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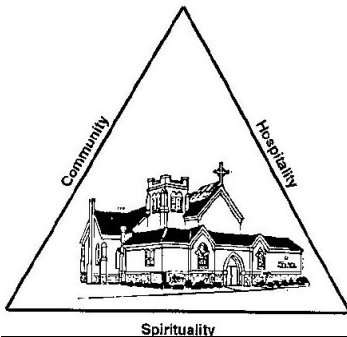
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## From the Pastor

Notes from the road. Well, August is here and you are doing one of 3 things: trying to make summer last as long as you can, shopping for back to school specials or glad you don't have to do either because you are retired and have no kids at home. I am currently on vacation enjoying the sun in northern Michigan at my parents. My only duties are making breakfast and taking fish off the line. We all need a time of renewal and I hope you have found some time when you can refresh and renew your spirit.

We will continue to travel through the Bible over the next few weeks losing children, being chased and sharing horror stories that have happened on the road. I hope to see you on Sunday if you are not on the road. Also coming soon will be a blessing of the backpacks or school bags or just the people who are returning to school. Seriously, be looking for more information about a time of blessing for all those who are returning to school this fall (teachers, students, and staff).

The fair is on the horizon and that means fair chair time. Be looking for more information about when we will be setting up and tearing down this year. I want to encourage you to use this opportunity to show the community that the church is not just a place people go to sit, but we are people moving into the world. Wear your shirt if you have one so people will know who we are without asking.

One of the kids has a fish on the line so I am off again to perform my official vacation duty. I look forward to seeing you when I am off the road.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Paul*

## Thought for the Month:

Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you.

—Langston Hughes

## Christian Symbol



### Ox

The ox sometimes appears in Renaissance art as a symbol for the nation of Israel. Luke the Evangelist is sometimes represented by a winged ox. In general, the ox symbolizes strength, service and patience. Jesus makes reference to oxen bearing a load when he invites his followers, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:29-30, ESV).

**Seniors Day Out**  
**Tuesday, August 18**  
**12:00 Noon**

**Judy Chaffins,**  
**Allen Co.**  
**Education Coordinator,**  
**guest speaker**

**All seniors welcome!**

Food Pantry Sunday is  
August 16th.

**Donations are taken to  
the Church at Allentown**

Thank you to all who  
have been donating.



## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**August**  
**Coins for Communion**  
**to benefit**  
**Meals 'till Monday**



August 30, 2015

United Methodist Children's Home  
\$5 on the 5th.



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### St. Paul's Book Club

**Saturday, August 1 at 9:00AM**  
in the classroom beside the main office.

Bring your breakfast if you wish and  
join the group for some interesting  
conversation about

**The Light Between Oceans**

By M. L. Stedman

**All are welcome.**

Newsletter  
deadline:  
the **16th**  
of each  
month

## Allen County Fair Chairs

August 29, St. Paul's will once again be setting up and taking down chairs for the concert in the grandstand at the Allen County Fair.

We will be setting up about 3,000 chairs, so everyone's help will be needed. Contact Art Holman for more information.

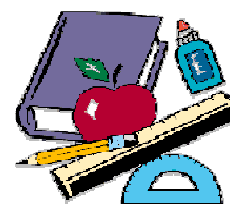
Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your friends at St. Paul's.



## Blessing of the Book Bags

Sunday, August 30

To start off the new school year, all students and teachers, bring your book bag to worship service to be blessed.



# Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

## SCHOOL KITS

- One pair blunt point scissors (Round Tip)
- Three 70 count spiral notebooks (Wide Ruled)
  - One ruler (12" - metric)
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
  - One large eraser (2 1/2")
- Six new #2 pencil with erasers (unsharpened)
- One box Crayola crayons (24 ct.)

Canvas Tote Bag (12x14 to 14x17 in.)

*Can be purchased at Hobby Lobby*

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Pack kit in a 2 gallon size ziplock bag and place at the altar.



