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# Chapel Notes

MARCH 2021

***We are excited to welcome you into the Sanctuary for in-person worship this month!***

COVID cases are falling, we have installed a new air filtration system, and we feel that we can safely gather in the Sanctuary for worship services. Starting Sunday, March 7 we will offer worship in the sanctuary at 8:30 and 11:00, as well as Virtual Worship at stjamesatlanta.org at 11:00am. Registration will be required, as numbers will be limited, and the link for registration will go live each Monday at 8 a.m. on our website.

Masks must be worn over your mouth and nose throughout your time on campus and in the church building. We ask that families remain socially distant from one another before, during, and after worship. We will not be able to have congregational singing at this time, but look forward to hearing our beautiful organ, piano, and soloists lead us in music.

We ask people to follow the basic guidelines we are all following all of the time - check your temperature before coming, don't come if you are sick, don't come if you have had an exposure, don't come if you've recently tested positive, and don't come if you are waiting on the results of a test. We encourage people who are not ready yet or who have an increased risk to continue enjoying the online service. We also ask that those who have been vaccinated continue to wear masks and keep social distancing.

We will continue monitoring conditions in our area as we make decisions about each of our ministries.

**We look forward to seeing you soon!**

# Announcements



**Thank You!**—Many thanks to those who submitted meditations for our annual St. James Lenten Meditation booklet. These are always meaningful and inspirational reflections for us during the season of Lent. Our prayer is that you will find them especially helpful this year as we are unable to gather in person for many of our traditional services.

**Thank You from Pastor Max**—Thank you for your quick and generous support for the bipolar ionization upgrade to our HVAC units. The installation is now complete. We have received more than \$52,000 in gifts and pledges of our original goal \$48,000. During the bipolar ionization installation a couple of our HVAC units required new motors. We will use the excess gifts and pledges received toward the additional cost and will close the appeal at this time. Again thank you for your generous support.

**Meals for Trinity Kitchen**— Thank you for your donations for Trinity Community Kitchen. Thanks to you we were able to provide more than 800 meals to our neighbors! 800 meals!! We are scheduled to send 200 meals to Trinity again on Easter Sunday and need granola bars, crackers, and other snacks.

# Celebrations & Concerns

**Anne Baron**—Home  
**Sandra Bottoms**—Lenbrook, Memory Care  
**Larry Stallings** — Home  
**Ann Wadley**—Lenbrook  
**Tink Trexler**

**Congratulations** to Michael & Jenny Plunkett on the birth of their daughter, Madison Taylor Plunkett, born February 21, 2021. The proud grandparents Carl & Beth Plunkett are overjoyed with excitement.

**Congratulations** to Amy & Adam Robinson on the birth of their daughter, Cleo Francis Robinson, born February 18, 2021. The proud grandparents Dave & Anne McDaniel and little sister Grace Robinson are overjoyed with excitement.

**Sympathy** to the family of Patricia (Tricia) Evans, who died on Saturday, February 13, 2021, at the age of 92. Tricia and her husband Carroll were active members of St James Sunday school and worship for over 50 years until his death in June 2016. At that time Tricia moved to Carrollton to be near her son, Scott. Tricia was also active in the Unity Circle.

**Sympathy** to Darby Tracey and family, on the death of her father, Philip Dreger, who died on Friday, February 19, 2021.

**Welcome** new member Michael (Mike) Lynch. Mike joined on Sunday, February 14.

**Welcome** new member Lori Crowe. Lori joined in worship on Sunday, February 14.

**Welcome** new member Don Deal. Don joined in worship on Sunday, February 21.

# Calendar

## Sunday

Zoom Children's Sunday School  
Zoom Sunday School  
Virtual Worship Service  
Bible Study for Lent  
Zoom Youth

9:00 a.m.  
9:45 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.

## Mondays

## Tuesdays

## Wednesdays

Wednesday Pastoral Study  
Chancel Choir

10:00 a.m.  
7:30 p.m.

## Thursdays

## Fridays

## Saturday

# Announcements



**Wednesday Night Picnics**—Join us on the Sanctuary Lawn Wednesday, March 3 and March 17 for Wednesday Night Picnics. Bring your lawn chairs and food and join your St James family for dinner!

**Daylight Savings Time**— Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 14.

**St. James Summer Camps and Activities Website**—St. James Activities Ministry is excited to announce our Summer Camp offerings for 2021! You can visit our new and improved website for information on all of the camps and activities and find links to sign up for each one at: [www.stjamesatlantaactivities.org/](http://www.stjamesatlantaactivities.org/)

# Annoucments



**Stations of the Cross**— This Holy Week, March 28-April 4 the windows of the church education building will be transformed into Stations of the Cross. Come to the lawn in front of the Sanctuary, pick up a booklet, and experience the Stations of the Cross at your own pace. Masks are required anytime on campus, and we ask that you keep your distance while reading and seeing the stations. Stations of the Cross will be visible March 28-April 4 from 1 pm - dark.

