

# Chapel Notes

**APRIL 2021**

*Living Jesus*

Luke Timothy Johnson begins his book, *Living Jesus*, with the statement, "It makes a big difference whether someone is dead or alive." If someone is dead, we can learn about that person, what the person did or said. If someone is alive, we can get to know the person. The best way to learn about my Puritan ancestors is to read genealogy reports and search cemetery records. The best way to know my sister Mary is to sit down and talk with her over a cup of coffee.

As Johnson points out in his book, this is so obvious; it hardly needs stating, except in our relationship with Jesus. We often treat Jesus as a well-loved ancestor, someone we read about, a life we study, perhaps someone we admire. But the message of Easter is that Jesus is much more. Jesus is alive and longs to be known by us, longs to be in relationship with us.

One of my favorite Easter stories is the disciples' journey on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-25). As these early disciples leave Jerusalem, still mourning the loss of Jesus, Jesus joins them on their journey. They do not recognize Jesus, but as they journey and share their grief with him, Jesus helps them understand the Scriptures. On reaching their destination, Jesus appears to be headed further on, but they invite him in to share their meal. Finally, in breaking the bread, they recognize Jesus and are surprised by his presence with them.

The story opens with the grief and sorrow of the disciples about a dead Jesus. It ends with disciples who are surprised and amazed that Christ is alive and still walking among them, opening the scriptures to them and present in the breaking of the bread. I pray that throughout these great 50 days of Easter, we will be disciples who are looking for the living Jesus.

Peace,

Max

# Announcements



**Wednesday Night Picnics**—Join your St James friends and family for Wednesday Night Picnics this month- April 14 and 28! Bring a blanket or chairs and join us on the sanctuary lawn between 5:30-6:30! The playground will be open for children to play! For April 14 order Chick Fil A on our website at [\*\*stjamesatlanta.org\*\*](https://stjamesatlanta.org) (order by April 12) and pick up your boxed meals at the church to enjoy dinner! April 21 order BBQ on our website [\*\*stjamesatlanta.org\*\*](https://stjamesatlanta.org) (order by April 25) and pick up your box meal and enjoy time together for dinner!

**Calling all small groups!** — Starting this month small groups of 20 or fewer adults may email or call the church office to reserve space and times to meet inside the church. Masks are required for all those participating and at this time no food may be consumed inside. To schedule call 404.261.3121 or email Pastor AnnaKate at [\*\*annakate@stjamesatlanta.org\*\*](mailto:annakate@stjamesatlanta.org).

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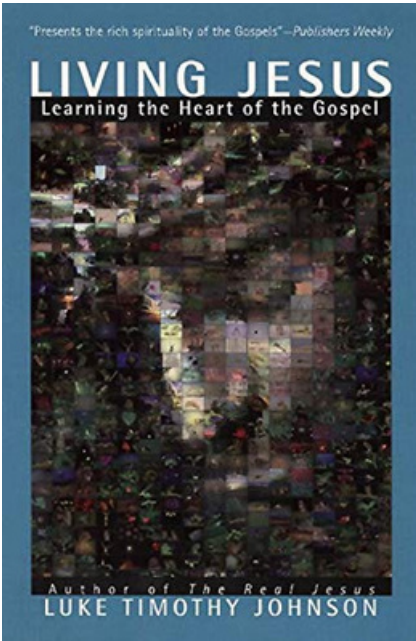


**Mother's Day and Father's Day Carnations—** Mother's Day and Father's Day Carnations Support Costa Rica Methodist Orphanage. Even though Hogar Metodista is not allowing teams this year, the orphanage continues to need the funding provided by the teams. Virtual Carnation sales are April 11-May 2 for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Carnations may be purchased at the same time or after Mother's Day. **[Click Here](#)** For more information, contact Cynthia Lyon at **[cynthialyon@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthialyon@yahoo.com)**

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# Adult Education



**Wednesday Pastoral Study**—10 am via Zoom. Who is Jesus? How does Jesus inspire our living today? Luke Timothy Johnson explores these and other questions about Christian faith and spirituality in his book *Living Jesus*. We will begin a study of this book on Wednesday, April 14th.

- **April 14:** Preface, Chapters 1&2
- **April 21:** Chapters 3&4
- **April 28:** Chapters 5 &6
- **May 5:** Chapters 7, 8, &9
- **May 12:** Chapters 10,11 &12

Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$13.

Please email Pastor Max if you plan to participate at:

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

## Children's Ministry

**In-person Worship Childcare** — Your St. James Family and Children's Ministry team is working hard to offer a nursery for children aged 3 years and under during the 11 am In-person Worship Services. We hope to have the nursery safely planned and staffed by mid-April, but please be on the lookout for more information in the weekly emails from St. James and St. James Children's Ministry.