Deadline for collecting kits is  
Sunday, September 20th

## HEALTH KITS

- One hand towel (@16" x 28")
  - One washcloth
  - One wide-tooth comb
  - One metal nail file or clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
  - One adult size toothbrush (in original packaging)
  - Six adhesive Band-aids

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Seal kit in a gallon size ziplock bag and place at the altar.



## Brad Joseph Golf Outing

**The Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf Outing** was held on July 11, 2015, at the Colonial Golfers Club, Harrod, OH.. St. Paul UMC sponsored a hole, had a golf foursome participating in the event, and also had several volunteers helping with the event that day. Our golf foursome, consisting of Dennis Bowsher, Larry Moser, Tim Theodore, and Denny Thompson, came home with the winning trophy, which will be on display at St. Paul UMC until the golf outing next year. Way to go guys!



### Winning Foursome

L-R: Larry Moser, Dennis Bowsher, Denny Thompson and Tim Theodore



John Fleming, Brad's uncle, presents the plaque to Tim Theodore and Larry Moser.

### St. Paul Volunteers—Thank you!

L-R: Jamie Wyant, Scott Fessler, Norm Grigsby, Tim Piper, Sue Theodore and Larry Moser.





# Koinonia

**Koinonia:** *noun.* Christian fellowship or communion, with God or, more commonly, with fellow Christians; joint participation; fellowship and unity that should exist within the Christian church.

Koinonia started as a Sunday School Class at St. Paul's many years ago. The group did much more than just meet on Sunday mornings. They also began meeting for social events in homes. Over the years there were New Year's Eve and Halloween parties, cookouts, picnics, meetings hosted in homes several times a year (some involved playing games!), weekend getaways to Piqua for the whole family, a trip to a cornfield maze with the youth group, setting up and taking down the chairs for the concert in the grandstand at the Allen Co. Fair as a fundraiser, and over 20 years of sponsoring the chicken BBQ with the help of many St. Paul parishioners as a fundraiser.

Today, this group of 40-, 50-, 60-, and 70-somethings are still very active. If you would like to be part of this fun-loving, Christian group, join us for a picnic at the home of Dan and Margie Best on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The first usage of **koinonia** in the Greek New Testament is found in Acts 2:42. *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

## Koinonia Picnic

**August 2, 2015—4:00 PM**

**Dan & Margie's House  
4864 Hummingbird St.**

**Please bring a covered dish  
and a lawn chair.**

**R.S.V.P. to 419-339-7211**



# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

June 28, 2015	106
July 5, 2015	83
July 12, 2015	93
July 19, 2015	91
July 26, 2015	98

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
June 28, 2015	\$3,221.50	\$494.32
July 5, 2015	\$5,456.00	\$784.92
July 12, 2015	\$3,149.00	\$400.50
July 19, 2015	\$2,239.00	\$438.00
July 26, 2015	\$1,987.15	\$258.53

## Adult Sunday School / Children's Church Attendance

June 28, 2015	A—3 C—8
July 5, 2015	A—5 C—3
July 12, 2015	A—8 C—10
July 19, 2015	C—6
July 26, 2015	A—5 C—5

## Greeters

August 2, 2015	Tony & Shirley Shoup
August 9, 2015	Channing & Dalton Poling, Corinne Piper
August 16, 2015	Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 23, 2015	Denny & Carole Grapner
August 30, 2015	Lynda Evans

## Flower Calendar

August 2, 2015	Steve & Tracy Sdao
August 9, 2015	Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 16, 2015	Susan Nartker
August 23, 2015	Brooks & Jean May
August 30, 2015	Ruth Hardy

## Communion Servers August 2

Station #1	Dennis & Shara Bowsher
Station #2	OPEN
Station #3	OPEN

# Daily Bible Readings

## Saturday 8/1

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43  
Joshua 6:1-14  
Romans 13:1-17  
Matthew 26:26-35

