

MESSENGER

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A Word From Pastor Steve

Our Bible Song Sunday Church School program is off to a good start but there are folks in our target audience who are not with us, YET. Let me be clear, our target audience is any one of any age since every age has GIFTS WE NEED and NEEDS WE CAN GIFT. Let me offer an explanation for why it is important for more of us to show up. Rich Melheim and cohorts at Faith Inkubators say

The Bible Song Mission is...

To Bless the Child,

Gift the Family,

Every Week at Church,

Every Night in Every Home

TO BLESS THE CHILD

You likely have seen that societal pressures are growing heavier and heavier today at an earlier and earlier age. At the same time the support systems which traditionally upheld adolescents through their developmental journey are eroding. Think about it parents, aunts and uncles, and grandparents; how different are the following pressures for today's youth when compared to their parents at the same age?

*Sex *Drugs *Media *Economics

And then ask 'How are the following support systems different for today's youth when compared to their parents at the same age?'

*Family *Community *School *Church

Parents please consider: How was your relationship with your own parents when you were a teenager? Did you have open communication? When you had a hard decision to make, who did you turn to?

Now, adults (all adults please) think of an adult who made a significant positive impact on you as a teen – parent, teacher, coach, SCS teacher, pastor, employer. If you were to distill the gift they gave you down to one word, what word would you choose – hope, confidence, attention, perspective, encouragement...?

Let's call them ***Impact Adults***. Mine were Angel and Juanita, Bobbie, George & Elizabeth, David & Faye, Glenn & Carole, Walt & Jane, Michael (two high school English teachers, a football coach, four pastors and their spouses, a college professor). They gave me all the words/gifts in the paragraph above.

What did your **Impact Adults** give you? Who or where would you be today without those persons? When your child is grown, wouldn't you like them to list you as the main impact adult in their life? How will you make that happen?

A Question for Parents: If the church had a plan to help make you an **Impact Adult** in your child's life, to help you get your child to the other side of adolescence making sound choices, and still talking to you, would you at least want to explore it?

A Question for All Adults: If the church had a plan to help you show up in some other kid's life, so that down the road they might name you one of their **Impact Adults**, to help them survive the teens years and thrive in life, would you consider involvement in it?

The good news is we do have such a plan! It's called Bible Song.

The Bible Song Mission is...*To Bless the Child, Gift the Family,
Every Week at Church, Every Night in Every Home.*

Non-Parent adults you basically have one shot at this **Every Week at Church** during Bible Song. Well, maybe you have other chances through the week if you teach or coach or drive a school bus, or help with confirmation or youth ministry. You get the idea.

Parents you have two shots at it **Every Week at Church**, and **Every Night in Every Home**.

That's what Faith5 and Bible Song is designed to help you do *Bless the Child, Gift the Family, Every Week at Church, Every Night in Every Home*



Because what happens at church
shouldn't stay at church...

FAITH5

Home

Huddle

Join us on a Sunday morning at 9:15. We'll help you get started.

Joy and Peace,

Pastor Steve

Council and All Committee Night

Church Council will meet on Sunday, **October 19** at **7PM**. All Committee Night is scheduled for **Sunday, October 12, 7 PM**.

OWLs Monthly Luncheon

St. James' OWLs will eat at **Ryan's** in Lexington on **Thursday, October 16** at noon. All are welcome to join us for great food and fellowship!



Rebekah Circle

We will meeting again on **Tuesday, October 21** at **7PM** in the **Parlor**.

Lutheran Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission will not meet again until **Monday, October 20** at **6:30 PM**. All men are welcome to attend!

Guardian Angels

This month, Guardian Angels will meet in the parlor on **Sunday, October 26** at **5PM**. Don't forget the prayer box is located in the back of our sanctuary, if you would like to leave prayer requests for yourself or a loved one.



Vision Team

A new Vision Team (formerly Long Range Plan) is forming. See Pastor Steve or Robert Sharpe if you are interested in serving.

Saturday Sisters

On **Saturday, October 4**, Saturday Sisters will meet at **8:30AM** for Bible study. Afterward, there will be a field trip to Soda City in downtown Columbia. All ladies are welcome to join us for a terrific morning!



St. James to Purchase Defibrillator – Donations Please!

After a recent incident in the Fellowship Hall involving one of our members, Council decided that St. James should purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for our facility. This device is designed to be used in cases of life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias which could lead to cardiac arrest. The "automatic" refers to the units ability to analyze the patient's condition and to only deliver a "shock" if needed. An AED is "External" because the operator applies the electrode pads to the chest as opposed to and internal defibrillator where electrodes are surgically implanted. With some minimal training, we will be equipped to assist a person if needed, until medical help can arrive. The cost will be around \$1250.00 for the kit. We decided to purchase the AED from available Memorial Funds. There is a possibility that THRIVENT for Lutherans may assist us with some matching funds if we are able to raise funds for this purpose, so during the month of October, IF you would like to contribute towards the purchase of this device, please make your donation to the Memorial Fund. Thank you for your assistance to this worthwhile cause for St. James!

Volunteers – Sandy Lyles and Rebecca Koch have volunteered to help with publications until we hire a new secretary. THANKS ladies. Hazel Kyzer is coordinating a list of Phone Receptionists. See Hazel or call her Home, 803-359-2215 or Cell, 803-447-3084 if you'd like

Food Pantry - We are in need of donations of dried beans for our food pantry. Donations may be left in the designated tote inside the narthex. Thank you for your ongoing support with this program!

Pet Blessing- October 5, 4 PM. Bring your beloved pets and critters to St. James Sunday afternoon. We'll read scripture, sing songs, celebrate the memory of St Francis of Assisi, and pray over all our pets and their human companions.

