

St. James United Methodist Church
Mid Week News
August 1, 2018

Connecting Points

This Sunday we will finish our “Celebrate” sermon series by talking about friends. I will admit that I desire to have more **real** friends. A lot of us acquire acquaintances in life who never take the next step and become our friends. Perhaps it’s because they have met their quota or something just doesn’t click and so the relationship remains superficial. Relationships that develop require time, togetherness and talk. Talk happens at different levels from exchanging pleasantries to revealing intimate things and details about our journey. We certainly don’t want to wear our lives on our sleeves but neither do we want to travel through life guarded. So we find people we can be real and authentic with and share at a level that makes us friends. Someone has said that relationships should have 5 areas of connection and that you should never go further in one area than you did the last one. The 5 areas are: Know, Trust, Rely, Commit and Touch. We trust those whom we know, and rely on those whom we trust and we commit to those we know, trust and rely on and

finally, if the relationship is a romantic interest, we touch. Relationships get unhealthy when we get or go out of order. Jesus spent a lot of time with his disciples and so they had togetherness and obviously there was talk or deep conversations. In fact, Jesus said, I no longer call you servants but friends. A servant doesn’t know what his master is doing but you’ve been with me long enough to know what I’m about and who I am. The songwriter has it right when he wrote: “What a friend we have in Jesus...” Thank God for all our true friends and the difference they make in our lives.

Celebrate Friends,
Pastor Dean



Back to School Kick-Off
Wednesday, August 15th
5:30pm

UNA Theme

**Wear your UNA apparel &
bring Tailgate Food**

Santa Rosa Day Care & Paraguay Missions

Thanks for your support for both of these missions.

Santa Rosa has an enrollment of 29 daytime kids ages 2-5yrs.

The kids get meals all day, are given baths and clean cloths which they may not get at home. An after school program has 4 kids come to stay after school. The location for the daycare is in a very poor neighborhood. It is connected to Trinidad Methodist Church. These kids are taught Bible and are supported by our Methodist churches in the U.S. These kids are special.

Paraguay Missions

Your support for this part of the mission has mostly been construction of new churches, a seminary complex, and housing for kids at a church camp. Recently new Bible Institutes have been opened in different areas of the country. In these institutes men & women receive training to be Pastors and Teachers. Your support allows the gospel to reach more & more people.

Thanks for your support, Ronnie Harding

Shoals Community
Cancer
Support Group
Monday, August 6th
6pm
Guest Speaker
Dr. William McClanahan
cancer survivor

**MISSION
OPPORTUNITY**
Christmas Shoeboxes
will be available
Sunday, August 12th.

Stewardship Report	July 22nd	July 29th
Budget	\$10,176.30	\$9,694.00
Missions	\$22.00	\$37.00
Youth	\$31.60	\$13.70
Impact		\$25.00
Trustees Parsonage Furni- ture		\$860.00
Children		\$1,300.00
Snacks The Gate	\$2.00	\$2.00
Total	\$10,231.90	\$11,931.70
Sunday School Attendance	141	155
Sunday Worship	228	265

Precept Bible Study beginning Wednesday, August 22nd
Wednesday Classes will be @ 6:30pm
Thursday Class will be @ 9am
The study will be "Covenant"
Cost of the book \$26
Please contact the church office or Anna Fields

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