## Sunday 8/2

Psalm 63, 98, 103  
1 Samuel 23:7-18  
Romans 11:33-12:2  
Matthew 25:14-30

## Monday 8/3

Psalm 41, 44, 52  
1 Samuel 24:1-22  
Acts 13:44-52, Mark 4:1-20

## Tuesday 8/4

Psalm 45, 47, 48  
1 Samuel 25:1-22  
Acts 14:1-18, Mark 4:21-34

## Wednesday 8/5

Psalm 119:49-72, 49 (53)  
1 Samuel 25:23-44  
Acts 14:19-28, Mark 4:35-41

## Thursday 8/6

Psalm 50, 66, 67, 1 Samuel 28:3-20  
Acts 15:1-11, Mark 5:1-20

## Friday 8/7

Psalm 40, 51, 54  
1 Samuel 31:1-13  
Acts 15:12-21, Mark 5:21-43

## Saturday 8/8

Psalm 55, 138, 139  
2 Samuel 1:1-16  
Acts 15:22-35, Mark 6:1-13

## Sunday 8/9

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84  
2 Samuel 1:17-27  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 25:31-46

## Monday 8/10

Psalm 56, 57, 64, 65  
2 Samuel 2:1-11  
Acts 15:36-16:5, Mark 6:14-29

## Tuesday 8/11

Psalm 61, 62, 68  
2 Samuel 3:6-21  
Acts 16:6-15, Mark 6:30-46

## Wednesday 8/12

Psalm 72, 119:73-96  
2 Samuel 3:22-39  
Acts 16:16-24, Mark 6:47-56

## Thursday 8/13

Psalm 70, 71, 74, 2 Samuel 4:1-12  
Acts 16:25-40, Mark 7:1-23

## Friday 8/14

Psalm 69, 73, 2 Samuel 5:1-12  
Acts 17:1-15, Mark 7:24-37

## Saturday 8/15

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76  
2 Samuel 5:22-6:11  
Acts 17:16-34, Mark 8:1-10

## Sunday 8/16

Psalm 63, 98, 103, Joshua 6:15-27  
Acts 22:30-23:11, Mark 2:1-12

## Monday 8/17

Psalm 41, 44, 52, Joshua 7:1-13  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 26:36-46

## Tuesday 8/18

Psalm 45, 47, 48, Joshua 8:1-22  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 26:47-56

## Wednesday 8/19

Psalm 49, 119:49-72  
Joshua 8:30-35  
Romans 14:13-23  
Matthew 26:57-68

## Thursday 8/20

Psalm 50, 59, 60, Joshua 9:3-21  
Romans 15:1-13  
Matthew 26:69-75

## Friday 8/21

Psalm 40, 51, 54  
Joshua 9:22-10:15  
Romans 15:14-24  
Matthew 27:1-10

## Saturday 8/22

Psalm 55, 138, 139:1-17 (18-23)  
Joshua 23:1-16  
Romans 15:25-33  
Matthew 27:11-23

## Sunday 8/23

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84  
Joshua 24:1-15  
Acts 28:23-31, Mark 2:23-28

## Monday 8/24

Psalm 56, 57, 58, 64, 65  
Joshua 24:16-33  
Romans 16:1-16  
Matthew 27:24-31

## Tuesday 8/25

Psalm 61, 62, 68  
Judges 2:1-5, 11-23  
Romans 16:17-27  
Matthew 27:32-44

## Wednesday 8/26

Psalm 72, 119:73-96  
Judges 3:12-30  
Acts 1:1-14, Matthew 27:45-54

## Thursday 8/27

Psalm 70, 71, 74, Judges 4:4-23  
Acts 1:15-26, Matthew 27:55-66

## Friday 8/28

Psalm 69, 73, Judges 5:1-18  
Acts 2:1-21, Matthew 28:1-10

## Saturday 8/29

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76  
Judges 5:19-31  
Acts 2:22-36  
Matthew 28:11-20

## Sunday 8/30

Psalm 34, 93, 96  
2 Samuel 6:12-23  
Romans 14:7-12, John 1:43-51

## Monday 8/31

Psalm 77, 80, 2 Samuel 7:1-17  
Acts 18:1-11, Mark 8:11-21

## When The Clouds Roll By

### When The Clouds Roll By

*Amidst the fury of the storm  
Our minds are filled with fear.  
And yet we know within our hearts  
That sunny skies are near.*

