

The Messenger

Saint James
LUTHERAN CHURCH
FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

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Connecting
FAITH • LIFE • PEOPLE



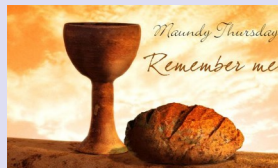
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Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday: 4/2- 7pm

(*Love one another* is Jesus' mandate. He demonstrates by washing feet, offering a meal, breaking bread, and pouring wine.)

Good Friday: 4/3 - 7pm

(Jesus sacrifices himself on the cruelest of tortures - a wooden Roman cross. It is central to our worship of prayer and song.)



Easter Sunday (April 5)

Sunrise Service 7:00 am
(*Outdoors, weather permitting. Bring your own chairs*)

Breakfast 8:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am

Easter Festival Worship 10:00 am



**We will be celebrating
90 years at Saint
James on June 28th
during Worship!**

Anyone have a memory, story, picture or item that reminds us of our 90 year journey that we can share?

What have we accomplished in these 90 years? What was a great outreach?

“What are some of the ways we followed the Lord’s command to serve those in need?”

Have we worked toward our mission? Have we built a community?

Let us hear from you. Ideas welcomed! Contact Tonie Neal, Diana Vittoe or Rick Boelke with your treasures that will help us remember our 90th anniversary video on June 28th.

Some info on Church Security

CHURCH should be a safe place ... not only spiritually, but physically as well. And to that end, we have security measures in place at St. James.

Inside alarm system – both church buildings are equipped with multiple sensors for motion detection, door lock, glass-break sensors, and heat/fire/smoke detection. In the event of any of those conditions, the system will automatically contact 911.

Rover attendant on Sunday morning – several years ago, with the help of Cumberland County Sheriff Department, we developed safety protection protocols in the event of an Active Shooter scenario within the buildings. Two parts of that plan are obvious each Sunday. First, the only access to the building from outside on Sunday morning is through the Gathering Space main entrance doors. The Gathering Space is monitored by the ushers. Second, a volunteer serves as outside Rover. You might have seen them wearing a safety vest and patrolling the parking lot. The training indicates that the large majority of incidents are deterred simply by someone noticing what happens in the parking areas.

The plan calls for our buildings to be locked following worship, and the alarm system armed. We do not have a set assigned person(s) to lock the building each week. So, it is very important for all ministry teams, or other groups who meet following worship to have someone assigned to lock the doors prior to their meeting beginning, and to properly secure the building after they have concluded their meeting.

Additionally, if you happen to be part of a group meeting at the church, make sure someone is designated to check all doors and set the alarm system.

Members of the property committee are available to help train each third Saturday during property work day.



Saint James active in the community



40 Comfort Blankets were delivered to the Child Advocacy Center March 23rd.

Pictured:

Dahlia Talley, *Victim Family Advocate*

Marcia Katt, *Blanket provider*

John Webster, *Executive Director*

Elizabeth Dorn, *Forensic Interviewer / Family Victim Advocate*

Hunter Balough, *Forensic Interviewer / Family Victim Advocate*

Jake and Jacob Smalley during the Crop Hunger Walk on March 22nd.



Crop Walk “35”

MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

The focus on ministry teams during Lent continues – here’s a word about a few of them.

The Evangelism Ministry Team is responsible for educating, inspiring, informing, and encouraging the congregation to share the story of God, and God’s mercy, love, and grace. Using the church newsletter, Facebook and other social media, church web site, and other forms of infographics and publicity, this team shares the unique ways that Jesus’ story intertwines with St. James’ story, and how that impacts our families, the neighborhoods, and the world.

The Stewardship Team is involved in teaching, inspiring, asking, thanking, and updating the congregation about how monies, time, energy, talents and passions, etc. are gathered and invested in ministry – and how that makes a difference in the world. The team will work throughout the year to inspire folks of the possibilities of ministry as we offer ourselves and our resources. What are the ways and places and faces God calling us to? And what might those stories be as we offer our whole selves in mission in the story?

There are also ways to offer your time and talents without being on specific teams.

The Property Team leads a property work day on the third Saturday of each month. Do you work with tools, help clean or organize, etc.

Are you a good communicator? Perhaps you would consider being a **lector**.

Do you have a desire to lead during worship? Consider volunteering as a **communion assistant, choir member, usher, handbell choir member, liturgical arts, share in children’s time leadership**, etc.