**High School Senior Sunday**—Senior Sunday- May 9, We will celebrate our High School Seniors this year on May 9. If you are or have a high school senior graduating this year please email Rev C.J. Lord at [cjlord@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:cjlord@stjamesatlanta.org) with your student's name, high school name, and a photo by April 15.

# Upcoming Worship



## March Worship | The Season of Lent

### March 7 | "All These Words"

Exodus 20:1-7  
3rd Sunday of Lent

### March 14 | "Look and Live" Communion Sunday

John 3:14-21  
4th Sunday of Lent

### March 21 | "Written on the Heart"

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
5th Sunday of Lent

### March 28 | "Hosanna: Salvation Approches"

Mark 11:1-11  
Palm Sunday

# Online Sermons

Sermons are available at: [www.stjamesatlanta.org/resources/past-services/](http://www.stjamesatlanta.org/resources/past-services/) and are posted on our [YouTube Page](#) and in [Our App](#) for those who missed worship or wish to see a sermon again.



# Giving

## **In Memory Of George Rogers**

John & Suzanne Ernst  
(Choral Scholar Fund)  
Community Foundation for NE GA  
(Choral Scholar Fund)  
Craig Smith  
(Music Fund)

## **In Memory Of Erma Patterson**

Angie Smith  
Bunny Davidson  
Eric Eidbo  
United Fidelity SS Class  
Richard & Norma Phillips  
Jerry & Judy Shipman  
Marvin & Debbie Burton Jr

## **In Memory Of Liz Towles**

Tom & Ann Downing

## **In Memory of Jim & Mary Esther McCollough**

(Choral Scholar Fund)  
David & Roxanne McCollough

## **In Memory Of Kent Corrie**

(Organ Fund)  
Barbara Johnson

## **In Memory Of Trisha Evans**

Laura McLemore

# Announcements



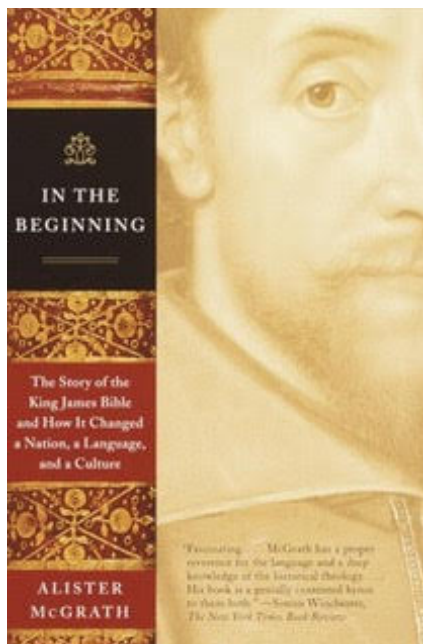
**Blessing Bags for Wesley Woods**—Wesley Woods is a residential retirement community for individuals 62 years of age and older. There are Wesley Woods facilities throughout Georgia, many of which offer low-income retirement care and living. Wesley Woods is a mission partner of St James and part of the North Georgia Annual Conference, and we are proud to serve alongside them!

St James is collecting blessing bags for healthcare workers and caregivers who work in Wesley Woods Towers. This facility has had a remarkably low number of COVID cases, in large part because of the exceptional care of the staff. You can put together a full blessing bag or donate the following supplies for bags to be put together at the church!

- Crackers
- Granola Bars
- Small lotions
- ChapStick
- Gum or mints
- Hot chocolate packs or Crystal Light packs
- A note or card of encouragement

**Please have these in by March 15.**

# Adult Education



**Wednesday Pastoral Study**—10 am via Zoom. The new book is, *In the Beginning* by Alister McGrath. Copies will be available at the church for \$15.

Schedule:

- March 3: Chapter 3
- March 10: No Class
- March 17: Chapters 4, 5, 6
- March 24: Chapters 7, 8, 9
- March 31: Chapters 10, 11, 12

Please email Pastor Max if you plan to participate at:

[mvincent@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:mvincent@stjamesatlanta.org)

**New Sunday School Class**—During Lent, Pastor Max will lead an Adult Sunday School class via Zoom. Links will be in weekly Sunday Spotlight newsletters. Gathering time @9:30, class from 9:45-10:15.

Schedule:

Jesus in the Psalms: Songs about the life and ministry of Christ

- March 7: **Psalm 110** – Jesus the Priest and King
- March 14: **Psalm 8** – Jesus the Creator
- March 21: **Psalm 107** – Jesus Commands the Waters
- March 28: **Psalm 22** – The Suffering Jesus
- April 4: **Psalm 16** – The Resurrected Jesus

## MAY



**May 2**

**Crafts & snacks**

Join us on the playground for time with your St James Friends!

**May 23**

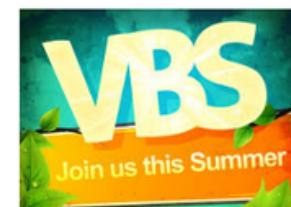
**Pentecost Parade**

Let's celebrate the Holy Spirit by wearing red and dancing across the lawn together!

**May 30**

**Children's Sunday**

## JUNE



**June 21-25 VBS**

Join us as we ReNew our faith!





CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY  
at St. James

## MARCH

### Wednesday Night Picnic March 3 & 17

Bring your dinner to the church lawn and eat with your church friends!

### March 28 Palm Sunday

Join us for a palm parade around the church lawn!

### March 28 Easter Egg Hunt

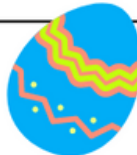
Sign up for a time slot to come hunt eggs at St. James! \_

## APRIL

April 4 Easter Sunday  
Bring flowers to put in the flowering cross outside of the church and take some photos!



April 18  
Earth Day Celebration  
Come to St. James to plant flowers, tend the garden, and learn about the creatures that live here!



## Family Ministry



**Sunday School**—Join us for weekly children's gatherings  
Sunday School 9:00 on Zoom

## Children's Ministry

**St. James Vacation Bible School 2021: Renew** — On June 21-25 from 9:30-12, St. James Children's Ministry invites you to join us for VBS 2021: Renew!

ReNew Vacation Bible School invites kids to learn about Jesus, help build our community, and grow as they become stewards of God's creation.

\$30 per child, \$90 for family.

At ReNew: The Green VBS, kids will:

- Explore God's Word through Jesus' Parable of the Sower.
- Learn about God's creation and what we can do to care for it.
- Meet members of our community who are stewards of the environment.
- Make new friends and have a great time!

Sign up on [www.stjamesatlantaactivities.org](http://www.stjamesatlantaactivities.org), registration is now open.

**Easter Egg Hunt**— Join us for our St. James Children's Easter egg hunt on March 28. Several time slots are available to allow smaller groups to hunt eggs together on campus! To sign up your family for the Easter egg hunt visit [www.stjamesatlanta.org](http://www.stjamesatlanta.org)

# Student Ministry

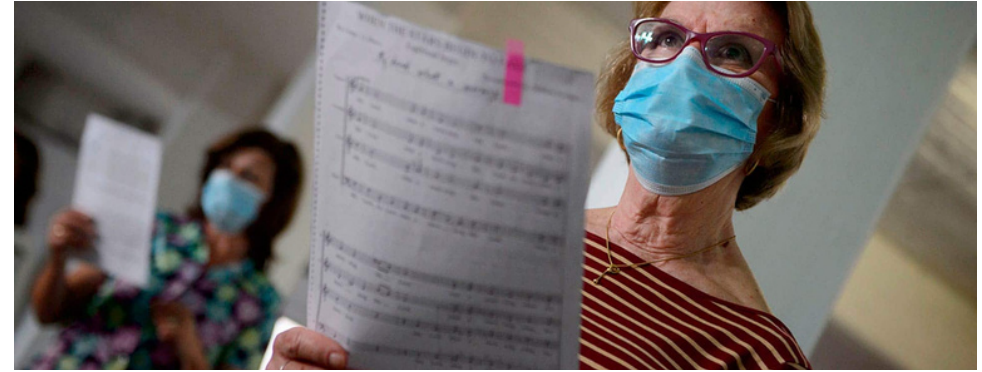


**The Youth Ministry at St. James UMC** is beginning to meet in person again! For the first time since late December, the health and welfare committee of our church has deemed it safe enough for small groups to gather on campus. We will begin by having just Sunday night youth group meet on the lawn of the church from 5:30-6:30pm on Sunday Nights! I hope that you will help spread the word! Confirmation and youth Sunday school will still be meeting on Zoom from 9:45-10:45 of Sunday mornings.

**Confirmation Sunday** will occur on May 23rd! Go ahead and mark your calendars! We will have an online form of the service and a tentative in-person service. Further details will be coming as the date nears!

**Summer is right around the corner!** This Summer the youth group will go tubing in Helen, attend a Braves game, visit St. Simons Island on a Beach trip, and more! That said, we are always looking for adults of all ages to help out in any way they can! We always need chaperones and volunteers to help behind the scenes in pulling off our programming events! If you are ever interested in volunteering or have any questions, please email [cjlord@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:cjlord@stjamesatlanta.org). Lastly, please join me in continuing to lift up the students (and their parents) at St. James in prayer. These students and their parents have spent the last year with much uncertainty surrounding virtual or in-person school schedules and many have missed out on their own sporting events and other extra-curricular activities. I hope that you will specifically lift up the youth as you remember the people of St. James in your prayers!

# Music



**Choir Rehearsal- Sundays at 11:45 am**—Beginning on Feb 28, we will have weekly choir rehearsal in our parking lot after worship. For the last several weeks, we have been able to rehearse using our car radios. With covid numbers falling to a more manageable level, we now feel more comfortable meeting and singing outdoors as the weather allows. We would love to have you join us on Sundays at 11:45am for 30-45 minutes of music and fellowship.

Participants are asked to:

- 1) bring your own chair
- 2) wear a mask for the duration of your time on campus
- 3) remain properly distanced

If you plan to attend, please e-mail Michael at:  
**[mervin@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:mervin@stjamesatlanta.org)** and he will send you the music.