*The terror of the thunder as  
The lightening sears our eyes  
Will not allow our minds to see  
Beyond the children's cries.*

*To look upon the beauty  
With the passing of the cloud;  
To feel the whisper of the wind  
That tells it's tale aloud.*

*And so it is with every curse  
On us which life has brought,  
That in the end, what happens here  
Shall yet amount to naught.*

*For with the passing of the cloud  
Cerebral skies will clear,  
And we shall find a sunny heart  
Immerse in joy and cheer.*

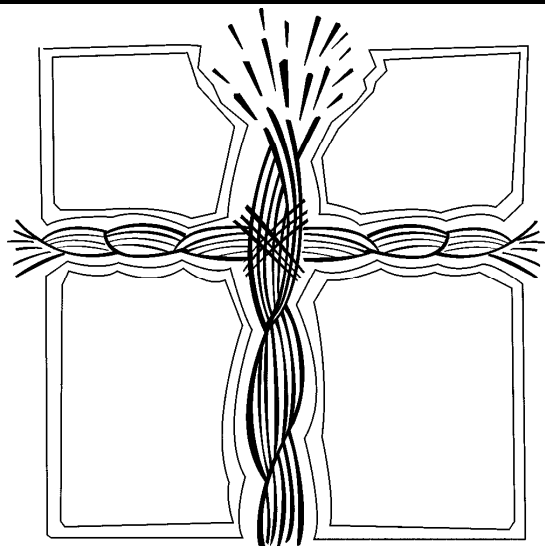
*So when your heart is heavy and  
A teardrop dims your eye,  
Remember that the sunshine follows  
When the clouds roll by.*

*By Dillon Staas*





## Calling God



Many people pray. It's safe to say that at any given second millions of prayers are being uttered around the world in a huge variety of languages. The book of 1 Kings reports Solomon in conversation with God. Most of the psalms are prayers in one form or another. How does God keep it all straight?

Ah, that's thinking in human terms. Who are we to assume that God literally has ears with which to listen to all of this noise?

Yet, what if God used human technology? Perhaps God is fully up to date with things like voicemail. What might that really be like?

Imagine turning your heart and thoughts heavenward only to be told "I'm sorry, all of our angels are busy helping other sinners at the moment. However, your prayer is important to us and will be answered in the order it was received." Not too bad if your request was for Aunt Helga to have a nice vacation next month, but pretty disconcerting if you were crying out with regard to a plane that is about to crash.

Why stop there? Perhaps you could bypass the impersonal "please hold" response and hear something like: "To speak with Gabriel, press 1; for Michael, press 2; for a directory of other angels, press 3. If you'd like to hear David sing a psalm while you wait, please press 4. To find out if a loved one has been assigned to heaven, press 5. If no response, try area code 666."

There might even be a short disclaimer: "Due to the high volume of calls, we are unable to provide responses to questions regarding dinosaurs, creation, the location of Noah's ark, or other data-based questions. Please wait until you get here to explore those inquiries."

If all this seems too much, an online service allows you to send God an e-mail. But be prepared to pay - at least one online site charges \$1 per prayer.

**On the other hand, any and all of us can pray at any time, in any way that works for us. And it doesn't cost a thing.**

There are many hymns in our United Methodist Hymnal about prayer. Some that may be familiar to you are: "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord," "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," "Take Time to Be Holy," "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," "This Is My Song," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart."

Are there others that are favorites of yours? Look through our hymnal and see if you can find others.

**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

## Remember When...



July, 2011  
Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing  
St. Paul's Foursome  
Larry Moser, Don Chaffins,  
Gene Craft and Shirley Moser



August, 2002  
Fair Chairs



August, 2009  
Fair Chairs

You, too, can have this much fun on August 29, 2015, when St. Paul's once again will set up and take down the chairs for the concert in the grandstand at the Allen County Fair. We will be setting up about 3,000 chairs, so everyone's help will be needed. Contact Art Holman for more information. Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your friends at St. Paul's.



