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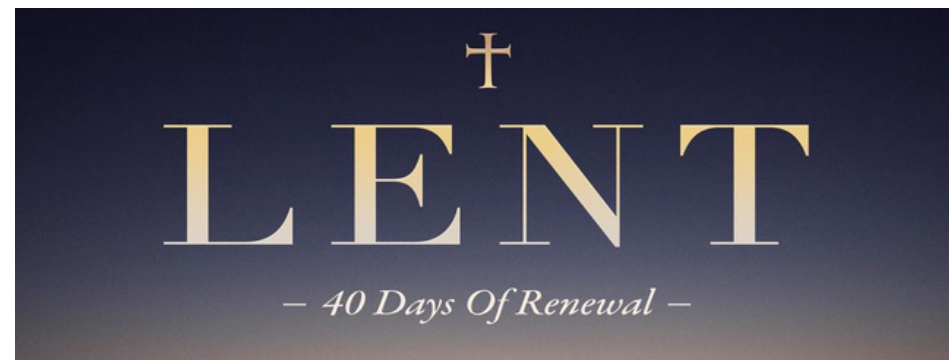
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Hours 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.



# Chapel Notes

FEBRUARY 2021



This year during Lent, St James has Lent Activity and Devotion bags available for anyone who wants them! These bags will include the annual Lenten Devotional Book, a weekly activity for adults and children, and worship elements to make the season even more special. Email AnnaKate at [annakate@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:annakate@stjamesatlanta.org) or call the church office to reserve your bag. Bags can be picked up starting February 14 during worship or at the office between 10 am- 2 pm the following week.

Lastly, Pastor Max will lead a new bible study on the Gospel of Mark via Zoom, Sunday nights at 5 pm.

The study will begin on February 21 and end on March 28.

**February 21:** Preparing the Way (**Mark 1:1-20**)

**February 28:** Journeys in Galilee (**Mark 1:21-4:34**)

**March 7:** Boat Journeys (**Mark 4:25-8:21**)

**March 14:** Journey to Jerusalem (**Mark 8:22-10:51**)

**March 21:** Temple Journeys (**Mark 11:1-13:37**)

**March 28:** Journey to the Cross (**Mark 14:1-15:47**)

**Conclusion:** The Journey Continues (**Mark 16:1-8**)

Please email Pastor Max if you plan to participate at:

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

# Announcements

## Dear St. James Church and Preschool Families:

In an ongoing effort to do anything we can to create the safest environment possible, the church has been involved in an extensive, months-long exercise exploring air purification options for our campus. After working with multiple vendors and researching several options, we are excited to report that in December, the St. James Church Council approved moving forward with an HVAC System Upgrade for air purification. While this system will not eliminate or replace existing safety measures, it will augment them. Some key benefits of this new system are:

- 90%+ air purification
- Significant reduction in airborne viruses and bacteria
- Reduced dust, mold, and allergens
- Less odors

This system is not a cure for COVID-19, but it is a highly effective and proven air purification technology that has been around for decades. We are confident this improvement will offer long-term health benefits long after the COVID crisis is behind us. The church is placing the order for the purification system on faith in hopes that our church and preschool families will rally around the cause with one-time special funding financial contributions/pledges.

We are asking for, and need your financial support. We understand 2020 has been a difficult year. Any amount you can give/pledge would be greatly appreciated.

The church has already secured ~\$10K in one-time pledges toward the \$48K total cost. If you are in a financial position to give, please email Shannan Wassel in the church office:

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

[Click HERE to donate today](#)

Regards and In Christ,



Bruce Seeber



Chris Hubbard

# Celebrations & Concerns

**Anne Baron**—Home

**Sandra Bottoms**—Lenbrook, Memory Care

**Trisha Evans**—Stewart House (Carrollton)

**Larry Stallings**—Home

**Ann Wadley**—Lenbrook

**Tink Trexler**

*We at St. James extend our Christian love and sympathy to Tink Trexler on the death of her daughter, Carol Trexler Bayliss, who died January 14, 2021.*

*A memorial service was held on January 30, 2021*

*We at St. James extend our Christian love and sympathy to the friends and family of Dr. Harold McPheeters, who died January 14, 2021.*

*A memorial service will be scheduled later this year when family members and friends can safely attend.*

