MESSENGER

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Dear Members of the St. James Family,

The story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem as told both by Matthew and Luke tells how God is greater than even the greatest empires the world has known. There is no power greater than God. In Luke's story, God uses the hated system of census and taxation to move Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem "A decree went out from Caesar Augustus..." Ironically, Caesar in the capital of Roman Empire – Rome – made a sleepy hick town in Judea – Bethlehem – the capital of the universe. In Matthew's gospel, evil Herod believes he can consolidate his power by killing children. Instead, Jesus shows him through the rest of the story, that not even death can stop God from bringing joy and salvation to his people.

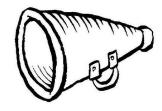
In this holiday season, consider how God is constantly, urgently turning the powers of this world on their head to bring us redemption and joy. Knowing that, you will know peace!

Pastor Kevin





Monthly Announcements



A Birthday Party For Jesus - This year we are inviting our whole community to join us as we celebrate Jesus' Birthday. We will begin the fun at 3:00PM Sunday, December 20 with Abraham, the camel, in the parking lot then move inside as we listen to our own Joby Castine read his latest book, "Cami Camel's Christmas Carol". We'll encourage all of the children who want to, to participate in creating the nativity scene. With your help we will serve a supper of ham, macaroni and cheese, and green beans, and birthday cake, of course. During the Trunk or Treat we handed out fliers advertising this event so we hope to have many visitors. Please feel free to invite as many children and families as you can.

We need your help with the dinner preparations. We'll need about 4 spiral cut hams, 4 large macaroni and chess, rolls, and 4 large cans string beans. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please join us in making this a memorable occasion for our community as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

ARC Blood Drive - Come share the gift of life by donating blood on **Monday**, **December 7th** from **2PM** until **7PM** in St. James' Fellowship Hall.



Owl's Luncheon - Our next OWLs luncheon will be at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy 1 at Kitti Wake Dr. on **December 17th** at **12PM**.

LMM - Lutheran Men in Mission will meet again on Sunday, December 20 at 8:30 AM. Beginning in January, Lutheran Men in Mission will again meet on every third Monday evening of each month at 6:30 PM.

Lutheran Men will hold their annual Christmas party at Tom's Den on **Thursday**, **December 10th** beginning at **7:00 PM**. Those interested, please sign up in the narthex.

Backpack Program – Thank you for the ongoing support for our Backpack Program. St. James has accepted an opportunity to increase the number of tummies we help fill. We now assist with feeding **125 children** in the Red Bank community. With this increase comes an increased need. For December, we are in need of individual snacks, including Jell-O, fruit cups, puddings, etc., however, all donations are welcome.

Gifts of Hope - Have you been wondering what to give family members or friends this Christmas? Is there someone on your list that is so blessed that he or she doesn't need anything? Or have you been asking how you can make your gifts more meaningful to reflect the season of Christ's birth? This Advent season, the SC Synod is offering an alternative gift-giving pro-



gram called Gifts of Hope. Beginning **November 29** and continuing through **December 20**, Gifts of Hope will be sold in the narthex after worship service. The catalog of gift choices offers 31 gifts ranging in price from \$5 to \$150. Forms are located in the back of the Newsletter for your convenience. Simply designate your gift for 'Gifts of Hope'.

St. James Debt Reduction Gifts - Honor a loved one, memorialize a relative or friend who has died by making a gift to the Debt Reduction Fund this year end. Use the form in the back of the bulletin and designate your purchase for Debt Reduction! St. James' Debt has been steadily paid off. If we can pay off the remaining debt, more money will be freed for ministry! Forms are located in the back of the Newsletter for your convenience. Designate your gift for 'St. James' Debt Reduction'.

Worship Assistants - St. James is looking for Worship Assistants. If you are able and willing, won't you volunteer to help one Sunday? Sign up sheets will be available in the narthex for anyone interested in helping in one or more areas. Thank you!