## Connecting With ...

### The Road Of Life

God of our life,  
 there are days when the burdens we carry  
 chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;  
 when the road seems dreary and endless,  
 the skies gray and threatening;  
 when our lives have no music in them,  
 and our hearts are lonely,  
 and our souls have lost their courage.  
 Flood the path with light,  
 turn our eyes to where  
 the skies are full of promise;  
 tune our hearts to brave music;  
 give us the sense of comradeship  
 with heroes and saints of every age;  
 and so quicken our spirits  
 that we may be able to encourage  
 the souls of all who journey with us  
 on the road of life,  
 to your honor and glory.

—St. Augustine



### Remember in Prayer

#### Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

John Holmes  
 Greg Schade

#### Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn  
 Glenna Kohli  
 Jean Redd

#### Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd

#### In the Military

Dani Milke

## Thank You

Many thanks to the following people who helped build a wheel-chair ramp onto the front of a house on McDonel Street in Lima, to accommodate a handicapped child. Thank you to Jamie Wyant who also planned the work, Dan Best, Dennis Bowsher, Mike Ellinger, Scott Fessler, Gary Hurd, Larry Moser, Tim Piper, Marty White, and Dave Wyant.

## The People of St. Paul's

*thank you*

*Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated; you are so very kind. Thank you for the flowers, cards, and Pastor Paul's visit, while I was recovering from hip surgery.*

*Thank you all!  
Chris Bowsher*

*St. Paul's,  
Thank you so much for the graduation card and CD. All of your support, encouragement and love through out my time in school has meant so much to me. I love receiving friendly notes and cards throughout the year.*

*God Bless and Thank You again!  
Jenni Jankovsky*

*To our St. Paul's Church Family,  
Thank you for the support, prayers, and flowers during Greg's surgery. It is difficult for us to put into words how much we appreciated everyone and how happy it makes us to be members at St. Paul's. Pastor Paul- thank you for staying at the hospital during the surgery and being there for moral support. Words cannot express how much it meant to us.*

*The Schades*

*Thank you for the cards and beautiful flowers. I am so happy to be able to return to church.*

*Jeannine May*

*Dear St. Paul's Friends,  
Thank you so much for your amazing support during my recent surgery. Your cards, visits, prayers and calls were so encouraging and appreciated. Special thanks for the beautiful flowers and prayer shawl. The shawl was so comforting. A huge thank you to Pastor Paul for being with my daughter during surgery and visiting me at three different facilities. I so appreciate you, the congregation of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.*

*Love,  
Martha Vazquez*



Have mercy  
on me, *God,*  
according to your  
steadfast *love.*

Psalms 51:1, NRSV

**Prayer List Updates  
Please Contact  
Lavonne Segovia**

## Meetings

No PPR

August 4, 2015

Trustees...7:00 PM

August 5, 2015

Worship...6:00 PM

August 10, 2015

Finance ...7:00 PM

No Ad Council mtg.

August 19, 2015

Missions...7:00 PM

Sundays

Prayer..8:45 AM

Sunday Sch..9:00 AM

Fellowship...9:30 AM

Worship...10:00 AM

# August 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Mary Grigsby Tim White
2	3 Ron Bible	4 Joy Fletcher Cody Scannell	5	6 Anne Laman	7	8 Myrna Metzger
9 Ruth Hardy Sara House	10 Brian Steiner	11 Nancy Kizer Emma Scannell Michele Theodore	12	13	14	15 Virginia Doseck
16 Beverly Nesbitt	17	18 Tracy Sdao	19 Jacquie Bice	20 Dennis Metzger	21	22
23 Aric Thompson	24 Gail Fessler	25 Ira Slemmons	26	27	28	29 Brad Selover Justin Wyant
30 Esther McKinney	31					

## Anniversaries

Scott & Beth Warris  
August 1

AJ & Tara Strauch  
August 2

Ron & Mary Steiner  
August 3; 46yrs.