*We at St. James extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Erma Patterson, who died January 19, 2021, in Ft. Scott, KS. Arrangements are pending.*

*We at St. James extend our Christian love and sympathy to Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel on the passing of his wife Dr. Mary Zumot, who died January 16, 2021. Mary was an integral part of the AMIS program at St James for 30 plus years. Her friendship and hospitality with the international students will be missed. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 23, 2021, at 11 a.m.*

*We at St. James extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Towles, who died Monday, January 25, 2021. Along with her husband Tommy, who died in 2015, she was a charter member joining on January 27, 1957, the day the McClatchy Mission was formally organized as St. James Methodist Church.*

*A memorial service will be held at a later date.*

# 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



**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE!**—The blood drive donations collected on Saturday, January 23rd, will help to save up to 93 lives!

Many thanks go to:

- The Red Cross team for their graciousness and efficiency
- St. James for allowing us to use a small portion of the facilities to serve the community with this life-giving work
- The donors for taking time out of their Saturdays to help meet the critical need for blood in this area

And, last but NOT least:

- The volunteers who helped move tables and equipment, check temperatures, greet and check-in donors and offer a smile (with their eyes) and a kind word to all of us!

St. James has received the Outstanding Service Award which recognizes us as an extraordinary Blood Program Partner who stood with the American Red Cross during the COVID-19 pandemic in October 2020 and January 2021!

## Announcements



**Trinity Kitchen Food Drive**— Trinity Kitchen helps to feed those who are facing food insecurity, which is a rising problem in Atlanta. Last month we provided more than 400 meals, and we have agreed to provide another 400 this month! This month we are collecting

- pop-top canned tuna or meat
- individual fruit cups or apple sauce
- bottles of water
- individual protein bars.

Please leave all donations in the bin outside of the church office or bring them into the conference room or bring them to Drive-In Worship by Wednesday, February 10.

**Communion Sunday, February 14, 11:00 a.m. Drive-in Service and Online Worship**—We will celebrate communion Sunday, February 14 during worship, both online and at the drive-in Service. If you would like to pick up pre-packaged communion elements to use at home during the online service please email AnnaKate by Friday at: [annakate@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:annakate@stjamesatlanta.org) to arrange for pick up. (Elements will be distributed during the Drive-In Service) You may also use bread and juice you have on hand at home!

## Upcoming Worship



### February 2021 Series | Follow Me and Lent

#### February 7 **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 40:21-31

"Remember Who You Are"

#### February 14 **Transfiguration Sunday**

Mark 9:2-9

"Only Jesus"

#### February 21 **First Sunday of Lent (Scout Sunday)**

Genesis 9:18-17

"This is the Sign"

#### February 28 **Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

"Walk Before Me"

## 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 Cont'd

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

(Choral Scholar Fund)  
John & Kari Downing

## **In Memory Of Lawrence Montgomery**

John & Kari Downing

## **In Memory Of Don Deal Sr.**

Tom & Lisa Hermann

## **In Memory Of Erma Patterson**

(Costa Rica Missions)  
Jim & Cynthia Lyon

## **In Memory Of Mary Zumot**

(Costa Rica Missions)  
Jim & Cynthia Lyon

## **In Honor Of Rebecca Rogers**

(Choral Scholar Fund)  
Joe & Jackie Brown

## **In Honor Of Max Vincent**

(Music Fund)  
Kay Rogers  
Rebecca Rogers  
John Rogers

## **In Honor Of Craig Smith**

(Music Fund)  
Kay Rogers  
Rebecca Rogers  
John Rogers

# Announcements

**FREE COVID-19 TESTING**— Do your part, help control the spread  
CORE Response will be back at St. James on Saturday, February 27th, for free COVID-19 testing (drive-thru only). preregistration through the CORE website is strongly recommended but does NOT guarantee an appointment time. Parental consent is required for all patients under the age of 17.

**FREE** DO YOUR PART.  
Control the spread.  
**COVID-19 TESTING**

**Saturday, February 27**  
10am - 4pm

### **St. James United Methodist Church**

4400 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd,  
Atlanta, GA 30342 (Drive-Thru Only)  
(Enter lot off of Loridans Dr.)

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. However, tests are administered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parental consent is required for patients under the age of 17.

