

**St. James United Methodist Church  
Mid Week News  
August 15, 2018**

**Connecting Points**

At times, it's challenging for us to be present to the moment. We are easily distracted and may have more distractions than ever when you consider cell phones. Who among us hasn't been present to those we're with or noticed others on their phones when out to eat? The other day, I drove by a house with children playing out front and four adults sitting on the front porch. All four had their faces glued to their phones and were not paying attention to the children or each other. If I sound judgmental let me quickly say that I have the disease of distraction too. Recently my sister told me I had to pay a meal tab because I was the first to look at my phone. Checking our phones can become an addiction and we all know that it can result in not only missing the moments we have with others but also cause injuries or fatal accidents. That same sister bought and shipped me earbuds to wear when I'm driving so that I don't have to hold my phone. She knows how easy it is for me to think I'm in control only to find out I'm not. I once saw someone run a traffic light when the time on the clock at the bank changed. It was funny but also scary. How many of us not only miss moments with one another but also with God because of our distractions? I hope, with God's help, to do better and to be **Right Here, Right Now!** What about you?

Pastor Dean

**Wednesday Night Meals  
"Pay It Forward" Opportunity**

*Pay It Forward* will provide a Wednesday Night meal for visitors, special guest(s), shut-ins, homebound members, college students or families in need. This is *your* opportunity to serve and take care of our St. James Family. We want everyone to eat and enjoy fellowship on Wednesday Nights. If you know someone who needs this assistance you may contact Gale in the church office.

**Wednesday Night Meals begin August 22.** Meals are \$6.00 each or \$18.00 for a family of 3 or more. Children under 5 eat free. A Children's menu is an option each week and is \$3 for a child's serving on this menu. **Reservations are required** to have enough food for everyone. Please make sure you sign up on Sunday or **no later than Monday at noon!**

**Wednesday Fellowship Meals  
August 22nd  
\$6 Per Person or  
\$18 Max Per Family**

Menu:

BBQ Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Potato Salad  
Children: Pizza

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_ Adults

# \_\_\_\_ Children

**Clean-up Crew—JOY Class**

**Cub Scout Kick-off**  
**Thursday, August 23rd**  
**6:30pm—7:30pm**  
**Family Life Center**  
 The invitation is open for all boys grades 1st thru 5th. If you have questions please contact Todd Hallmark @ 256-366-1290. Cub Scout meetings are held on Mondays in the Family Life Center from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

**Help Needed!**  
 We need help removing the carpet from the parsonage this Saturday 7:00 AM. Please bring a utility knife and gloves  
 The address is:  
 102 Kingswood Drive,  
 Florence.  
 Contact John McClanahan for more info

Stewardship Report	August 5th	August 12th
Budget	\$15,343.00	\$13,082.00
Missions	\$54.00	\$26.00
Youth	\$15.00	
Communion	\$26.00	
Building Fund	\$100.00	
Children		\$25.00
Santa Rosa Day Care		\$200.00
Paraguay Mission Fund		\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,788.00</b>	<b>\$13,283.00</b>
Sunday School Attendance	178	171
Sunday Worship	295	247

I hope you are savings all your pint and jelly jars for me to make pepper jelly for the bazaar Lord willing! If you have any to donate please leave in Joy classroom. Thanks, Margie Anderton

Prayer Concerns		
Members:	Non Members	Homebound
David Bratcher	Lois Allen	Bobbie Ashley
Gene Call	Jackie Berrens	Ann Austin
Ned Cox (sur Aug 15th)	Bro. Chuck Canterbury	Allene Belew
Karen Grisham	Jim Fennell	Nora Hart
Laura Hardeman	Nell Hester	Martha James
Johnny McClanahan	Barbara Pace	Jean Meyer
Linda McKinney	Katelin Murphy	Edith Putt
Peggy Mitchell	Camp Sumatanga	Mary Reeves
Edith Putt		Nancy Roberts
Janice Retherford		Irene Sanders
Irene Sanders		Sarah Triplett
Jean Sharp		Vivian Wilson
Bob Simmons		
Sarah Triplett		

**Small Group Bible Studies begin Wednesday, August 22nd @ 6:30pm**

**The meal will begin @ 5:30pm**

You will have the opportunity to sign up tonight @ the Kick-Off

These are the Bible Studies being offered:

Study of the book of James—Pastor Dean Bowers

The Rock, The Road & The Rabbi—Kay Simpson

Precept Study—Covenant—Anna Fields

Rick Ashley will lead a class but not sure of the book

### **MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Christmas Shoe Boxes for Third World Children are available. Instructions for filling the boxes will be included with the boxes. Date to return is Sunday, August 26th.

The Lord has blessed me! He sent a raccoon to take care of my wild honeybee hive and Dr. Daly will be trapping and banding hummingbirds at my place on Saturday August 25 at 9 AM! PLEASE bring your children because once they are allowed to hold and release one of God's great creations they will never forget it!

Directions: Hwy 72 East, go one mile past red light in Killen, turn left on CR Rd 71, go 1/4 mile past 4 way stop, turn right on CR 69, go a few feet, turn right on CR 68. First long driveway on left, 271 CR 68. 256-710-5851. Margie Anderton



**Back to School Kick-Off**

**Today,**

**August 15th**

**5:30pm**

**UNA Theme**

**Coach Chris Willis & 2 players will be our guests**

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

**Men's Breakfast  
Sunday, August 19th  
Sam  
Family Life Center**