Brandon & Jaime Chambers  
August 4

Steve & Tracy Sdao  
August 4

Jamie & Jan Wyant  
August 6

Scott & Michelle Grapner  
August 11

David & Susan Nartker  
August 16; 40yrs.

Tony & Linda Matlock  
August 18; 42yrs.

Ron & Kay McAdams  
August 19; 54yrs.



# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## Strawberry Salad

*By Martha Sue Peters*

Ingredients		Instructions
2	Bananas, mashed	Dissolve jello in boiling water. Add remainder of Ingredients  Pour into a 9x13 inch pan and refrigerate overnight.
1 1/2 cups	Boiling water	
1 (20 oz.)	Crushed pineapple with juice	
1 (6 oz.)	Strawberry jello	
1 (3 oz.)	Strawberry jello	
1 pint	Frozen strawberries, sliced	



## Rice Krispie Bars

*By Gail Fessler*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 cup	White sugar	Butter bottom of 13 x 9 baking dish or for thinner cookies use a jelly roll pan.  Bring sugar and Karo syrup to boil, remove from heat, add peanut butter and mix well.  Pour over 6 cups Rice Krispies, stir well. Press into buttered dish.  Melt together 1 16 oz pkg. of chocolate chips and 1 8 oz pkg. of butterscotch chips. Spread over the Rice Krispies.
1 cup	White Karo syrup	
1 cup	Peanut butter	
6 cups	Rice Krispies	
1 (16 oz. pkg.)	Chocolate chips	
1 (8 oz. pkg.)	Butterscotch chips	



# KIDZ KORNER

## GLOW- IN-THE- DARK BOWLING



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

### What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

### What you do:


1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.



## Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



*Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a ☐ around words describing God's actions. Draw an ☐ around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.*

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,  
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,  
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



*Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.*

i t T w H s p j E k e m a b L f g O h b c R d  
e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L  
a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y



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Answer: The LORD Almighty

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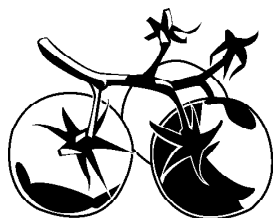
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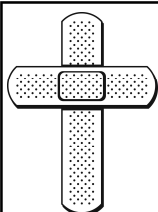
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**Twitter Account**  
**@ESPCHURCH**



# August

## Living Our Faith



### Skinned Knees

Leaders aspire to look like small boys in August. If you raise children or grandchildren, you know that by the end of August, they've been running around all summer in their shorts, sneakers and T-shirts. You also know that their knees and their elbows are always skinned, their shins always black and blue and that they have the marks of the summer's fracas on their faces. A 6-year-old boy at the end of August is my picture of a leader.

I got that picture from David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Many years ago he told me that leaders need to learn not to inflict pain but to bear pain. It seems to me that if you're bearing pain properly as a leader, whether you're a preacher, a college professor, a parent or a teacher, you ought to have the marks of the struggle. One ought to have bruised shins and skinned knees.

*-Max Dupree, Leadership Jazz*



### The whole is greater ...

Composer Iannis Xenakis said, "The collision of hail or rain with hard surfaces, or the song of cicadas in a summer field. These sonic events are made out of thousands of isolated sounds; this multitude of sounds, seen as totality, is a new sonic event."

What would one cicada sound like, or a lone hailstone hitting the ground? Would we even hear that? How about one raindrop, one low rumble of thunder? But put those individual sounds together in groups and they're powerful.

What can one coin in an offering plate accomplish? Or one volunteer from an entire congregation? What if John the Baptist's lone voice had never been joined by the disciples, and all the Christians after them, sharing the Gospel?

One voice alone isn't inconsequential, just as one coin, one volunteer, one raindrop isn't nothing. But if each felt inconsequential and stopped contributing its "sound," soon there would be nothing. Conversely, when many individuals stay in the game, soon they find they aren't alone at all. God brings their contributions together, creating a whole new "sonic event"!