

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MORNING

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 8:30, 9:40, and 11:00 a.m.

Scripture: Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Lips and Heart Congruency ~ The Rev. Jerry Meredith

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 ~ Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13 ~ Luke 4:1-13



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 27 ~ 5:00-8:30 PM

Enjoy an evening to yourself or out with someone special! Volunteers from the Wesley Foundation's CrossTrainers Ministry will provide childcare for ages newborn

through 5th grade on Saturday, February 27, from 5:00-8:30 PM. Pizza and activities are provided for the children. Your donations will help to raise funds for the Annual CrossTrainers Weekend Retreat.

Please Note: Reservations are required!

Registration deadline: Wednesday February 24.

Registration forms are located in the Nursery and Children's halls - fill one out today! Call CHRISTINE (706-769-3592) for more information.

Coming Soon:

MISSIONS POSSIBLE 5K!



● All persons interested in helping with the *Missions Possible 5K Run/Walk* are invited to a brief ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service on February 28. We'll meet in Room 220 (Faithbuilders Classroom). Your help is truly appreciated in making this event a huge success.

● There will be a 5K TRAINING CLINIC beginning Saturday, March 6 at 8:00 AM. Runners and walkers of all skill levels are invited to an 8-week program to get you prepared for the *Missions Possible 5K* on May 8. Johnny Prescott and Christa John will encourage you during your training and give you an opportunity to enjoy some great camaraderie with your St. James family. Everyone is welcome. We will meet in the St. James parking lot and leave promptly at 8:00 AM sharp. If you would like to help, contact Johnny.

● If you would like to contribute a concept for this year's T-SHIRT DESIGN, please submit your graphic, drawing, or concept to Johnny Prescott by March 1. The Missions Committee will select one from those submitted and recognize everyone who participates.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Jimmy Hamilton Kenneth Cole Margaret Legato

Joan Dotson Larry Choate Katherine Arnold Wolf

Dovetta ("Pinky") White Anne Kenan Paula Williams

Vera Hall Richard Andersen Bill Arnold Sarah Klayman

Jena Cabaniss Judi Lund Jean Williams Torry Madurski

Andy Hassell Dale Williams Nancy Thompson Carol Hurd

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Zach Cole Matt Cole 2nd LT William Mahoney Cody Maxwell

1st LT. Brett Thomas Kyle Crume Tim Kraeling Chris Walker



Wednesday Nights are GREAT nights at St. James!

Please join us on February 24 as the St. James Family gathers to share a meal, great fellowship, and timely teaching. We'd love to see YOU there!

ABOUT DINNER:

- ◆ For a complete dinner, print your name on the attendance pad, indicating the number of **ADULTS & CHILDREN** attending.
- ◆ For the **BAKED POTATO & SALAD BAR**, add (P) after your name.
- ◆ For the "**KID'S MENU**", add (KM) after your name; otherwise we'll prepare a child's size portion of the regular meal for any children attending.
- ◆ You may also make dinner reservations by calling the church office (548-1680). Reservations close at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday. Cost: Adults, \$5 & Children, \$2.50.
- ◆ The serving line opens at 5:15 PM and closes at 6:00 PM.
- ◆ Nursery is provided from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for Newborn-Age 3.

MENU FOR 2-24-2010:

~ REGULAR DINNER AND KID'S MENU ~

Taco Night - Make Your Own,
Garden Salad, Chips/Salsa, Refried Beans, Ice Cream

~ BAKED POTATO AND SALAD BAR ~

ACTIVITIES:

5:15-6:00 PM Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:00-7:30 PM Nursery Provided for Newborn-Age 3
6:00-7:30 PM Children (Rms 113, 120, 213)
6:00-7:30 PM REMIX-Middle & High School Youth (The Jimmy)
6:00-7:30 PM School of Healing Prayer, L2 (Rm 107)
6:00-7:20 PM Women's Study- "Can We Talk?" (Sanctuary)
6:00-7:30 PM Men's Study- "Becoming A Man of God" (Rm 219)
6:00-7:30 PM Adult Bible Study- "Minor Prophets" (Rm 101)
7:30-8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Room 213)

Ladies Night Out

All ladies of St. James are invited to bring a friend and join us for a night of food, fun, and fellowship at Chili's on Tuesday, February 23, at 7:00 PM. Questions? Call Christine Shurtleff (706-769-3592).