Maybe you have the gift of welcoming or home decorating? **The fellowship planning team** always has need for folks who can help with meals, receptions, after worship coffee time, etc.

Questions? Contact Pastor John or a council member, and we’ll point you in the right direction.

Fellowship Opportunities



Fellowship opportunity for women!

Our monthly breakfast group (**Salty Women**) meets on second Thursdays, **April at 9am** at Biscuitville (3110 Raeford Rd - Tallywood Shopping Center)

If you are interested, please let Ruth Ann know: 910-309-1007



Men's Fellowship - April 1

Come join us every first Wednesday 5:30 pm - 8 pm on the back lawn of St. James for brats, beans, and beverages.

If you are coming, let Dave Runkle or Todd Burns know in advance.

Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking



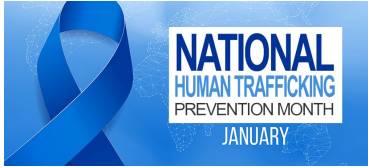
Join us every first Tuesday, at Noon!

Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall

April 7 at Noon

The Prime Timer group is designed as a fellowship opportunity for all members over 55.

Social Ministry Outreach for April
Human Trafficking Survivors Awareness



Our April *Focus of the Month* to support human trafficking survivors in their walk. Christ expects no less of His followers. Human Trafficking is a form of modern slavery that occurs in every state, including North Carolina.

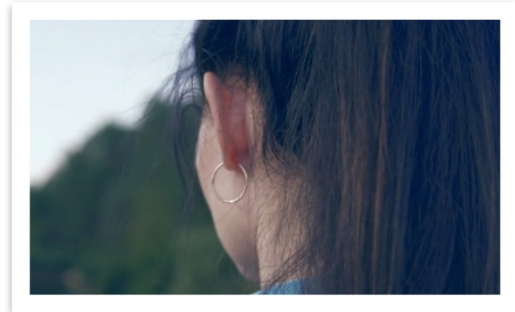
We are called upon to treat these neighbors with love as we help with the start of their new journey.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love...forbearance...kindness...against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

In April, we collect items to assist with the ministry of Magnolia Home of Hope.

Magnolia Hope is located in an undisclosed location in Eastern NC. They provide life-changing residential rehabilitation to girls ages 11-18 who are victims of child sex trafficking and exploitation. Magnolia Hope operates as a confidential, faith-based program focused on trauma recovery, education, and rebuilding self-worth.

- T-shirts
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body wash, body spray, lotion, loofas
- Q-Tips, Toothbrushes & flossers
- Hairbrushes, hair ties, face wash



A collection box will be in the gathering area as you enter sanctuary building.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline works closely with service providers, law enforcement, and other professionals in NC to serve victims and survivors of trafficking by responding to human trafficking cases and sharing information and resources.

National HT Hotline

888-373-7888

Text “BEFREE” or “HELP” to 235733 or

Email: help@humantraffickinghotline.org

Moving with Purpose: Health, Hope, and Happiness!

SENIOR LIVING EXPO

Presented by Cumberland County Department of Social Services

The Senior Living Expo aims to educate the community about the services available to the 50+ population in Cumberland County through the Older Americans Act and other government funded programs.



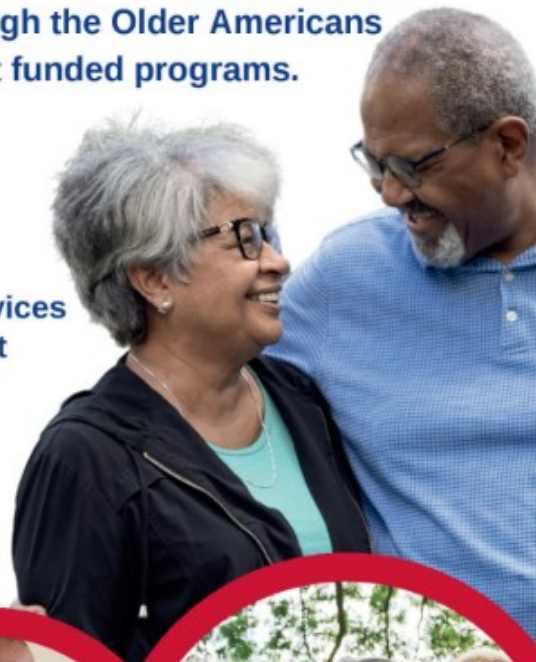
Wednesday
May 6, 2026
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Dept. of Social Services
1225 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC

For more information, call:

O’Kisha Wells
(910) 677-2822
Bridgett Autry
(910) 677-2489





Our 10:00 Sunday worship service is being streamed live, and is also available for later viewing. Click [here](#) to watch



Recycle your ink cartridges and help support Saint James

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges. NO Xerox type toners.