Trunk or Treat

Bring your kids! Bring the neighborhood kids! Join us on **October 31st** from **6PM** until **8:30PM** for trunk or treat! Come be a part of a fun evening by decorating your vehicle and handing out candy to trick-or-treaters, or if you prefer to donate candy, simply leave pre-wrapped candies in the narthex in the designated area.

Council Notes and Actions - by Robert Sharpe, President

- ♦ St. James Council met on Sunday, Sept. 21. Two members were absent.
- ♦ Devotions conducted by Lunette Davis
- ♦ We regretfully accepted the resignation of Jim Poindexter
- ♦ The Call Committee has met with the Bishop in preparation for the next phase in the Call Process
- ♦ The St. James Annual Congregational Meeting (to elect Council Members and approve 2015 Spending Plan) will be Sunday, December 7, 2014
- ♦ Carin Seward will serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee
- ♦ Committee Budgets for 2015 due by our next meeting, October 19th
- ♦ "Trunk or Treat" will be held in the parking lot on Halloween, Oct 31 from 6 to 8:30
- ♦ Kevin Turner will serve as Assistant Financial Secretary
- ♦ Our Christmas Cantata will be on Sunday afternoon, December 14th
- ♦ Amy Walker, our Secretary resigned to go back to school full time. Her last day was Thursday, Sept. 25th. Thanks Amy!



October Birthdays

10/01
Lisa Dattilio
10/04
Jamie Germershausen
10/06
Mot Caulder
10/07
Maylee Joyner
Hazel Kyzer
10/08
Bill Hogan
10/09
Megan Joyner
Gail Long
Ken Long
10/13
Judson Joyner
10/14
Elizabeth Russell
10/16
Margaret Kyzer
Mike Long

10/17
Sierra Peebles
Ronnie Shealy
10/21
Dwight Bachman
10/23
Hank Poplin
10/24
David Kirby
10/27
Emily Enlow
10/29
Von Goff
10/30
Laney Strickland





We Pray for Our Members, Friends and Family:

Prayer List

Members

Virginia Hall

Dollie Pounds

Evelyn Knox

Anna Ree Roland

Mendel Lindler

Dot Shealy

Norma Moore

Betty Jean Tyson

Floyd Prevost

Miranda West

Clara Prevost

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

Gina Amick-Niece of Russell Taylor

Cindy Miller - Friend of Tina Poindexter

Courtney Cagle-Granddaughter of Dollie Pounds

Jack Morich - father of Krisie Turner

Darren Corley-Cousin of Randy Summers

Sherrie Musselman - Friend of Gwen & Ben Freeman

Clarence Davis-Father of Jason Davis

Loretta Nettles - Cousin of Hilda West

Donna Florence - Mother of Megan Joyner

Violet Porth - Violet Porth - Sister of George Steele

Robin Goodman - Niece of Hank Poplin

Frankie Pounds - Grandson of Dollie Pounds

Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland

Jerry Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds

Lee Hamilton - Grandson of Norma Moore

Randy Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds

Our Military Workers:

Michael Anderson - Friend of St. James
Dwight Barrs - Grandson Eunice Backman
Ryan Caulder - Son of Mot Caulder
Daniel Herb - Son in Law of Mot Caulder
Jeremy Jolly - Grandson of Hazel Rawl
Wayne Watkins - Nephew of S. Jeffords
Keith Zeigler - Son of Tom Zeigler

Our Shut-ins:

Mollie Harrison
Jerry Hutto
Roberta Pound
Kathleen Smith
Alvin "Jr." Sharpe
Dot Shealy

Worship Assistants

October 2014

Acolytes 10:30AM
October 5 - - Emily Enlow
October 12 - Emerson Hibbs
October 19 - Callie Poplin
October 26 - Mattie O'Quinn
Altar Guild
October - Cora Nevitt
Communion Assistants
10:30AM
October 5 - Susan Thisell
October 12– Katrina Shealy Jimmy Shealy
October 19 - Tracy Shealy Ronnie Shealy
October 26 - Kim Backman Thomas Backman
Lectors
October 5– Carin Seward
October 12 - Krisie Turner
October 19 - Ronnie Shealy
October 26 - Chuck Backman
Ushers
Todd Feaster
Allen Hollis
Sound System

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5	8AM-Holy Communion 9:15AM - Sunday School 10:30AM - Holy Communion 4:00PM - Pet Blessing	6 7PM - Handbells 7PM - Cub Scouts	7 6PM - Girl Scouts	8 7PM - Chancel Choir	9 7 PM Every Day Evangelist	10	11
12	8AM-Holy Communion 9:15AM - Sunday School 10:30AM - Holy Communion 7:00 PM - All Committee Night	13 7PM - Handbells	14 6PM - Girl Scouts	15 7PM - Chancel Choir	16 12PM - Owls Luncheon 7 PM Every Day Evangelist	17	18
19	8AM - Holy Communion 9:15AM-Sunday School 10:30AM - Holy Communion 7PM - Council Meeting	20 6:30 PM - LMM 7PM - Handbells	21 10AM - St. James Food Pantry 7PM - WELCA 6PM - Girl Scouts	22 7PM - Chancel Choir Newsletter Deadline for announcements	23 7 PM Every Day Evangelist	24	25
26	8AM-Holy Communion 9:15AM - Sunday School 10:30AM - Holy Communion 5PM - Guardian Angels	27 6:30 Cub Scouts 7PM - Handbells	28 6PM - Girl Scouts	29	30 7 PM Every Day Evangelist	31 6PM - Trunk-or-Treat	

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Music Director: Martha Caulder

Secretary: Member Volunteers

Summer Schedule

Worship Service: 9:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM-2:00 PM



St. James
LUTHERAN CHURCH