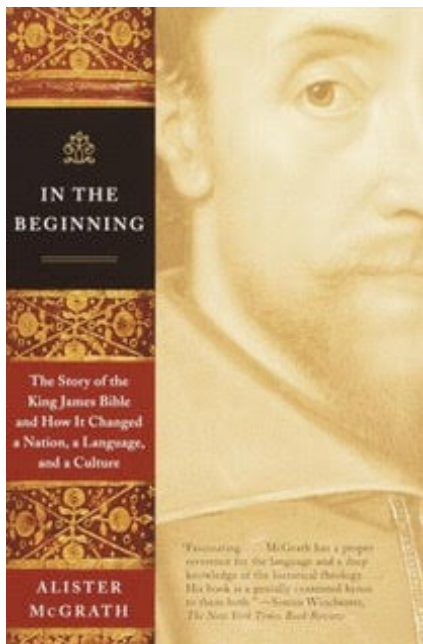
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TESTING MADE  
POSSIBLE BY:



# Adult Education



**Wednesday Pastoral Study—10 am**  
via Zoom

Schedule:

- February 3: The Case for the Psalms: Chapters 4 & 5
- February 10: The Case for the Psalms: Chapter 6
- Afterward, we will begin a new study on February 24th: *In the Beginning* by Alister McGrath. Copies will be available at the church for \$15.

Please email Pastor Max if you plan to participate at:

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



**Welcome our New Members—**Scott and Genie Rawles

# Giving

## **In Memory Of George Rogers**

(Music Fund)

Wesley Class

Colin & Elizabeth Bessonette

Jane & James Bohanan

Dan Coursey

Emily Danchik

Ben & Elaine Dooley

John & Kari Downing

Eva Frink

Al & Linda Merrill

Al Pate

Richard & Jane Pawelski

Martha Peake

Theresa Poulton

Timothy Roberson

John Rogers

Rodney Russell

George & Pepper Sellers

Rock & Betty Jean Spann

Fred & Debbie Tuck

Rosalind Valera

Georgia Economic Developers Assoc., Inc.

## **In Memory Of George Rogers**

(Choral Scholar Fund)

Joe & Jackie Brown

John & Kari Downing

## **In Memory Of David Folsom**

(Choral Scholar Fund)

Joe & Jackie Brown

## **In Memory Of Mary Cunningham**

(Choral Scholar Fund)

Joe & Jackie Brown

# Music



**Drive-In Chancel Choir Rehearsal**— Our Chancel Choir has been busy preparing new anthems for digital worship for the season of Lent. On January 31, we met for our first drive-in rehearsal. Our choral scholars sing their parts into microphones, and Dr. Craig Smith plays the piano accompaniments on a keyboard. This sound is broadcast over a radio signal, and members of the choir are able to sing along in their cars. We look forward to finding new ways to share music with you in the coming weeks.

# Annoucments



**St. James Children's Hike Club**— Join our St. James Children's Hike Club for another fun outing! Families and pups are all invited to hit the hidden trails of Atlanta with other St. James families! For more information, and to make sure that you are in-the-know for the next hike, email [childrensministry@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:childrensministry@stjamesatlanta.org).

**Central North State of the District Address and Training on February 20, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm**—The day will start with a state of the district address by Dr. McQueen followed by training sessions that include: trustees, finance, worship, and tech. To participate please email Pastor Max at [mvincent@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:mvincent@stjamesatlanta.org).

**Ash Wednesday, February 17**— Pick up ashes between 5-6 p.m. on February 17 and worship online with us at 6:30 p.m. Worship can be found at [www.stjamesatl.online.church](http://www.stjamesatl.online.church)

# Announcements

Thanks  
for your generosity  
this holiday season!

**Christmas Eve Offering**—Thank you for your generous gifts of \$6,000 this year. Your offering was sent to Buckhead Christian Ministries and Action Ministries, two of our vehicles of outreach throughout the year for families in our community.

**Christmas Card Fund**—Thank you to all who contributed this year to the Christmas Card fund. What fun each year to recognize your church family and friends and especially in 2020! Your contributions of \$4,520 will be split between International Missions and Youth Missions for future mission trips.