What is St. James' heart and vision for the community and the world?

How can I fit in that vision?

How can I join the church?



Maybe you're asking yourself these questions or questions like them. If so, you're invited to be our guests at our first ever **NEXT STEP LUNCH, Sunday, March 7, at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

This time together offers a basic introduction to St. James, our heart and mission, and our strategy for growing in the faith. Most importantly, we'll talk about what it means to be a member and how you can join.

RSVP by March 4 by calling or emailing the church office at 706-548-1680 or info@sjumc.org.



"GET IN THE GAME"

2010 Church Retreat

March 19-21 ~ At St. James

More details and registration forms are available in the Church Office, Sanctuary racks, and on the website (www.sjumc.org). **Deadline: Sunday, March 7, 2010.**

RECEPTION FOR CAROL STATON

Join us as we honor CAROL STATON, our Director of Older Adult Ministries, on Monday, February 22, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at a drop-in reception to show Carol how much we appreciate her and her ministry to St. James. Questions? Interested in helping? Please contact Janice Himmelsbach (706-769-7686).



FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Sunday School Attendance	255
Worship (8:30)	49
Worship (9:40)	43
Worship (11:00)	222
Total Worship	314

8:30, 9:40 and 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent February 21, 2010

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRESERVICE MUSIC Marlene Bryan, piano

PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* - arr. Gordon Young (8:30 a.m.)
Better Is One Day - arr. Theresa Wilhemi (9:40 and 11:00 a.m.)
LaMurl Morris

GATHERING SONG *In Time, On Time, Every Time*
St. James Men's Ensemble

WELCOME AND GREETING Glenn Cole

MUSIC NOTES Scott Cochran

THE BAPTISM OF MADISON OLIVIA GREEN (11:00 a.m.)

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

*HYMN NO. 117 *O God, Our Help In Ages Past*

READING OF THE WORD Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

PRAISE AND WORSHIP St. James Praise Team

OUR WORSHIP IN PRAYERS, OFFERINGS, AND MUSIC

WE LIFT OUR SPIRITS IN PRAYER The Rev. Jerry Meredith

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE OFFER OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY LaMurl Morris

* DOXOLOGY - NO. 95 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*
11:00 service - Children, Pre-K (who were 4 by September 1st) through 2nd grade, may be dismissed to Children's Church in **Room 113** during *Jesus Loves Me*.

WORSHIP IN MUSIC *Bless That Wonderful Name* - arr. Keith Christopher

WE HEAR HIS WORD

SCRIPTURE Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

SERMON *Lips and Heart Congruency*
The Rev. Jerry Meredith

OUR RESPONSE

* HYMN NO. 395 *Take Time To Be Holy*

PASTORAL BLESSING

* CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING:

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever,
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face, know His grace is for you,
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE *The God of Abraham Praise* - LEONI
LaMurl Morris

[Altar Color for February 27: Purple]

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the glory and honor of Almighty God.

The baby girl rose has been placed in the Sanctuary today to celebrate

the birth of Madison Olivia Green on August 1, 2010.

Her proud parents are Jason & Jill Green.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, February 21

Worship Services at 8:30, 9:40, & 11:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. **Worship (Sanctuary)**

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Doughnuts (Fellowship Hall)

9:40 a.m. **Worship (Sanctuary)**

9:40 a.m. *Bible Classes*

10:30 a.m. Sunday School at The Light
(174 Henderson Ext.)

11:00 a.m. **Worship (Sanctuary)**

11:00 a.m. Sunday School Class (Rm 219)

11:00 a.m. Worship at The Light (174 Henderson Ext.)

