

St. James United Methodist Church
Mid Week News
October 23, 2018

Connecting Points

Jesus enjoyed telling stories. We know this because he told a lot of them. It was one of his favorites ways to teach. A story has the power to capture the attention and imagination of listeners. Stories are also memorable and so years later the disciples told what Jesus shared with them hoping that those who heard them got the point Jesus made and didn't just hear the story. Sometimes we preachers or communicators use illustrations to make our point. I heard of one sermon that was described as an illustration in search of a message. I once heard a preacher tell a story and then follow it with... that has nothing to do with my message but, it's good story. It must have been a good story because I still remember it but not his message.

One of the stories Jesus told was about two sons being invited to work in the vineyard. One son said he would, but didn't. The other son said he wouldn't, but did. Jesus asked the question... Which of the two sons did the will of his father? Saying "I Will" to God is important but doing God's will is what really matters. I invite you to do both during our Discipleship Campaign. In the next week or so you will be invited to fill out a commitment card in connection with the "Keep It Simple" sermon series.

This is your opportunity to respond to God's invitation now by saying "I Will" and in 2019 by doing your "I Will." You will receive an "I Will" cross and an "I Will" prayer as signs of your commitment and God's faithfulness to help you not only say it but to do it. Will you join me in following the One who not only said I will but did the will of his Father in heaven: our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

Pastor Dean

On behalf on the University of North Alabama Athletics Dept., we would like to invite you to our Faith & Family Day on Saturday, November 3rd. The UNA Lions will be hosting Shorter College at Braly Stadium with a 1:30pm kick-off. This is a new tradition that we would like to start where local congregations, Sunday School Classes, small groups and youth groups can enjoy a night of football with their friends and family in Christ. We will be offering a special group rate of \$5 per ticket to each group that would like to attend with 10 or more individuals. For more information or to sign up for this event please contact me:
Cade Wilemon: 256-765-5466
Email: jwilemon1@una.edu
Deadline is October 30th Roar Lions!!!!

**Wednesday Fellowship
Meals
October 31st
All activities are canceled**

Welcome New Members

*Kelly & Leah Hyde
Noah, Rob & Hollen*

*William & Lori Hale
Ryland & Kennedy*

Disaster Warehouse needs our help!!!!

We are taking monetary donations to purchase supplies to fill 10 flood buckets. Also if some of you would be willing to volunteer to help out at the Warehouse please contact Ray Crump @ 256-642-1759

Our Church Family, To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.
The Edith Putt Family
We are blessed to have you!

Self Defense Course
Saturday, October 27th
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

Stewardship Report	October 14th	October 21st
Budget	\$7,431.00	\$11,968.50
Missions	\$46.00	
Youth		\$12.64
Room in the Inn		\$100.00
Flood Buckets		\$180.00
UMCOR	\$20.00	
Flower Fund	\$50.00	
Fellowship Meal	\$490.00	\$520.00
Total	\$8,037.00	\$12,781.14
Sunday School Attendance	147	155
Sunday Worship	208	220

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!!!!

Circle of Hope is collecting Wood Frames either 8x10 or 11x14. If you have any you would like to donate please put them in the library

Members:

Sam Brown
Gene Call
Ben Carpenter
Amber & Blaine Delia
Andrew Duessel (deployment)
Karen Grisham
Johnny McClanahan
Janice Retherford
Nancy Roberts
Irene Sanders
Sarah Triplett

**Prayer Concerns
Non Members**

Lois Allen
Jackie Berrens
Jim Fennell
Jeff Fuge
Fred Mitchell
Barbara Pace
Katelin Murphy
Susan Gargis
Mike Schaaaf
Joe McGuire
Louis Broussard

KIDS CORNER

Our Fall Festival is

Sunday,

October 28th.

4pm

**Please help us by bringing
Candy and Prizes and
place them in the Missions
Cabinet.**

Ms. Brandi & Ms. Julia

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