

The Southwest Spirit



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Wednesday Evening Schedule Returns in September!

Our August church sabbatical is coming to a close, and we are ready to launch a new Fall season of Christian Formation for children, youth, and adults. Watch for these Wednesday and Sunday evening opportunities coming soon...

September 5

- 5:15 pm Church Dinner
- 6:15 pm Pastor's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm TeamKID preparation
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir returns!
- 7:00 pm Reynolds Bible Study
- 8:15 pm Worship Team practice

September 12

- 6:15 pm Pastor's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm TeamKID Launch!
- 6:30 pm Wednesday Night LIVE!
(for Youth)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Reynolds Bible Study

New Sunday Evening Schedule!

Beginning September 9th

- 5:30 pm Mission Friends
(for preschool)
- 5:30 pm CiA's
(for children)
- 5:30 pm Unveiling Islam

Contact the church office for
more information!

D-Now Weekend!

Sept 14 -16, 2007

**"For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of
God that is within you..." 2 Timothy 1:6**

This will be one of our highlight Youth events for the Fall. We will gather at church on Friday evening September 14, at 6:00pm for the beginning of a fantastic weekend. College students from Hannibal- LaGrange College will be joining us to lead this all-weekend event, through worship on Sunday Morning, September 16. We will spend the night on Friday and Saturday in church member homes in small groups. There will be small group time plus Saturday afternoon activities where all the groups will come together to meet, eat, play, and worship. In addition, on Saturday afternoon we will be going to the City Museum. The cost of this event is \$12. Pack your bag – grab your sleeping bag and pillow – invite a friend - and prepare for a great weekend of small group discipleship and fun!

Interested in hosting a small group in your home for the weekend? Floor space for sleeping bags is all that will be necessary. Contact Pastor James or Donna Prentice for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen The Other Bridge

I have friends living in Minneapolis. When I heard reports about the bridge on I-35 collapsing I sent off an e-mail inquiring about their well being. Thankfully, they were all safe as were their extended family members. Several days after the disaster I caught someone on the British Broadcasting Company making the comment, "A bridge collapsing in the United States is simply unheard of."

Yes, bridges aren't supposed to collapse in the USA. As children we sang "London Bridge falling down, falling down..." never imagining that an American bridge would fall, but fall it did.

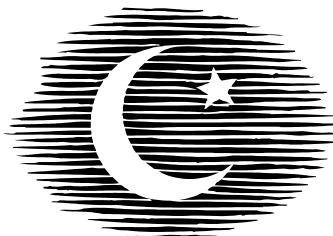
Think with me for a moment though about another bridge that collapsed in our country that has left us with a causality rate yet to be fully determined. It's the bridge between our faith and unbelievers. Whereas folks once spoke freely of their faith to unbelievers now it's a subject many Christians keep to themselves. Faith has become a personal and private matter. We can only wonder how many people will miss heaven because "the bridge has collapsed".

Can the bridge be rebuilt? Should the bridge be rebuilt? How does an individual build a bridge that welcomes folks to cross over to the Christian faith rather than having them search for alternate routes to God? These are questions I will be answering in September.

This coming Sunday, August 26, we say farewell to a faithful servant. Kevin Morgan grew up in our church and has served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher in our children's department for many, many years. I can't recall the last time Kevin missed Sunday School or our worship hour. He has also been faithful in bringing his grandchildren with him. Several years ago Kevin moved to the Lake St. Louis area. He has for years made the commute from that area to St. Louis in order to attend services at Southwest. Now, that all must end. We thank Kevin for his love and faithfulness to his home church and wish him and his family God's best blessings as he serves Jesus out in Lake St. Louis.

Pastor Pulido

UNVEILING ISLAM



For better or for worse, we truly live in a global society. This touches our lives in many ways, including the role of religion in the lives of people. Whether we have co-workers of a different faith, or we observe the actions of those around the world, there are important questions to ask.

What do Muslims really believe? How is Islam observed in every day life? As a Christian, how can I share with one who is Muslim and authentically, respectfully represent my faith? These are essential questions we will be seeking to answer together as we begin an important study on Sunday evening, September 9th. Join us for *Unveiling Islam*. See Pastor James for more information.



TeamKID is coming to our Wednesday nights this Fall! This new program promises to build on our already successful Wednesday evening children's activities. Come see what it is all about, starting on September 11, or see Ramona Davis for more information.

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