12:00 p.m. Green Family Luncheon (F. Hall)

5:00 p.m. Student Leadership Meeting (The Jimmy)

6:00 p.m. YOUTH Supper Club (The Jimmy)

6:00 p.m. Hebrew Class (Rm 101)

6:00 p.m. Worship at The Light (174 Henderson Ext.)

Monday, February 22

10:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group (Rm 107)

2:00 p.m. Reception for Carol Staton (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 p.m. Praise Team Vocal Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Clarke Middle WyldLife (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting (Rms 101, 111)

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Bible Study (Room 219)

9:00 a.m. Emmaus Reunion Group (Rm 212)

12:00 p.m. Praying For Athens (Rm 101)

6:30 p.m. Disciple I (Rm 219)

6:30 p.m. Disciple IV (Rm 220)

7:00 p.m. Ladies' Night Out at Chili's

7:30 p.m. Elijah House Basic I School

(Fellowship Hall, Room 101)

Wednesday, February 24

10:30 a.m. SJUMC Staff Meeting (Rm 212)

5:15 p.m. Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 p.m. Nursery Provided for Newborn-Age 3
(Nursery Area downstairs)

6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (Rms 113, 120, 213)

6:00 p.m. REMIX for All Youth (The Jimmy)

6:00 p.m. Men's Study: *Becoming A Man of God*
(Rm 219)

6:00 p.m. Women's Study by Priscilla Shirer:
Can We Talk? (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: *Minor Prophets* (Rm 101)

6:00 p.m. School of Healing Prayer, Level 2 (Rm 107)

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Rm 213)

Thursday, February 25

6:30 p.m. 2010 Church Retreat Committee (Rm 219)

7:00 p.m. A.A. Monthly Birthday Party (F. Hall)

Friday, February 26 *SJUMC Office Closed*

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Sanctuary, Parlor)

9:30-11:00 a.m. *Can We Talk?*-Women's Study
by Priscilla Shirer-at the home of Jessica Beaver
(1340 Calls Creek Circle, Watkinville)

5:00 p.m. Lamasa/DeYoung Rehearsal/Dinner
(Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, February 27

1:00 p.m. Lamasa/DeYoung Wedding (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out
(Nursery/Children's Areas)

FEBRUARY 21, 2010: Bill Hurst, Head Usher

**THANK YOU FOR TURNING OFF ALL CELL PHONES
DURING WORSHIP SERVICES AND BIBLE CLASSES.**

*Our St. James Prayer Ministers will be available at the Altar immediately
following the 11:00 a.m. service to pray with anyone desiring prayer.*

February 21, 2010

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Why do we observe Lent? What is it all about? Many people might say it is a time to give up something. Do you ever feel like you've just about run out of things to give up? Do you find yourself spending more time deciding what to give up than focusing on why we sacrifice this time of year?

Someone else might say. "I think Lent is about repentance." "It's a time to rethink your life before God and dedicate yourself anew to be about the will of God. I know I can do better with my life. Lent gets me into thinking about what I can do to better myself in the eyes of God and in the eyes of others."

How would you answer this question? Is it just about giving something up? Is it about repentance and determining to do better? We all know that we can do better with our lives!

What is true repentance? Feeling convicted of your sins plus a vow of improvement? Is doing better the heart of repentance? No! I've spent, even wasted, enough time repenting like that, but it never seems to do me any good. Each year during Lent I feel convicted of my sins and promise that I can and will do better, but I don't succeed. I strive to do better but my promises are just like so much straw in the wind. I say I can and will do better but I don't. We need to rethink repentance. What's the point of promising we can do better when we know we can't do it anyway? This year I invite you to give up the promise that we can do better. This year let's confess to God that we can't do any better. I've said, 'I can,' for years but I can't. So why not just tell God, 'I can't.' I can't make myself do better, Lord. That's why I need you. I don't have the power to transform myself, but you have the power to transform me into a new person.

This year in Lent, let's just go to God and say, "We can't do it in our own strength." Let's ask God to do for us what we can't do for ourselves. I think that's what true repentance is all about. To "return the Lord with all our heart," means to give up trying to run our own lives, and offer our lives to the power of God.