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St. James UMC
May 21, 2017
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Son of God Mass

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Saint James
United Methodist Church


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8:45 a.m./11:00 a.m. *Worship Service*
_____ *May 21, 2017* _____



*My heart,
O God,
is steadfast;
I will sing
and make music
with all my soul.*

Psalm 108:1 NIV

The Mission of St. James is to:
"Follow Jesus. Love Others. Change the World."

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

6th Sunday of Easter

8:45 a.m./11:00 a.m.

May 21, 2017

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Aeolian Song" Warren Benson
Jeff Bair, saxophone

THE BRINGING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SERVICE

*THE HYMN "O Worship the King" UMH #73
(vs. 1 & 2)
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139
(vs. 1, 2 & 5)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

P: His love endures forever.

Let Us Pray ...

*SHARING THE PEACE

(You are invited to greet those around you, sharing your name and a Christian greeting such as "God bless you" or "Christ be with you.")

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:45 am)

MINISTRY MOMENT— Congregations for Children (C4C)

INTROIT, KYRIE, AND KYRIE MEDIATION James Whitbourn

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GLORIA James Whitbourn

WORSHIPING GOD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

The Offertory

"Lava Me" James Whitbourn
Jeff Bair, saxophone

*The Doxology UMH # 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

UMH # 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" UMH # 71
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 118

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS James Whitbourn

*THE HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH #278

THE SECOND LESSON Isaiah 53

PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI James Whitbourn

*THE HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" UMH #292

THE THIRD LESSON John 3: 1-21

AMEN James Whitbourn

*THE HYMN "Amen"

*THE BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*THE CARRYING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Allegro Vivace" Handel

*Congregation standing, as you are able.

We extend a warm welcome to you this morning!

We are glad you chose to worship Christ here at St. James UMC. A nursery is provided for pre-school age children during all worship services. Please stop at the Children's Check-in desk in The Commons area for more information.

Please fill out the registration pad near you so that we can stay connected. If you would like to know more about St. James or meet with a Pastor, please indicate that on the pad.

Acolytes

8:45 a.m. ... Alissa Norville and Pierce Harner
11:00 a.m. ... Garrett Miller and Hannah Sprague

The Flowers on the Altar are in honor of our 6th Grade Confirmation Class.

Today at the 8:45 am worship service, we welcome **Dave and Katie Schwartz** as new members. Their son **Charlie** joins as a baptized member. The Schwartz's are transferring from University Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, NC.

Reception to Honor Johnny and Susan



On Saturday, June 24th at 5:00 pm, St. James will host a cook-out and reception to honor Johnny and Susan Branch. As they prepare for retirement, we wish them well and reminisce on the many adventures we have had in ministry together! There will be hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixin's. The cook-out is free, but we ask that you

RSVP and let us know how many to cook for! Please call Dana at the church office (252-752-6154 or Dana@stjconnect.org) or go online at www.stjconnect.org to make a reservation.

It will be a fun and celebratory evening (and it won't just be the hot dogs that will be roasted!) If you would like to be part of a thank you video for Johnny and Susan or if you would like to share a story about your experiences with the Branch family, please contact Alan Gill at the church (252-752-6154 or Alan@stjconnect.org) to arrange a time to record it. Or record it and mail it to him. All are invited!

Dear Church Family,

As we continue to celebrate with Johnny his 42 years of active ministry and approaching retirement, I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider making a love offering so that we can provide Johnny with a small token of appreciation for all he has done for St. James and God's kingdom through the years. If you feel led, please designate this as "**Johnny Love Offering**" on the memo line of your check and place in the offering plate, or drop it by the church office by the end of May. Thank you for your consideration.

May God Bless.
Tim Barrett, SPRC Chair

Youth Mission Bake Sale



There will be a **Baked Goods Sale this Sunday, May 21st from 8:30 am - 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall** in between all services and Sunday school classes. Please visit our table and purchase some home baked goodies! Stop by and spoil your lunch!

