:00 p.m. There are some new boxes on the menu and the Signature box and Bountiful Blessing box has more protein and more veggies!! Pick up is Saturday, August 27 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. If you would like to volunteer to help with Angel Food, call Dave Syme at 770-965-0521 or the church office at 770-532-2977.

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor - Calvin Haney  
Choir Master - Tim Gale  
Accompanist - Terry Sapp  
Youth Director - Tyler Flowers  
Administrative Secretary - Susan Page  
Financial Secretary - Frances Steedley  
Hospitality - Rexann Hulsey  
Building/Grounds - Ralph Moore  
Christian Ed Dir. - Evelyn Wells

Rev. Calvin Haney, Pastor

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