

CHAPEL NOTES

Volume LIV. Issue 2. January 22 and January 29, 2012

Educational Opportunities at St. James UMC

Dear People of St. James,

You may have noticed in the past months the Education Committee has offered a variety of short term classes during the Sunday Morning church school hour. You may have likewise wondered why this has been happening. We intend these classes to serve two purposes.

1. To supplement and enrich our already existing classes as a resource on an optional basis.
 2. To provide opportunities for church members and newer attendees not in an established class.
- Our thinking is that church members might occasionally wish to participate in one of these sessions that are of particular interest (to either individuals or classes). Likewise we want to open our doors to those seeking to learn more about God and the St. James UMC community.

As United Methodists we want to continue to engage our members to study the faith from a Wesleyan perspective. The following are some of these opportunities:

Martin Luther's Reformation:

In Room 304, led by Bob Cunningham; to be held February 5th, 12th and 19th.

Christianity and Islam: A Comparative Analysis:

In Room 305/309, sponsored by The Joy Class; to be held January 26th, February 5th and 19th.

Sacred Space, Holy Place:

In the Sanctuary, led by Beth Salyers; to be held February 26th, March 4th and 11th.

Final Words From the Cross:

Space TBA, led by Rev. Dianne McCann; to be held February 26th thru April 1st (Palm Sunday).

On Easter Sunday Morning, April 8th, we look forward to a special dramatic presentation from two biblical characters who knew Jesus personally. Also, in a couple of months we will let you know about similar springtime offerings to come! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me.

Blessings,
Ann Downing,
Education Committee Chair



Thank You

From Christmas International House

Christmas International House sends a heartfelt thank you to St. James for hosting their students in the Activities Building during the holidays. They especially thank everyone who brought snacks for the students to enjoy and to the families who hosted students in their homes.

From Your St. James Staff

Thank you so much to all who brought goodies for the staff this Christmas Season! They were greatly enjoyed and much appreciated!

Dear St. James Family,

Thank you so much for the many cards, gifts, and delicious treats that you shared with us this Christmas. We are truly grateful for your friendship and your support. We hope you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

Grace and Peace,
Jonathan and Felecia



Special Family Event!

Children's Ministry of St. James is sponsoring a special event! Everyone is Invited to join us on Sunday, February 26, from 3:30 to 5 pm for Piccadilly Puppet's performance of The Butterfly Ballad with a puppet workshop to follow. Developed for the opening of the Callaway Gardens Butterfly House, this story follows Katy and Kevin Caterpillar through the stages of their lives—from egg, to caterpillar, to chrysalis, to butterfly — and their fascinating migration to Mexico. This is a great story for Lent that celebrates new creation. This is a family event so children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$2 per child (to cover expenses of the puppet workshop.)

Questions?

Contact Mary Ann Mullins at
mamullins@stjamesatlanta.org



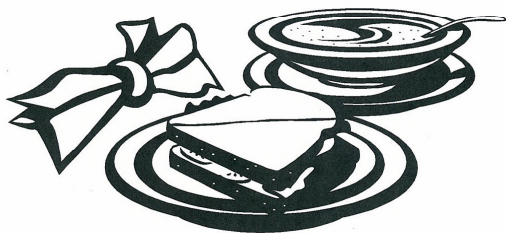
Don't Miss... Stories from Uganda Part II , Wednesday Night, January 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

SOUP AND SANDWICH

LUNCH

Sunday, February 5

12 noon



Hot soup & homemade sandwiches to enjoy
before this year's *Mystery Dinner Theater*

\$6 adults and \$4 students

Proceeds help fund Youth Choir trip



AMIGO Hosts are Needed!

Please volunteer to be a friend to one or two International Students and Scholars

Your responsibilities will be:

- Call the International Student and let them know you are their friend
- Invite them to a meal or to your church
- Be their friend in our community.

Please contact the AMIS office, 404.846.4396 for more information or amis@peachtreepres.org



In the event of inclement weather...

Please tune in to WSB TV, or call the church number, 404.261.3121. When you hear the main recording, press 3 for a message to find out if events have been cancelled or changed.



“As a Christian community, our mission is to help every

Sunday, January 22, 2012

“Perplexing Prophecy”
Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Rev. Dr. William Lawrence

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by John & Sherry Metz in loving memory of their son, Steve Metz.