**Save the Date for VBS 6/21-25**—Join us for VBS on the Farm! 9:30-12 each day \$30 per child, \$90 family  
Children 4 years through 6th grade (who are able to wear a mask throughout the day)

Registration opens February 22 at [stjamesatlanta.org](http://stjamesatlanta.org)

## Activities you can always participate in:

- Drive In Worship/ Online Worship Service
- Virtual Adult Sunday School
- Virtual Children's Sunday School
- Virtual Youth Group
- Call your pastors to pray/chat
- Call other members to check in

### St James Vendors

- Young ballet/  
young play  
groups
- Skills basketball  
groups

H&W Committee,  
Staff

- Masks are required  
while on campus
- Distance of at least  
6 feet between  
people

### Preschool/Scouts

- Preschool classes
- Preschool chapel
- Scout activities
- Scout meetings

Preschool Board,  
Governor,  
Scout Leadership

See Preschool  
guidelines

See Scout  
Guidelines

# Announcements



**New Sunday School Class**—During Lent, Pastor Max will lead an Adult Sunday School class via Zoom. Links will be in weekly 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

- February 21: **Psalm 2** – Jesus the Messiah
- February 28: **Psalm 118** – Jesus the Cornerstone
- 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

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## St James Orange+ Covid Map

Activities we  
can do!

### Worshipping Community

- Virtual Worship
- Drive in Worship
- No groups of any size inside or outside at this time.
- Drive through communion, Bible dedication, etc

H&W/Staff

### Activities at St James

- Emergency Needs (collections, testing, Pods for school)
- Donate blood and/or food

H&W Committee,  
Staff

Directed by:

General  
Guidelines

- Masks are required while on campus
- distance of at least 6 feet between people
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- Groups must register with office before gathering on campus.

# Family Ministry



This Valentine's Day our children and youth are creating cards and gift bags for some of our homebound members.

All children and youth are invited to make a card and/or a Valentine's Treat bag. Drop off cards and bags to the church by February 9 so they can be delivered by Valentine's Day.

Have Questions? Email Pastor AnnaKate at:  
[annakate@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:annakate@stjamesatlanta.org).

# Children's Ministry

**Lent Packets for Children** — This year, as we prepare for Easter at home, we invite all families to use one of our Lent Kits. The kits will include readings and activities for children aged 4 years-6th grade. In order to ensure that your child receives a kit, please email us with their name(s) and age(s) at [childrensministry@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:childrensministry@stjamesatlanta.org) before February 5th.

**Worship Readiness for First and Second Graders**— First and Second Graders are invited to participate in our monthly Worship Readiness meeting on Sunday, February 28th at 2:00. In Worship Readiness, children learn about all parts of worship. This curriculum prepares children who are aging out of Children's Worship and in to "Big Church" by making worship more meaningful and intentional. Receive a sign up link by emailing [childrensministry@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:childrensministry@stjamesatlanta.org).

# Student Ministry



**Weekly Gatherings on Zoom**— The Student Ministries at St. James UMC are in full gear! We have been continuing with Confirmation, Sunday School, and Sunday Night Youth Group. All of our programming has been on Zoom, but we are still managing to build and grow in community with one another! We have 19 Confirmands who are diligently growing in their faith and understanding of God and the Church. Right now, we are scheduling Confirmation Sunday to be on Sunday, May 23rd - Pentecost. Barbara Bonapfel and Anna Orr are keeping the students engaged on Sunday Morning by offering Sunday School for all the youth who are not in Confirmation! They are about to begin a Lenten study on 24 Hours that Changed the World. It will look at the last 24 hours of Jesus's life from the Last Supper through the Crucifixion. Lastly, Sunday Night Youth has begun a deep dive into the major stories of the Old Testament. We are going deeper and asking tough questions about many of the stories the students already learned when they were younger. On some nights we are looking at powerful stories that they probably never learned about in children's Sunday School.

Throughout this season, the students at St. James UMC have shown incredible resilience to remain in community with one another in this time of physical distancing. I am incredibly proud of all of the students that are continuing to make it a priority to grow in community with their peers at SJUMC! Please join me in continuing to pray for our students in this time and continually, that they might come to know the love of God more fully and share that love with the world! questions about the Student Ministry at St. James please email me at [cjlord@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:cjlord@stjamesatlanta.org).