CHURCH BUSINESS

Annual Congregational Meeting – December 13, 2015

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday morning, Dec.13th for the following business items:

- Election of Church Council Members (5 to be elected)
- Action on the Proposed 2016 Budget (Budget Summary included below)

The following members* have been nominated, and have agreed to serve if elected:

Chuck Backman
Rosemary Davis
Jeff Hibbs
David Kirby
Katrina Shealy
Adam Steele
Kevin Turner
Hilda West

Additional nominations will be taken from the floor at our meeting, but <u>PLEASE</u> confirm ahead of time with the person you would like to nominate.

* Nominee Bios will be made available to the congregation within the coming week. Thank you.

2016 Proposed Budget

EDUCATION	\$2,907.00
EVANGELISM	\$250.00
FAMILY LIFE	\$750.00
SOCIAL MINISTRY	\$100.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$500.00
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$650.00
WORSHIP AND MUSIC	\$5,225.00
OUTREACH	\$20,000.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$145,561.00
FINANCE	\$15,000.00
PROPERTY	\$21,149.00
OFFICE	\$7,650.00
UTILITIES	\$19,488.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,500.00
BB&T Loan Annual Amount	\$17,780.00
Total	\$259,510.00

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/02 **Taylor Boone** 12/05 Tammy O'Quinn 12/06 Faith Wright 12/07 **Anthony Hutto** 12/08 Jeanette Harmon Brenda Janson Krisie Turner 12/09 Marshall Hibbs 12/13 Baylee Backman 12/14 Laura Hibbs Guy West

12/15
Dollie Pounds
12/16
Kristie Joyner
Matthew Monts
12/17
Sam Metts
12/23
Callie Poplin
12/25
Katrina Shealy
12/27
Marshall O'Quinn
12/31
Chris Lyles



Memorials

Betty Jean Tyson

By:

Mary Alice Lookabill
Macie Ross
Allen & Doris Hallman
Jimmy & Sue Leaphart
Rogers Manufacturing Co., Inc.
Clayton & Brenda Rawl
J.C. Wilkie Construction, LLC

<u> Thank You</u>

Pastor Kevin and Congregation,

The Columbia Fire Department and the SC Forestry Commission Incident Management Team would like to extend our sincere thanks for the vital role you played in providing support to the Joaquin Flood first responders. Your ability to meet the needs of our personnel on such short notice and in such a cooperative manner enhanced our ability to carry out our life-saving mission.

Neighbors helping neighbors in time of need is what SC is all about. South Carolinians are thoughtful, generous and first to respond during disasters like the unprecedented Joaquin Flood that devastated so many of our communities. We came together to take care of one another and through your generosity, you have embodied that spirit that makes our state such a great place to live.

Thank you for your support, Aubrey D. Jenkins, Fire Chief Columbia Fire Department

A Note From Your Church Office

Please be aware that there are deadlines before which the church office must be contacted if you want announcements or prayer requests in either the weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter. These deadlines are to insure that publications are complete and in print form in a timely manner and are as follows:

Weekly Bulletin—Noon on Wednesday each week.

Monthly Messenger—By 2PM the third Wednesday of each month.

Thank you for understanding and helping us present to you the most complete and thorough publications possible.



We Pray for Our Members, Friends and Family:



Church Member Prayer List

Jean Frazier Amanda Huber Gerry Jeffords Barbara Killian Frank McLeod Norma Moore Anna Ree Roland

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

Edith Hook Arledge - Aunt of Kristie Joyner Cheryl Beard - Friend of Kim Backman Betty Boone - Friend of Hilda West Cue Cantrell - Aunt of Brenda Poplin Pam Crossland - Friend of Cheryl Austin Jacob & Alberta Dooley - Relative of Margaret & Allen Hollis Clarence Davis - Father of Jason Davis Barbara Eckard - Cousin of Mary Hines Gracey Goodman - Great Niece of Henry Poplin Rachael Gould - Mother of Henry Poplin Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland Lee Hamilton - Grandson of Norma Moore Terri Moore Hamilton - Daughter of Norma Moore Lanell Hicks - Mother of Miranda West Tommy Hinnant-Brother-in-Law of George Steele Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer

Joey Langley - Friend of George Steele
Roger Lindler - Brother of Mendel Lindler
Sandy Martin - Friend of Janet / Russell Taylor
Samantha Molnar - Sister of Carolyn Steele
Jack Morich - Father of Krisie Turner
Janice Nelson - Friend of Tammy O'Quinn
Gerald Roof - Brother of Debbie Kyzer
Fred Sharpe-Friend of Danny & Cheryl Austin
Priscilla Shealy - Sister of Alice Raffa
Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland
Corey Taylor - Friend of Mary Hines
Annette Walls - Sister of Gwen Freeman
Lois Watson - Mother of Debbie Areheart
William Watson - Father of Debbie Areheart

Our Shut-ins

Jerry Hutto
Margaret Kyzer
Roberta Pound
Dollie Pounds
Kathleen Smith

Our Military Workers

Michael Anderson - Friend of St. James
Dwight Barrs - Grandson Eunice Backman
Joseph Brown - Grandson, Bill & Kathryn Kyzer
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

EXTRAS FOR THIS MONTH

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE U.S. FLOODING

OCTOBER 2015

www.ELCA.org/disaster

of thousands are without power, major highways and interstates to the death of nine people, tens unprecedented scenes of flooding shattered records and left catastrophic rainfall that has have been completely destroyed. have been closed, and homes in its wake. The flooding has led The Carolinas have endured

work to bring God's hope, healing ahead we will continue to work In the days, weeks and months been affected by the floodwaters. and renewal to those who have Lutheran Disaster Response will

> for long-term recovery efforts. helping to restore communities. stand ready to provide assistance unmet needs of those Impacted Your gifts will help address the with our partners on the ground, by the flooding, and together we

designated for "U.S. Flooding" needed now to help assist those Prayers and support are percent) to assist those directly will be used in full (100 their homes and lives. Gifts impacted by the floodwaters. impacted by flooding to rebuild Thank you.

	CityStateZIP code	Address	Name	□ Lutheran Disaster Response: Where Needed Most S DDG0010	□ Lutheran Disaster Response: U.S. Flooding S DDG0069	Yes, I want to help!	
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, Make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

My Name

write "U.S. Flooding" or "Where Needed Most" P. O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

on your check's memo line.



SPECIAL GIFTS OF THE SEASON



	In honor/memory of	[] Other:	[] St James' Debt Reduction	[] Gifts of Hope	Please accept my gift of \$ for
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Worship Assistants

Acolytes December 6	Mattic O'Oning
December 6	Mattie O'Quinn
December 13	Emerson Hibbs
December 20	Marshall O'Quinn
December 24	Mattie O'Quinn
December 27	

Altar Guild

December Lynette Steele

Lectors
December 6 December 13 Debbie Kyzer Dick Kyzer

December 20 December 24 December 27 Brenda Poplin

Jimmy Shealy

Communion Assistants

December 27 Chuck Backman December 13 December 6 December 24 December 20 Rebecca Koch Tammy O'Quinn Lynn Sloan, Mary Hines

Sound System

December Mike Long

Ushers

Guy West

December

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27 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:45 AM Sunday School	20 8:30 AM - LMM 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:45 AM Sunday School 5PM Confirmation Class 7PM - Council Meeting	Congregational Meeting 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:45 AM Sunday School 7PM All Committee Night	9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:45 AM Sunday School		SUN
28 7PM Cub Scouts	21 7PM Cub Scouts	14 7PM Cub Scouts	7 2PM ARC Blood Drive 7PM Cub Scouts		MON
29 6PM - Girl Scouts	6PM Girl Scouts	15 10AM - Food Pantry 6PM Girl Scouts	8 6PM Girl Scouts	1 6PM - Girl Scouts 7PM - Hanging of The Greens	TUE
30 6:30PM - Chancel Choir 7:30PM - Handbells	23 6:30PM - Chancel Choir 7:30PM - Handbells	16 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Hand Bells	9 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Hand Bells	2 6:30PM - Choir 7:30PM - Handbells	WED
31	24 Christmas Eve	12:00 PM Owl's Luncheon	10 7PM LMM Christmas Party	3	THU
	Merry Christmas	18	11	4	FRI
	26	29	12	5	SAT

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Music Director

Martha Caulder

Secretary Amy Walker

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30AM Holy Communion 10:45AM Faith Formation Sunday School

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Non-Profit Org.

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