

CHAPEL NOTES

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A Resource Always Open and Available

Most of you probably know that the St. James Library is located across the hall from the church office, but you may not know much about its origins or, more importantly, what it contains. Originally organized and maintained by Natalja Malone (Stan's Mom) and assisted by librarian Helen Hinson and other volunteers, the library was housed for many years in the children's Sunday School wing. In the '90's, the library moved into its bright, accessible current location. Generous donors provided sturdy, attractive furnishings and significant reference books. Recently, Ann Downing (Mrs. Gene) completed the mammoth task of entering all the books into an electronic catalog for the public that is located adjacent to the desk.

The 2,000 or so books focus on religious topics such as commentaries and reference books on the Bible, Christianity, religious history, world religions, church administration, meditations and devotions, worship, prayer, current religious thought and topics, Methodism, plus a small collection of books on the family, aging, religious holidays and music. Biographies and Christian fiction are also available. CD's of religious and classical music can be borrowed also.

Anytime the church is open, so is the library. Feel free to come in and sit or browse. Current copies of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate are displayed. Volunteers staff the library, but they are not present on a regular basis. Users can locate a book by searching the catalog on the computer or by browsing. To check-out a book, just sign your name to the card in the back of the book and leave it on the desk. Return the book when you've finished....no date dues or overdue fines.

The library welcomes memorial gifts or used book donations. If we can't use the book, we donate it to a charitable group for you. Currently, retired librarians Mary Ann Elgin and Kay Rogers have assumed responsibility for your library. If you need help in locating resources, just give one of them a call. They will be happy to work with you. They welcome suggestions for additions to the collection.

Stop by your St. James Library and take advantage of this useful resource.



LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

November 27th!
KRINGLE (Danish)
Hand-rolled dough
Assorted fruits & nuts
Two sizes—freezes well



\$8 stick
\$12 ring

Order forms outside church office



Advent Wreath Making Class & Lunch

Sunday November 27th immediately following the 10:55 am service. This event will help you get into the holiday spirit. Create a beautiful wreath to use along with our devotional booklet during the Christmas Season. Registration forms can be found outside the Church Office.

Bible Challenge
December 11, 2011

The Journey

Walking the Road
to **Bethlehem**

This Advent season, we hope you'll consider exploring the story of the birth of Jesus with fresh eyes and ears. Beginning November 27th, gathering at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, Rev. David Wofford will facilitate this four-week study as we re-discover together the real meaning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARD TIME IS HERE!

Christmas is nearer than we thought! How about one less thing to stress about? DON'T send Christmas cards to your friends at St. James. Instead, send a check in the amount you would have spent on cards and postage to the St. James Christmas Card Fund. Your Christmas Greetings to your St. James friends will be published in the Dec. 18 bulletin. The money you give will support causes we are not able to include in our Missions budget but which are very much deserving of your support. So get this chore off your list right now! Send your check today! (The deadline is December 11 to have your greetings in the December 18 bulletin.)





The LIGHTER
SIDE of CHRISTMAS
Share food, warmth,
fellowship, and carols
Wednesday, December 14
6:30 pm



AMIGO Hosts are Needed!

Please volunteer to be a friend to one or two International Students and Scholars. Your responsibilities will be:

Call the International Student and let them know you are their friend

Invite them to a meal or to your church

Be their friend in our community.

Please contact the AMIS office, 404.846.4396 for more information or amis@peachtreepres.org





Sunday, November 27, 2011

“An Ounce Of Prevention”
Mark 14:24-37

Rev. Jonathan Holston

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Laura Newsom Smith and Nell Smith Gomez by Craig Smith.

Food Pantry Item: Dry Milk & Cereal
Extended Session: *Greaves & Jones families*

Sunday, December 4, 2011

“The Best is Yet to Come”
Mark 1:1-8

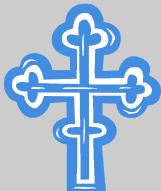
Rev. Jonathan Holston

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Dan Coursey in loving memory of his wife, Diane Coursey, and his parents. Lois & Dan Coursey.