Food Pantry Item: Canned Meat
Extended Session: *Mahaffey & Cram families*

Sunday, January 29, 2012

“Sink Your Teeth Into This”
Mark 1:21-28

Rev. Jonathan Holston

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Joe & Ruth Gary in loving memory of his parents, Clifford & Jo Gary .

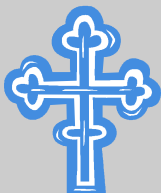
Food Pantry Item: Macaroni & Cheese
Extended session: *Linch & Miller families*

Check out our website www.stjamesatlanta.org

Regular Worship Schedule

8:45 am Early Worship—Sunday School at

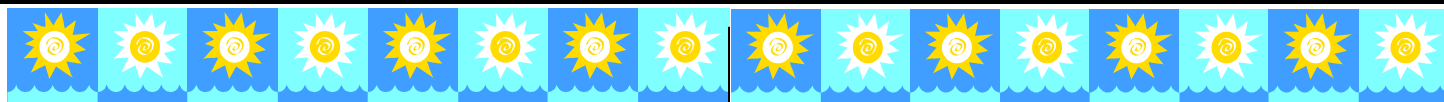
9:30 am Morning Worship at 10:55 am



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
22 8:45 am Early Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:55 am Morning Worship 12:00 pm Drama Practice 1:30 pm Skate Party 3:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study 4:00 pm Disciple 2 Bible Study 4:30 pm Youth Ensemble 5:00 pm Youth Choir 6:00 pm Youth Group	23 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 11:15 am Sculpt & Burn 7:00 pm Drama Practice	24 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Group 10:00 am Staff Meeting, Unity Circle 6:30 pm Trustees 6:45 pm Toastmasters 7:00 pm Drama Practice
29 All Day Youth Retreat 8:45 am Early Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Chancel Choir 10:55 am Morning Worship 1:00 pm Drama Practice 3:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study 4:00 pm Disciple 2 Bible Study 4:30 pm Youth Ensemble 5:00 pm Youth Choir 6:00 pm Youth Group	30 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 11:15 am Sculpt & Burn 7:00 pm Drama Practice	31 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Group 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:45 pm Toastmasters 7:00 pm Drama Practice

Methodist Church

person grow in faith, which translates belief into action.”



Wednesday, January 25
5:45 pm

Menu: Popeye's Fried Chicken and
Homemade Sides

Dessert: Cookies, Cake and Ice Cream

Program: Stories from Uganda Part II

Wednesday, February 1
5:45 pm

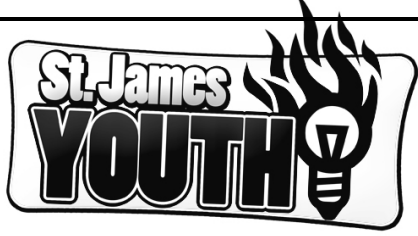
Menu: Doug Rose Caters with Pork Roast
and fix in's

Program: Dessert "Show-off"

<u>January 8, 2011</u>	<u>January 15, 2012</u>
Sunday School 55	Sunday School 65
Worship Service 279	Worship Service 249



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10:00 am Bible Study 11:15 am Sculpt & Burn 12 pm Yoga Intermediate 1:30 pm Yoga Aged to Perfection 5:15 pm Children's Choirs, Ladies Ensemble 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 pm WNS Program	26 1:00 pm Bridge Club 6:00 pm St. James Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	27 11:15 am Sculpt & Burn 12:00 pm Yoga Study Group 5:00 pm Senior High Ski Trip, Junior High Lock-Out	28 All day Senior High Ski Trip 9:00 am Junior High Lock-Out 1:00 pm Drama Practice
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Fellowship and Fun

Join us this Sunday, January 22, for fellowship from 6 to 8 pm. \$5 for dinner, first time visitors free!

The BIG Game

Sunday, February 5, join us as we gather from 6 to 8 pm to enjoy the game and have a night of fun. Dinner is \$5 and first time visitors eat free.

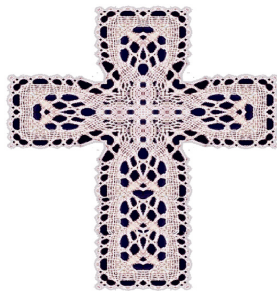
Mock WEDDING

The youth of St. James will be hosting a mock wedding on Sunday, February 12, from 6 to 8 pm. Dinner is \$5 and first time visitors eat free. Visit our blog for details.

Coming up...

Sunday, February 19, - Mardi Gras Night!

