



THE SAINT JAMES VISION

Weeks of January 21—February 3, 2018

C4C—Congregations for Children Update



St James UMC has been partnering with our neighbor, Wahl Coates Elementary School, since last April. We have done some amazing work with God's help including providing school supply bags for every student this year. But there is continued work to do. We need your help. There are several different areas that the congregation of St James can be a part of this very important mission.

- **Volunteer** - We have several amazing volunteers in place in the classrooms at Wahl Coates but they need more. If you can spare some time to mentor a child, read with children, tutor, or even do office work, then this is the area for you.
 - **Beautification/Work Projects/Handy Work** - Do you have a talent for carpentry or landscape work? Then sign up here. The current need is for basic wood benches throughout the school campus as well as friendship rock gardens and general beautification. Be on the lookout for a work day at the school in the spring.
 - **Basic Needs Donations** - Donations of School Supplies, Uniform clothes, new underwear and socks, snacks, and other basic needs are always needed.
 - **Teacher Support** - Boosting teacher morale to better support the children is the focus of this area. We need someone to help provide treats, goodies, time, sunshine to the teachers in this area.
 - **Growing in Grace** - We currently provide about 70 food bags weekly to Wahl Coates students. Volunteers are needed for food shopping, bag packing, food delivery, and general donations of food items.
 - **Serve on the Committee** - Come help provide input, suggestions, and leadership to this committee. We meet one time per month on Tuesday evenings.
 - **Support Pizza Bingo on April 26th** - Volunteer, donate prizes for silent auction/kids prizes, Assistance to sell 50/50 raffle tickets, donations for snacks and drinks
- If you are interested in assisting in this very worthy mission area, please contact Lora Joyner at lora.joyner@suddenlink.net for more information.

JMT's Valentine Event



The Jamaica Mission Team presents the Annual Valentine Dinner - An elegant evening of fine dining, live music and mission support.

Saturday, February 10, 2018 - \$30 per person

Tickets are now available from any Jamaica Mission Team member.

For more information, contact Chris Austin at safetyca@hotmail.com.

Youth Gathering Resumes January 28th!

We officially begin on Sunday, January 28th at 5:00 pm. We'll have a fun get-to-know-you kind of night to start off the new year!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Leadership Team and Volunteers

The YLT will meet on Sunday, January 21st at 2:00 pm.

Youth Volunteers will meet on Sunday, January 21st at 6:00 pm.

Newsletter Prayer List

Sam Stephenson, Ed and Betty Yancey, Patti Frank, Dorothy Harmon, Brenda Walter, Al Webster, Helen Whitehurst, Gilbert Slack, and Garland Mozingo.

(These people are prayed for every week by the St. James Prayer Ministry Team and in countless ways by the St. James congregation. If you would like prayers for you or a loved one, please call the church office (752-6154) to be added to this Prayer List. Names will remain on this list for 30 days. If further prayers are desired following that time, please call again.)

Special Prayer List

(Pray this week for some of our homebound members.)

Jakie Castevens, Cheryl Cleaver, David Dosser, Edgar Eatman, and Mary Foley.

Deaths

The Ministers and Congregation extend their sympathies to

- the family and friends of **Debbie Ambert**, who passed away on January 10th.
- **DeAnne Smith**, on the death of her father, **James Russell Smith** who passed away on January 11th.
- **Craig and Sarah Midgett**, on the death of Craig's grandmother, **Rita Hooper Midgett**, who passed away on January 13th.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Thank You St. James!

My daughter Brenda has been home from the hospital now for almost 2 weeks. It is over 4 months since her cancer diagnosis and following multiple surgeries, she is testing cancer free. She came home "connected with various drains & tubes" and had her last drain removed on Tuesday. Hopefully she will have her PICC line removed next week. She was able to host a church meeting at her home this week. She is not allowed to drive yet, but is eager to return to her pulpit and ministerial duties. She is still having therapy, but is progressing. She and our family thank members of St. James for all your prayers. God is good.

In Christian love and gratitude,

Doris Reed

To all of the folks who have so generously given to the "Keep God's Children Warm" outreach on Thursday mornings, we would like to extend a huge "thank you." Your response has been outstanding. There is a lady who comes weekly on behalf of the homeless and she has been so grateful for all the warm winter coats, sweaters, hooded sweatshirts, jeans, etc. We will continue this program through the month of March.

Again, all God's Children thank you!!