Food Pantry Item: Canned Meat
Extended session: *Yerovsek & Boyd Families*

Check out our website www.stjamesatlanta.org

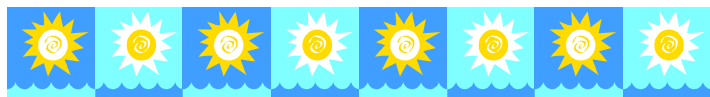
Regular Worship Schedule Resumes
8:45 am Early Worship—Sunday School at
9:30 am Morning Worship at 10:55 am



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
27 8:45 am Early Worship 9:30 am Sunday School / “Just Coffee” / Study “When the Game is Over” / “The Journey” 10:55 am Morning Worship 12:00 pm Advent Wreath Workshop 6:00 pm Youth Group	28 6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8:30 am Scholastic Book Fair 11:15 am Sculpt & Burn 7:00 pm Financial Peace	29 7:00 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast Group 8:30 am Scholastic Book Fair 10:00 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Confirmation Class 6:45 pm Toastmasters
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Methodist Church

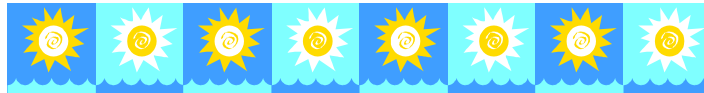
person grow in faith, which translates belief into action.”



Wednesday, November 30
5:45 pm

Menu: Award winning white chicken chili, spinach mandarin orange salad with hazel nut vinaigrette, bread and dessert .

Program:
Decorate the Fellowship Hall for Christmas



Wednesday, December 7
5:45 pm

Menu: Baked ziti, salad, garlic bread

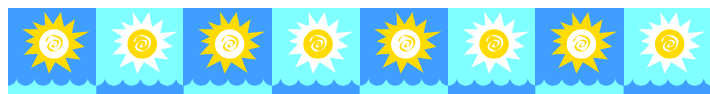
Dessert: Cookie & ice cream

Program: Decorate Your Table Top in Festive Holiday Decor

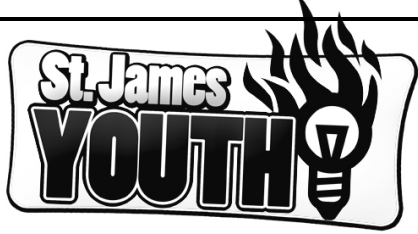
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Worship Service 347 Worship Service 293



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30 am Scholastic Book Fair 10:00 am Bible Study 11:15 am Sculpt & Burn 12 pm Ballet & Ballet Valet 1:00 pm Memorial Service for Daniel Young 3:00 pm Yoga for Absolute Beginners 5:00 pm Scholastic Book Fair 5:15 pm Children's Choirs, Ladies Ensemble 5:45 pm Wednesday Supper 6:30 pm WNS Program, Yoga Intermediates 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	1 8:30 am Scholastic Book Fair 1:00 pm Bridge Club 6:00 pm St. James Bells 6:00 pm Yoga Study 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 8:30 am Scholastic Book Fair 11:15 am Sculpt & Burn	3
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SR. HIGH SKI TRIP

Friday, January 27th – Sunday, January 29th
Available to all 9th-12th graders

Cost: \$220 Per Person* (Includes lodging, food, lift ticket, and equipment rental) By registering, you are only reserving a placeholder for the trip. Full cost of the trip must be made by January 8, 2012. Make all checks out to "St. James UMC." A basic health and safety form will also be required for this trip. You can fill out this form on Friday, January 27th before departure or pick up a form in the youth room of the church or reserve your spot online at <http://stjamesyouthblog.com>. If you are reserving multiple youth or are a parent reserving your child, please make a note in the comment section of your reservation with the name(s) of the youth participating in the event. *All St. James Youth trips and special events have financial assistance available if needed. For more information, contact Trey Hockman, Director of Youth Ministries at thockman@stjamesatlanta.org



