

Mountain Top

July 4-10
A Pilgrimage in Mission



Come take a pilgrimage with St. Paul's and many other church communities to Camp Cumberland Pines in Grundy County, where you will spend a week in service with the community- whether it is through painting, building or playing with kids, come learn what it means to be servants of Christ living in community, and how that affects you in your day to day living.

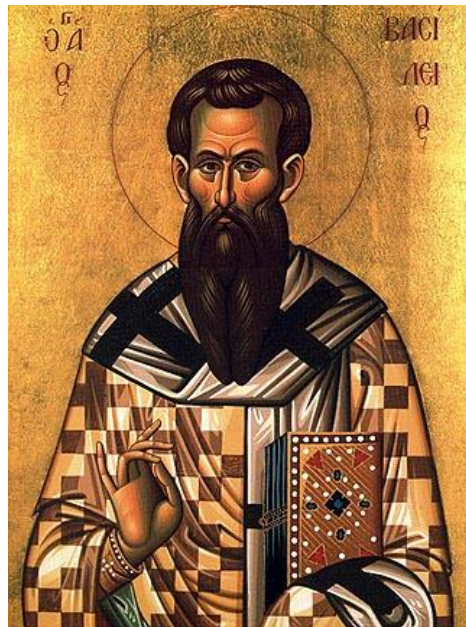
Logistics

- Dates: July 4-10
- Cost: \$285 per youth plus non-financial partnership
- Grades 7th- 12th
- Tools: We bring our own tools to MTN. T.O.P. List will be sent in the spring.
- * During the week we will have limited space for Day-Camp opportunities, so these will be assigned on a first-come first-serve basis with Mountain Top registrations. *
- Our camp will have running water, electricity, plumbing, bunks, etc.
- Training: Mountain TOP requires all participants, no matter how many times you have been, to partake in training. Please honor your commitment by participating in all sessions. We do our best by trying to provide training times appropriate for everyone, so please do your best to make it to these training times. This might mean you may have to take off work, reschedule with a coach, etc... You know ahead of time, so please try to honor these dates and times.

Important Dates

- Deposit #1- \$100 by Sunday, January 10
- Deposit #2- \$100 by Sunday, March 1 **Last day for a refund of deposits*
- Final Balance and Forms- Sunday, May 2
- Training Dates
 - Saturday, March 20, 10-1
 - Wednesday, April 14, 5:30-8:30, bring \$ for supper
 - Saturday, May 15, 10-1
 - Saturday, July 18 (debriefing)
- April 24 is the Car Park Fundraiser
- July 24 will be the church BBQ, in which we help the men's club in honor of their gift to their pilgrimage.

For one week we leave our world behind and take this holy journey, much like our fall retreat, and climb the "mountain" on this spiritual quest. Here we will become a part of a larger community of adults and youth from around the country that are here to meet the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of the people in the county. We will also have community worship under the stars and spend time in quiet while we discern our place in the great community of the Kingdom of God. Our hope is that through this experience, we will be further changed by God and better equipped to serve when we return.



This year's Friend is *St. Basil*.

St. Basil was alive in the 4th-5th century and became the Bishop of Caesarea (Modern day Turkey). His work in the church was largely focused on service- he went so far as to sell everything he had and gave it to the poor! What a way for a leader of the church to lead by service. What a great guide of for us on this pilgrimage!

Partnerships

We are asking participants to find two partners who would partner with them. Ideally, we'd really like the partners to be from within St. Paul's- but not a parent of someone who's already going. The hope here is to widen the expanse of those who are involved with this pilgrimage! You are finding someone who will partner in pilgrimage and in mission with you and experience it through you. We will send out a "how to" later on.

Adults & Vehicles

Mountain TOP requires that we bring 1 driving adult (25 years or older) and 1 vehicle (belting 6-7 including the driver) for every 5 youth. For example, for 30 youth we will need 6 adults and 6 vehicles. **WE NEED ADULTS!** Who will come? Contact Brett McReynolds at brett@stpaulsfranklin.org or at 615-594-0145 if you are interested!

So... um, is this a "Mission Trip"?!

In short, no. This is not a Mission Trip. *Our whole lives are a Mission Trip.* Rather, this is a pilgrimage. Mountain Top provides a space for us to practice the ways of living missionally through the way of Jesus. Together, we will create a specific mission (a type of vision we can all be a part of and have a say in creating as a community). This pilgrimage is an experience, focused in the way of living our "Mission" with our Creator and with our community. When we are focused on that call of Jesus Christ, the one where we "drop our nets" and follow- this is a part of that! This is an extension of your mission, this your pilgrimage. Join us in this great and amazing call to the T.O.P. of the Mountain!