Judy Neuffer, Sharon Loy, Mary McCallum, Ellen Hucknall, Mary Jo Murrill, Emily Blankenship

Approximately 225 members of St. James volunteered to ring the Salvation Army bells at 20 locations on December 22nd. The ringers were enthusiastic in sharing the Christmas spirit even during a light afternoon rain and were able to raise \$12,303 that will assist the Salvation Army in providing aid to our community throughout the year.

The Salvation Army representative said, "Thanks to St. James, we were able to meet our goal this year! As always, St. James stepped up to the challenge and did a beautiful job. We have a great partnership with St. James."

Welcome to our newest Staff Member - Desda White

Dear Friends,

As you may recall, your Staff Parish Relations Committee announced a new position for our church last fall: the **Director of Congregational Engagement**. The purpose of this position is to equip the congregation to better mind the "front door" of the church by engaging our visitors and other members in the ministries of the church. We were blessed with many excellent and gifted applicants. For those who may be wondering, this position is able to be funded by some salary reductions from the prior year, meaning it is "budget neutral".

With prayerful discernment and excitement, your Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that **Desda White** will be filling this position. Desda has more than a decade of experience doing similar work with United Methodist churches in the Richmond, VA area, most recently as the Director of Discipleship & Programs at River Road UMC. She is also a Certified Gallup Faith Based StrengthsFinder Coach, which will be invaluable as she helps our members and visitors find their best points of connection in the church. We will be sharing more information about Desda and her family in the coming weeks.



Desda will begin work on Tuesday, January 16. Her husband Forrest and their youngest daughter will remain in Richmond through the school year.

Please join us in welcoming Desda and helping her in her critical ministry for our church!
In Christ,

Tim Barrett
Chair, SPRC

Emily Heritage
Vice Chair, SPRC

Ben Alexander
Senior Pastor



Host a TGIW Dinner



Is your ministry team looking for a boost this spring? Is your small group or Living Water class looking for a opportunity to serve together? **Here is a way to promote your ministry, build team spirit, raise a little money, and serve your church community!**

Consider preparing and serving a meal for the TGIW (Thank God It's Wednesday) programs! We generally serve about 75 meals each Wednesday evening and there are still 2 Wednesdays available: 2/14 and 3/21. This opportunity is open to any ministry, small group, class, or mission team at St. James. If you are interested or want to know more, contact Dana at the church office (752-6154 or Don@stjconnect.org) and schedule your Wednesday now!

Girl Scouts Prepare Girls for a Lifetime of Leadership



For over a century, Girl Scouts has served as the largest girl-led Movement in the world! Our mission? To build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

As a Girl Scout, your girl will be welcomed into a safe, exciting place where she can be inspired, try new things, face her fears, build community, and inspire others! A place where she can embrace her inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) all while building important life skills, making new friends, and exploring her faith.

To learn more about faith-based opportunities within Girl Scouts or to join a troop, contact Deborah Brady (dbrady@nccoastalpines.org or 252-717-6527) or visit www.nccoastalpines.org.