Place them in the marked bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



Receive Text Updates

If you are not currently on our email news list, sign up on our website: <https://saintjamesfay.org/>

To receive text messages as well, or instead of email, here is how to sign up

To receive messages via text,

**Text @8bhg3
to 81010**



You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @8bhg3'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting @8bhg3 to (910) 401-3357 instead.

Assisting Ministers

4/05 (sunrise)Jane Boelke
4/05 (10 am).....Ruth Ann Crecelius
4/12.....Scott Marosek
4/19..... Nathan Stockham
4/26.....Lindsey Smith

Lectors

4/05 (sunrise)Todd Burns
4/05 (10 am)..... Kathy Brown
4/12.....Glenn Stockwell
4/19.....Gary Crecelius
4/26..... Johannes Min

Communion Assistant

4/05 (sunrise)Sue Rink
4/05 (10 am)..... Jane Boelke
4/12.....Matthew Shealey
4/19..... Henry Orellano
4/26.....Nancy Oliver

Ushers

4/05 (sunrise) n/a
4/05 (10 am).Teri Bumphrey, Lindsey Smith
4/12..... Ed Samuelian, Avery Walker
4/19..... Agnes Rybar, Georgette Miller
4/26..... Hannah Rea, Joan Eissinger

Acolytes

4/05 (sunrise).....Hannah Rea
4/05 (10 am) Ricky VanPelt
4/12 Gabriel Thomas
4/19Gianna Orellano
4/26Henry Orellano

Greeters

4/05 (sunrise) Tonie Neal
4/05 (10 am)..... Teri Bumphrey
4/12.....Linda Stellfox
4/19..... Barbara Azzarelli
4/26.....Sonia Nazario

Rover

4/05 (sunrise)Tom Liedig
4/05 (10 am).....Tom Liedig
4/12.....Todd Burns
4/19.....Paula Burns
4/26.....Verena & Christopher Min

Nursery

4/05 (sunrise) n/a
4/05 (10 am)..... Sue Rink, Jennifer Linkous
4/12.....Verena Min, Valerie Brewer
4/19..... Amber Habermehl, Kathy Brown
4/26..... Erika Stockwell, Patsy Linkous

Around the Parish

PRAYER REQUEST
WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



One of the gifts that the Christian community shares with others is praying for those with special needs or concerns. Call the Church Office or fill out the green form in the pew racks to let us know of prayer needs.

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally those names will be changed after 3 weeks.

The newsletter has our long term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Please keep us informed so that we can share accurate information with the Saint James community.

Remember These

People at Home or in Care facilities (restricted mobility)

- Charlotte Davis
- Claudia Doyle
- Brenda Killett
- Carolyn Uchtorff

Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Thomas Oliver
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe
- ◇ Brenda Tinney
- ◇ Ashley Littman
- ◇ Joseph San Miguel
- ◇ David Herring
- ◇ James Peterson, Jr.
- ◇ Claudia Joyner

Military Members

(* Deployed)

- Earl Stockham
- Joshua Trogdon *
- Darian Dix
- Bella Fish
- Dan Gibson
- Hochang Min
- Alex Habermehl
- Robert James
- Matthew Porter *



- 4/03 Ian Gibson
- 4/04 Tanner Burt
- 4/05 Clayton McLamb
- 4/05 Anna Lisa Johannessen
- 4/08 Abigail Snyder
- 4/11 Sharon Mathis
- 4/11 Willow Linkous
- 4/12 Joshua Trogdon
- 4/12 Jacky Hummel
- 4/14 Hochang Min
- 4/15 Aiden Stockham
- 4/16 Erin Orosa
- 4/17 Tawan Thomas
- 4/19 Sue Rink
- 4/24 Sharon VanPelt
- 4/26 David Runkle
- 4/29 Gary Creceliusd
- 4/29 Dan Gibson

Anniversaries

- 4/01 Kathy & Richard Brown



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P.O. Box 53276; Fayetteville, NC 28305.**

All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.
Holy Communion is celebrated every week.

**Should you have an emergency or need Pastoral Care, contact
Pastor John Locke: Cell (704) 530-9969 or jpl406@gmail.com .**

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