

**St. James United Methodist Church  
Mid Week News  
September 19, 2018**

**Connecting Points**

Prayer is vital or crucial to our spiritual life and ministry decisions. My plan is to equip and encourage you to pray more over the next year and see what difference it makes in your decisions. We need to pray more but we also need to pray first. In Sunday's sermon, I admitted praying after a big decision in my life. Praying afterwards is good but praying before is better. We need to pray about all the big decisions at St. James and we need to do more than pray perfunctory prayers. Sometimes we pray because that's just something we do before a class or a meeting. Do we really expect God to show up and show us what to do? Do we expect God to intercede in the lives of those we pray for? Do we expect God to hear and answer our prayer and in doing so, cause us to go against our will, plan or desires at times? God sometimes shows us to confirm or validate decisions but God can also nullify them. I think my prayer after the fact would not have been necessary if I had prayed first. I invite you to pray more and pray first as we remember and pray the three essential prayers of Anne Lamott: Help! Wow! Thanks!

Praying First,  
Pastor Dean

**RED BIRD CHRISTMAS IN  
SEPTEMBER  
PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A  
DONATION!!!!**

*Our Sincere Sympathy is  
extended to Ben Carpenter and  
Family in death of Florence  
Carpenter on September 17th*

**DAY TRIP!! September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Join us as we take Pastor Dean on a day trip to  
some of the Shoal's most visited sites.

Lunch at **Claunch Café** in Spring Park

Tour the **Alabama Music Hall of Fame** with  
**George Lair** as our guide

Shopping in downtown Tuscumbia

Ice cream at the **Palace Drug Store**

We will leave St. James at 10:30 Signup sheet  
is outside the office

**Wednesday Fellowship Meals**

**September 26th**

**\$6 Per Person or**

**\$18 Max Per Family**

Menu:

Chicken & Dressing

Green Beans

Salad

Children: Chicken Tenders & Chips

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_ Adults

# \_\_\_\_ Children

**Clean-up Crew—Pathfinders Class**

We need some help!!!!  
 We have an old drawing of the layout for our Sunday School Classes. We are looking for someone who could draft on the computer a new layout of the Sunday School Classes.. Please contact Gale in the church office if this is something you can do.

**Remembering Alex  
 A Day for St. Jude**  
 Saturday, September 22nd  
 10am—2pm  
 Muscle Shoals Rec Center  
 Inside Gym 3  
 Free admission to all games & activities  
 Donations Accepted  
 All proceeds go to St. Jude in memory of Alex Denton

**Diaper Drive**  
 Please help us provide diapers for the babies at the HELP Center. There is a table outside the Family Life Center.  
 Welcome all size diapers!!!

Stewardship Report	September 9th	September 16th
Budget	\$11,461.00	\$6,965.00
Missions	\$25.00	\$32.00
Youth	\$827.50	
Red Bird Christmas	\$1,325.00	\$215.00
Paraguay Mission Fund	\$125.00	
Impact	\$100.00	
Eagle Scout Project	\$110.00	\$100.00
Fellowship Meal		\$998.00
Santa Rosa Day Care	\$150.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,123.50</b>	<b>\$8,310.00</b>
Sunday School Attendance	134	120
Sunday Worship	225	215

The Disaster Warehouse needs workers!!!!  
 The Mission Team bought box fans, sprayers & electrical cords to take to the Disaster Warehouse.  
 If you are able to go to Decatur to help out you can just show up any day Monday thru Friday.  
 Ray Crump needs your help!!!

Prayer Concerns			
Members:	Members	Non Members	Homebound
Rick Ashley	Nancy Roberts	Lois Allen	Bobbie Ashley
David Bratcher	Irene Sanders	Jackie Berrens	Ann Austin
Gene Call	Jean Sharp	Jim Fennell	Allene Belew
Karen Grisham	Bob Simmons	Fred Mitchell	Nora Hart
Johnny McClanahan	Sarah Triplett	Barbara Pace	Martha James
Edith Putt		Katelin Murphy	Jean Meyer
Janice Retherford			Edith Putt
			Mary Reeves
			Nancy Roberts
			Irene Sanders
			Sarah Triplett
			Vivian Wilson