Our Record of Faithfulness



2018 Operating Budget



Building Disciples Loan



Missions and Ministries of St. James

Calendar of Events as of January 16, 2018

<p>Sun January 21 8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am ConneXion Worship Service 9:50 am Living Water Classes 11:00 am Worship Service 11:11 am ConneXion Worship Service 1:00 pm Finance Committee 2:00 pm Administrative Board Youth Leadership Team 3:00 pm St. James Jammers for Beginners 3:30 pm Basketball 4:00 pm Altar Guild Sunshine Group 5:00 pm Book Club 6:00 pm Youth Volunteer Meeting</p> <p>Mon January 22 8:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Prayer Shawls 2:00 pm Afterschool 6:00 pm Upward Basketball Practice 6:30 pm St. James Jammers 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 340 GriefShare Groome Small Group Praying the Torah with Jesus 7:30 pm Basketball</p> <p>Tue January 23 8:00 am Preschool 1:30 pm St. James Prayer Team 2:00 pm Afterschool 5:30 pm Contemplating Prayers 6:00 pm Upward Basketball Practice</p> <p>Wed January 24 8:00 am Preschool 9:30 am Inductive Bible Study 10:00 am GriefShare In Stitches Quilters Who Is My Neighbor? Lectio Divina with Luke 2:00 pm Afterschool 5:00 pm Weekday Communion Service 5:15 pm TGIW Dinner 6:00 pm Elevate/Resonate Jubilation Kids Choir 6:15 pm TGIW Classes and Groups 6:30 pm St. James Ringers 7:00 pm ConneXion Worship Team 7:15 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>Thu January 25 8:00 am Preschool 9:30 am Food Pantry Keep God's Children Warm Truth Seekers: The Teachings Of Jesus 2:00 pm Afterschool 6:00 pm Upward Basketball Practice 6:30 pm Boy Scout District Banquet Circuit Riders Cub Scout Pack 340 7:30 pm Basketball College Guys Small Group</p> <p>Fri January 26 6:30 am Break of Dawn Men's Bible Study 7:30 am The Grin Again Gang 8:00 am Preschool 11:30 am C4C - Wahl Coates Captain's Crew Luncheon 2:00 pm Afterschool</p> <p>Sat January 27 8:00 am Upward Basketball Games</p> <p>Sun January 28 8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am ConneXion Worship Service 9:50 am Living Water Classes 11:00 am Worship Service 11:11 am ConneXion Worship Service 3:30 pm Basketball 6:00 pm The Youth Gathering</p> <p>Mon January 29 8:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Prayer Shawls 2:00 pm Afterschool 6:00 pm Upward Basketball Practice 6:30 pm St. James Jammers 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 340 GriefShare Groome Small Group Praying the Torah with Jesus UMW Executive Board 7:30 pm Basketball</p> <p>Tue January 30 8:00 am Preschool 1:30 pm St. James Prayer Team 2:00 pm Afterschool 5:30 pm Contemplating Prayers 6:00 pm Upward Basketball</p>	<p>Wed January 31 8:00 am Preschool 9:30 am Inductive Bible Study 10:00 am GriefShare In Stitches Quilters Who Is My Neighbor? Lectio Divina with Luke 2:00 pm Afterschool 5:00 pm Weekday Communion Service 5:15 pm TGIW Dinner 6:00 pm Jubilation Kids Choir 6:15 pm TGIW Classes and Groups 6:30 pm St. James Ringers 7:00 pm ConneXion Worship Team 7:15 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Thu February 1 8:00 am Preschool 9:30 am Food Pantry Keep God's Children Warm Truth Seekers: The Teachings Of Jesus 2:00 pm Afterschool 6:00 pm Girl Scout Brownie Troop 4144 Upward Basketball Practice 6:30 pm Circuit Riders Basketball College Guys Small Group</p> <p>Fri February 2 6:30 am Break of Dawn Men's Bible Study 7:30 am The Grin Again Gang 8:00 am Preschool 2:00 pm Afterschool 7:00 pm Wild 1's</p> <p>Sat February 3 8:00 am Upward Basketball Games</p> <p>Sun February 4 8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am ConneXion Worship 9:50 am Living Water Classes 11:00 am Worship Service 11:11 am ConneXion Worship 3:00 pm St. James Jammers for Beginners 3:30 pm Basketball 6:00 pm UMW Circle #3 Youth Gathering 6:30 pm Evening Prayers Service</p>
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Join the fun on Wednesday evenings! **Make your reservation for TGIW fellowship dinner today.** Reservations are requested and must be in to the church office by Monday at 5:00 pm. You can make reservations by marking the appropriate box in the pew pad or ConneXion card, calling the church office, or online.

January 24th - Menu: Chili (host: Guatemala Mission Team)
January 31st - Menu: Breakfast Casserole, Grits, Fruit (host: Jamaica Mission Team)

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See you on Sunday! Worship Services

	January 21	January 28
8:45 am & 11:00 am In the Sanctuary	Rev. Mark Woods John 1:43-51	Rev. Ben Alexander Jonah (selected verses)
9:00 am & 11:11 am In the CLMC	Rev. Ben Alexander John 1:43-51	Rev. Mark Woods Jonah (selected verses)

+ **Women of St. James—You are invited to be a part of IF:Gathering 2018 on Saturday, March 17th!** Register today and mark your calendars for this amazing women's event. It will be a time of powerful encouragement, a strengthening of our faith, and a clarity of mission that we desperately need in these difficult times.

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 MARCH 17TH

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WILL YOU JOIN US?!

Registration is online at the church website. For more information, please contact Joyce Day (252-752-6154 or Joyce@stjconnect.org) or Nicole Franklin (252-752-6154 or Franklin@stjconnect.org).