

St. James United Methodist Church
Mid Week News
July 18, 2018

Connecting Points

There are two ways to approach life. Enjoy it or endure it. All of us know that life brings both sad and happy times. We also know that some people experience more challenges and suffering than others. But circumstances are not really the deciding factor between those who enjoy and those who endure life. It's really a choice we make that no matter what life throws at us we are going to be a person of joy. I'm not saying everything makes us happy. But joy isn't governed by circumstances. Joy is really an attitude of gratitude. It means we realize we did nothing to earn life or it's blessings. That if we receive one blessing it is a gift. If enjoying life is a by product of gratitude then enduring life is not just the result of negative things but also our belief that we are entitled to more than we receive. Entitlement always sets us up for wanting more and not being grateful. Today we can decide between enjoying or enduring life. We can remember the words of that Christian belief that our purpose is to know God and enjoy Him forever. Gratitude and enjoyment are inseparable. Perhaps that's what the Apostle Paul was expressing when he said his goal was to rejoice always.

Enjoy Today,

Furniture Sale at the Parsonage!
102 Kingswood Drive, Florence, AL
Saturday, July 28th 7:00am-11:00am

Please come prepared to haul whatever you purchase the day of the sale!
Some of the items include: chairs, lamps, tables, beds dressers, sofa etc.
There are also a few office furniture items located at the church that are no longer being used that include: nice large L shaped desk, coffee table, couch, book shelves, lamp, end tables, etc

AIM DAY TRIP - AUGUST 3rd (Friday)
FIND PEACE IN CULLMAN
COUNTY

Pease join us as we travel once again!
Leave St. James at 9:30
Lunch at The Old Cook Stove in Danville
(family style buffet)
Tour of The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
(No charge but there is a dress code; no shorts, no sleeveless shirts
(bring a cover shirt) and skirts must be below the knee)

Please sign-up outside the church office.

**NEED HELP WITH
PROJECTS?????**

**The United Methodist
Men are willing to help
with those Projects.
Please contact Rick
Ashley or the church
office.**

*Shoals Praise &
Worship Choir
Concert
Saturday, July 28th
7pm*

Stewardship Report	July 8th	July 15th
Budget	\$7,006.00	\$7,165.00
Missions	\$41.50	\$41.00
Youth	\$15.00	
VBS Offering	\$148.50	
Santa Rosa Day Care	\$50.00	\$55.00
Snacks The Gate	\$2.00	\$3.00
Paraguay Mission Fund	\$125.00	
Total	\$7,388.00	\$7,264.00
Sunday School Attendance	150	116
Sunday Worship	259	164

Self Defense Course
Saturday, July 28th
9am—12 noon
Family Life Center
Blake Cook—Instructor
No Charge
Open to Girls/Ladies 13 & up
Guys/Men 18 & up
If you are interested please contact
Rena Busby—256-810-6337

Prayer Concerns

Members:	Non Members	Homebound
Gene Call	Lois Allen	Bobbie Ashley
Karen Grisham	Bro. Chuck Canterbury	Ann Austin
Laura Hardeman	Jim Fennell	Allene Belew
Mike Jones	Nell Hester	Nora Hart
Linda McKinney	Barbara Pace	Martha James
Peggy Mitchell	Phillip Vandiver	Jean Meyer
Janice Retherford	Katelin Murphy	Edith Ptutt
Irene Sanders	Camp Sumatanga	Mary Reeves
Jean Sharp		Nancy Roberts
Bob Simmons		Irene Sanders
Jim Webster		Sarah Triplett
		Vivian Wilson

Please start praying for our Impact and Unite Mission trip July 23-28. Pray that plans will go smoothly. Pray for the community they will be ministering to. Pray that God will begin to prepare hearts and open opportunities for them to share the Gospel. Pray that God gets all the glory for everything that is accomplished this week.