Countdown to Christmas

Saturday, December 10th
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Your children are invited to join us on Saturday, December 10, for a morning full of Christmas spirit! We will decorate cookies, sing Christmas carols, participate in a nativity drama, and learn the significance of the ornaments on our special Christmas tree. Countdown to Christmas is for children 3 years old through the 6th grade. Cost is \$15.00 per child with a \$30 max per family. (Childcare will be available for younger siblings at \$12 per child.) Space is limited to the first 80 children to register (with limited slots for 3 yr-olds), so don't delay! Registration forms are available outside the church office. For questions or to volunteer, contact Mary Ann Mullins at mamulins@stjamesatlanta.org.



Spring Preschool Afterschool Classes

Registration Opens December 1st!
We'll be offering NEW Preschool Afterschool Enrichment Classes this spring in addition to some of our favorite recurring classes. As always, our PEC programs are run by certified instructors, many of whom are beloved St. James preschool teachers and staff. This is the perfect way for your child to build relationships, confidence and knowledge outside the classroom! For a complete listing of our Spring classes, visit www.StJamesAtlanta.org/activities/PEC

Youth Futsal

Registration Opens December 1st!
Futsal is a fast-paced, Brazilian style of Indoor Soccer. Registration is done by teams, so start recruiting now! For complete information on Youth Futsal, visit www.StJamesAtlanta.org/activities/youth

Did You Know?

The best way to stay in-touch about activities at St. James is to check our website!

stjamesatlanta.org/programs/activities-ministry

If you have questions about our programs, please contact our Director of Activities Ministry: Emily Gantert at egantert@stjamesatlanta.org

When The Game Is Over...



...It All Goes Back In the Box!

You are invited to participate in the second half of this six-week study in the Room 304 gathering at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Gather with us as we awaken to the fact that we cannot live life for tomorrow; we must live our life right now for our God!



Congregational Care

Prayer Concerns—Births—Baptisms—Deaths—New Members

Prayer Concerns

Christine Favors
Wayne Landrum
Mary Zumot
Paul Minter
Grady Jackson
Ruth Gary

George Johnson
Nola Frink
Gertie Coble
Fran Garban
George Cherry
Tyler Hayes

Hugh Thornberry
Edith Berry
Devon Tarter
Mary Claire Blackshaw
Jim Hale
Jane Rullman

Marlo Guevara

To the Uganda Scouting Program

in honor of Sarah Evans

from

Dick and Helen Kite



HOLY
BAPTISM



To the Memorial Garden Endowment

in memory of Lolly Thorne

from

Bruce and Diane MacEwen

Stanley and Tiffany Cox
presented their daughter
Alden Hewitt Cox
for the sacrament of Christian baptism
on Sunday, November 20, 2011



WELCOME

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New Members

Stanley Covington Cox Jr.
Tiffany Minchew Cox

St. James Worship

People come to St. James for many reasons. We are a neighborhood church with a traditional worship style offering an abundance of ways to learn, grow, and feel at home spiritually. A fully staffed nursery is available including age-appropriate programs for younger children. Come Worship with Us!

Worship 8:45 am and 10:55 am
Sunday School 9:30 am

Staff Directory:

Jonathan Holston, Senior Pastor
David Wofford, Associate Pastor
Linda Merrill, Director of Music Ministry
Mary Ann Mullins, Director of Children's Ministry
Trey Hockman, Director of Youth Ministry
Emily Gantert, Director of Activities Ministries
Sue Hardrath, Director of Preschool

Church Office	404.261.3121
Preschool	404.237.7354

Emergency Minister Contacts:

Jonathan Holston	404.697.1733
David Wofford	404.234.9363

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There will be
one service on
Christmas Day
Sunday, December
25th
at 10:55 a.m.



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Please send to office@stjamesatlanta.org