For more information, contact Trey Hockman, Director of Youth Ministries at thockman@stjamesatlanta.org or visit us online at StJamesYouthBlog.com



Worship Readiness

Worship Readiness class for 1st and 2nd graders, led by Beth Salyers continues on January 22nd, 29th and concludes on February 5th. A special Communion for all families of children participating in the class will be held on February 5th. This special service will be held in the chapel by Rev. Holston.



Looking for a few good couches...

to use in the upper room of the activities building. Please contact Emily before you donate, as there are some space restrictions and we would like them to be in pretty good shape!

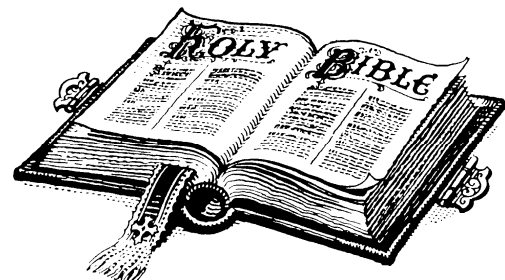
St. James Softball

Are you a former All Star athlete? Have you always wanted to be like one of those kids in The Sandlot? Do you just need some time away from the day-to-day grind? Your key to happiness and fulfillment awaits you on the St. James Softball Team!

Meet the Newbie

We have a new staff person in the Activities Building! Taylor is a junior at Oglethorpe University and a member of the SCAC Champion Men's Soccer Team. We're very excited to have Taylor on board!

For more information about any of the above programs, contact Emily Gantert egantert@stjamesatlanta.org or 404.601.4822. You can always visit us online at : [www. StJamesAtlanta.org/Activities](http://www.StJamesAtlanta.org/Activities)



Bible Challenge

The next bible challenge will be on Sunday, February 19th after Children's Moments.



Congregational Care

Prayer Concerns—Births—Baptisms—Confirmations—Deaths—New Members

Prayer Concerns

Christine Favors
Wayne Landrum
John Holt
Larsen Gregory
Hugh Thornberry
Nola Frink
Kelli Spencer

Bruce Smith
Mary Zumot
Nancy Cadora
Tyler Hays
Rock Spann
Eleanor Caraker

Edith Berry
Devon Tarter
Mary Claire Blackshaw
Jim Hale
Marlo Guevara



BIRTH

Please join us in celebrating the birth of Brian Patrick Paquette, the son of Aaron and Laura Paquette, and grandson of Jerry and Janice Gallagher. He was born January 18th, 2012 in Orlando, Florida, and weighted 8 lbs., 15 oz..



You Are Invited!

To join the St. James Children's Council as we kick Off the New Year!

Have you wondered how you might get involved in the Children's Ministry at St. James? Now you can find out! Please join us for a "meet & greet" in room 109 during Children's Choice practice (5:15 to 6:00pm) on Wednesday, February 8th. Light appetizers will be served. We'll have time to socialize and discuss plans, hopes and dreams for the new year. Come find out what's going on in St. James Children's Ministry and learn how you and your children can get involved.

DEATH

Our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Grady M. Jackson who died Sunday, January 15, 2012. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow in the Parlor.



Atlanta Roswell District UMC Choir Festival and Training Event

St. James UMC's Choir and Ensemble to help lead worship at the 2012 Atlanta-Roswell District Choir Festival next Sunday, January 29, from 2:30 to 3:15 pm at Chamblee FUMC. There will be workshops from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. on topics including music and worship, communications, lay leadership and church finance. For more information contact Katie Cook at 770.362.1002.

St. James Worship

People come to St. James for many reasons. We are a neighborhood church with a traditional worship style offering an abundance of ways to learn, grow, and feel at home spiritually. A fully staffed nursery is available including age-appropriate programs for younger children. Come Worship with Us!

Worship 8:45 am and 10:55 am
Sunday School 9:30 am

Staff Directory:

Jonathan Holston, Senior Pastor
David Wofford, Associate Pastor
Linda Merrill, Director of Music Ministry
Mary Ann Mullins, Director of Children's Ministry
Trey Hockman, Director of Youth Ministry
Emily Gantert, Director of Activities Ministries
Sue Hardrath, Director of Preschool

Church Office	404.261.3121
Preschool	404.237.7354

Emergency Minister Contacts:

Jonathan Holston	404.697.1733
David Wofford	404.234.9363

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St. James
Drama Ministry's 2012 production:
SUSPECT HOLLYWOOD
By Nancy Bond

Performance Dates

Sunday, February 5, 2012
Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

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Please send to sjackson@stjamesatlanta.org