

## Paul's Problem Child

St. Paul and the Church in Corinth

Paul spent 18-months in Corinth establishing the church and building up leaders like Priscilla and Aquilla. (Acts 18:1-18)

Paul, after he left and as was his practice, wrote a letter to the church. We do not have this letter, but he mentions it in I Corinthians 5:9

Paul wrote I Corinthians in response to problems that had arisen within the church at Corinth. In it, he responds to questions that the Corinthians had posed to him.

Shortly after writing I Corinthians, Paul alters his plan laid out in I Cor 16:5-9 and makes an emergency visit to Corinth to try and sort things out in person. His plan was to then visit them again on his journey from Macedonia to Jerusalem (II Cor. 1:15-16)

When Paul arrived at Corinth, however, he found himself the object of a painful attack, led by a faction in the church and an unnamed offender. (II Cor 2:5; 7:12)

Rather than try to resolve the issue right then, Paul withdraws to cool off, and journeys to Ephesus. There, he writes a "tearful letter" calling on the Corinthians to demonstrate their solidarity with him and punish the offenders. We do not have this letter (II Cor. 2:3,4; 7:8,12)

Titus, who carried Paul's letter and the Corinthian response, comforts Paul by sharing that the Corinthians repented and punished the offender. (II Cor. 7:5-7, 13-16)

However, things were still tense, and "false apostles" still remained, prompting the writing of II Corinthians with Paul's defense of his ministry and announcement of a third visit.

## Summer Youth Activities



### Daily Children and Youth Activities

- Picnic in the Park at Elks Park on Tuesdays from 11-noon
- High School Volleyball at Crosspoint on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.
- God Squad on Wednesdays from 3:30-5 p.m.
- FLY on Wednesdays from 7-10:30 p.m.
- Middle School Madness at Oak Heights Covenant church on Thursdays from 10-noon

### Summer Children and Youth Activities

- Vacation Bible School from June 28-July 1
- FLY Mission Trip from July 16-25
- Day Camp from August 9-12
- Mystery Bus from August 16-18
- 7th grade fun day on August 19

If you want more information on any of these activities and events, please check out the Children and Youth pages on Faith Lutheran Church's website or contact Kristen Matthews or Laura Stowman.