Confirmation & New Member Service



It's time to celebrate the joining of the newest members into the St. James family! Everyone is invited to this special worship service **Today, Sunday, May 21st at 4 p.m. in the Christian Life Ministries Center** to celebrate our new Confirmands! Following the service we will gather for a covered dish meal. Please bring a dish to share that would feed your family plus one. Meat and drinks will be provided by St. James. Come and be a part of the family of God by welcoming our newest members.

Senior Breakfast



We will honor our **Graduating High School Seniors and their families with a Senior Breakfast on Sunday, June 4 at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.** Graduating seniors will be presented at both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am worship services that day and are asked to wear their graduation regalia. There will be a group photo of the St. James High School Class of 2017 that morning. This breakfast is for the graduating seniors and their families. PLEASE RSVP to the church office or to Elizabeth Westbrook at (252) 531-8667 by Monday, May 22 with the number of your family members attending the breakfast.

We are collecting photos of your high school senior to be used as centerpieces. Please provide us with six photographs ranging from birth through their senior year. These pictures should be labeled with your child's name and left in the church office in an envelope labeled Higher Education. The pictures will be returned to you in the condition they were received.

Parents of High School JUNIORS are asked to assist with decorating the tables, preparing the food, serving, and cleaning up after the breakfast. Please contact Elizabeth Westbrook at (252) 531-8667 to confirm your willingness to participate.

Camp Connect



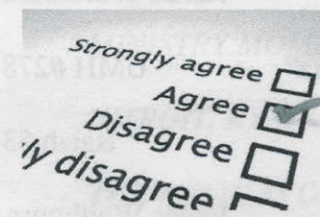
Camp Connect for Middle Schoolers will be Sunday, June 18th through Thursday, June 22nd. Mark your calendars now! **Registration is now open at www.mycampconnect.com**

Calendar of Missions and Ministries of St. James UMC (events as of May 17, 2017)

Sunday, May 21	Tuesday, May 23
7:30 am UMM Breakfast	1:30 pm St. James Prayer Team
8:30 am Youth Missions Bake Sale	7:30 pm Basketball
8:45 am Worship Service	Wednesday, May 24
9:00 am ConneXion Worship Service	10:00 am In Stitches Quilters
9:30 am Choir Breakfast	5:00 pm Weekday Communion Service
9:50 am Living Water Classes	5:15 pm Circuit Riders
11:00 am Worship Service	6:30 pm ConneXion Worship Team
11:11 am ConneXion Worship Service	St. James Ringers
1:00 pm Finance Committee	7:30 pm Chancel Choir
2:00 pm Administrative Board	Thursday, May 25
2:30 pm All-Church Charge Conference	9:30 am Food Pantry
3:00 pm St. James Jammers for Beginners	7:30 pm Basketball
4:00 pm Confirmation Service and Fellowship Meal	Friday, May 26
Sonshine Group	6:30 am Break of Dawn Men's Bible Study
5:00 pm Sunday Book Club	7:30 am Grin Again Gang
Monday, May 22	Saturday, May 27
10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	All Day No Scheduled Events
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	
St. James Jammers	
7:00 pm Groome Small Group	
UMW Executive Board	

Our next newsletter will be printed on **Tuesday, May 30th**. Information for that newsletter needs to be submitted to the church office no later than 5:00 pm on **Wednesday, May 24th**.

Worship Survey



Help the Worship Committee better understand the worship life of St. James! There are Worship Surveys available in the Commons, the Narthex, and online. Please take a few moments to answer the 14 questions and **place the completed survey in the collection boxes by Sunday, June 11th**. We invite EVERY PERSON in your household 12 yrs or older who attends worship to fill out a copy of the survey. Please only one per person. Worship is such a vital part of the church. We want to hear from you so that together we can make it engaging and relevant to our congregation and our guests. Thank you for your help!

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS (As of 05/14/2017)

2017 Mission & Ministry Budget	\$1,714,426.86
Weekly Contributions (05/14/2017)	\$ 33,409.90
2017 Mission & Ministry Contributions	\$ 629,207.83
% of annual budget received	37%
2017 Disbursements for Mission & Ministries	\$ 531,679.14
Year to Date Income over Expenses	\$ 97,528.69
<i>(Prepaid pledges \$84,494.78 is included in Yearly contributions.)</i>	
Building Disciples loan balance	\$2,984,865.03