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

# Family Ministry

## 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!



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

at St. James

## 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!



# Student Ministry



It has been so great meeting in person again! We are currently having youth group on the church lawn from 5:30-6:30 every Sunday night. April 4th and April 11th, however, we will be taking off for Easter and Spring Break! We will start back on April 18th with in person youth group! So many exciting things are coming up for the students at St. James UMC! We have Youth Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 16th! If you know of anyone who is graduating from High School or College, please have them fill out this form found here: [Click Here](#)

**We also have Confirmation Sunday on May 23rd!** I cannot believe that we are coming to an end with Confirmation. These students have grown so much over the past year, and I hope that you will join with me in celebrating all that they have done! Summer is right around the corner! Visit the youth page of the St. James UMC website to find all the exciting things that we have planned for this summer, including a Braves game, a beach trip, and a tubing trip! I hope that your youth aged from rising 7th grader through just graduated seniors will join us as we have a fun filled summer! Lastly, as school is winding down, exams are winding up for all of our students! I hope that you will join me in praying for the youth of our church that they might finish the semester strong!

**Youth and Graduate Recognition Sunday is on May 16th!** I would love to invite St. James members to write letters to the graduates to honor their accomplishments! Please drop off or mail your letters to the church with attention C.J. on them! For a list of graduates, please email [cjlord@stjamesatlanta.org](mailto:cjlord@stjamesatlanta.org)! Thanks for helping us recognize our seniors!

# Music



What a Joy it is to see our St James children making music for the Glory of God. They have been practicing hard for the last four weeks under the direction of Mrs. Matti Knight and Mrs. Marcela Meeks, Director of Children's Music. They had the opportunity to learn about rhythm, beat and melody by playing our brand new mini handbells. The children learned and practiced week after week to be able to bring their musical offerings to God for Easter Sunday's virtual service. Don't miss seeing them praising Alleluia with the sounds of bells on Easter Sunday.

# Giving

**In Memory Of Trisha Evans**

E.J. Evans

Gary & Barbra Dorminey

Jane Neal

**In Memory Of Erma Patterson**

Elizabeth Cherry

**In Memory Of George Rogers**

Mary Minchew

**In Memory of Clarence "Red" Hermann**

Carolina Kirby-Smith

**In Memory Of Dr. Weldon Neal Jr.**

Jane Neal

**In Memory Of Monty Shackelford**

Jane Neal



# Upcoming Worship



## April Worship | Living Easter

### **April 4** | Jesus is Going Ahead of You

Mark 16:1-8  
Easter Sunday

### **April 11** | Unless I See

John 20:19-31  
Second Sunday of Easter

### **April 18** | Touch and See

Luke 24:36-48  
Third Sunday of Easter  
**Communion**

### **April 25** | Listen to My Voice

John 10:11-18  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

## 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.

# Calendar

## Sunday

Zoom Children's Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Zoom Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Virtual Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

Bible Study for Lent

5:00 p.m.

Zoom Youth

5:30 p.m.

## Mondays

## Tuesdays

## Wednesdays

Wednesday Pastoral Study

10:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir

7:30 p.m.

## Thursdays

## Fridays

## Saturday

# Celebrations & Concerns

**Anne Baron**—Home

**Sandra Bottoms**—Lenbrook, Memory Care

**Larry Stallings** — Home

**Ann Wadley**—Lenbrook

**Tink Trexler**

**Congratulations** to Russell and Lauren Macklin on the birth of their daughter, Josephine Rose Macklin, who was born February 27, 2021. We celebrate with the proud grandparents, Ted and Linda Macklin.

**Sympathy** to Meredith Howell and family on the death of her grandmother Margaret Miller "Queen Mum" who died Friday, March 5th, at the age of 101.

**Sympathy** to Tom Hermann and family on the death of his father, Clarence "Red" Hermann, who died Thursday, March 4th.

**Sympathy** to John Entrekin and his family on the death of his father, Franklin John Entrekin Jr. who died March 11, 2021. He was the father and father in law of John and Jennifer Entrekin and the grandfather of their girls, Evelyn, Mary, Anna, Frances Jane, and Margaret Entrekin. John, a retiree of the Kroger company was 75 years old. He was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Patricia C. Entrekin who died in 2019.

**Sympathy** to Nancy Arnold on the death of her father, Grady Cecil Walker, who died March 30, 2021. The family-only service was held Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Arlington Chapel where he was laid next to his beloved wife Clemmie. A celebration of life will also be Memorial weekend at the Walker family reunion.

# Staff Directory

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Hours M-Th 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

F 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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Hours 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.