

***ALL SERVICES /ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

**Hello St. James Family,**

**The office is working on a few projects and will need the help of our congregation!**

**Some have already sent in pictures of Moms, Grandmothers and aunts for our special mothers bulletin. Deadline is May 15th. Thank you to those who have sent them in. We will also start working on a Father's day special bulletin so if you would like to send in pictures now please do.**

**We will be setting up a wall of memories. We are asking that you send in or bring in any old copies of memories you would like to place here at the church. Should you have any questions please call the office with any questions. 803-359-2122 or email at [office@stjameslex.com](mailto:office@stjameslex.com).**

**With Coved 19 we understand to take precautions with this project. However we need volunteers to help put this together. If you are available to assist we will have sanitizer, Clorox wipes and we will maintain the 6 feet distance requirements.**





*Dear brothers and sisters,*

On Saturday morning Jann and I received the news that my adopted, 26 year old son, Heritiana “Hery” Ogilvie, had overdosed and died in the emergency room at a hospital in Saskatoon. Hery had struggled with addiction for several years. It is a nasty disease. Hery had been a street beggar in the capital city of Antananarivo all of his early life. His mother was an alcoholic. His grandmother was a paraplegic and the “pity” factor in the family’s begging. Hery’s mother would beat him for the money that he earned carrying groceries in the market so she could drink. He was underweight and tiny when I adopted him. His mother had put him in the orphanage when her mother died. She could not care for him any longer and loved him enough to know that.

Hery always cared about other children intensely. There was a mother and her daughter, street people and homeless near our compound. Hery knew the mother beat her daughter and it bothered him intensely. One day when just the girl was there, he begged me for money to give her because she would be able to use it for herself. He was a gifted soccer player. At the American School in Antananarivo the seniors would come to watch this 2<sup>nd</sup> grader play. We lived in missionary housing in St. Paul, Minnesota for 4 months after leaving Madagascar. Hery was on a recreation team with his classmates but was by far better. So he set up each of his teammates to score, including the goalie. The parents on the sidelines would say to me, “We just love your son! Our boy comes home so excited that he scored. We know what he is doing.” I was so proud of him!

I naively thought that I could help Hery negotiate North American racism. The college students next door to us in Saskatoon referred to him as a “n....r.” The police in Charleston stopped him walking to the convenience store and demanded to see his identity card. When he showed it, as it was Canadian, they accused him of being in the US illegally (he was a triple citizen – Madagascar, United States and Canada). Never did I see him so upset. And children absorb what the culture teaches them: Hery’s soccer team was going to the Canadian nationals for his age group. He was the most valuable player but he suddenly decided to play Canadian Football. He was tiny and I was terrified. I tried to reason with him that he shouldn’t risk an injury before the soccer finals but he wouldn’t hear it. “Dad, in Madagascar black people play soccer. In North America, black people play football.”

Hery had promise. He had gifts. And Hery had problems. Jann and I had recently had hope that he would go to rehab. He had made some moves there. He and I had spoken about it seriously when I was in Saskatoon in January.

Years ago, I was serving as the chaplain on call at Duke University Medical Center. I had made the rounds with one of the night nursing supervisors. There were two. We came back to the office and made report to each other. The nurse I was with and I had been with a child as he died. The other nurse, an atheist, said, “I don’t know what you could say to parents at a time like that!” I said, “I tell them that God lost his Son, too, and he understands.” The nurse with whom I had been on rounds eyes’ filled. She turned to her colleague and said, “I lost my son 15 years ago and that is the only thing that gets me through!” I know Hery is safely in God’s hands and I know that God understands our broken hearts.

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy. We cannot have a funeral anytime soon because of the corona virus; we can’t even travel there. This week I am trying to prepare 5 video services for the next weeks as I will have a knee replacement on May 19<sup>th</sup> and then be out 4 weeks. Jann will cover for any emergencies. Please forgive me if I am a little befuddled as I find my mind going around and around. Thank you so much for your love and support.

Pastor Kevin





## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### Friends & Relatives of Church Members

*Continue to remember those who have illnesses or needs in their lives.*

**Vincent Slice-**

Son of Olin & Retha Slice

**Boyd Shorter**

Father of Gwen Freeman

**Gene Crumpton-**

Uncle of Janet Taylor & Mike Crumpton

**Sandy Martin-**

Friend of Jane & Russell Taylor

**Emma Snelgrove-**

Mother of Cheryl Austin

**Lanell Hicks-**

Mother of Miranda West

**Samantha Molnar-**

Sister of Carolyn Steele

**Jennifer Watkins**

Niece of Jimmy & Katrina Shealy



*The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to*

*The family of Pastor Kevin Ogilvie and Jan Boyd on the Death of Pastor Kevin's Son Heritiana Asimbola Ogilvie "Hery"*

*Please keep the family in your prayers. The office is requesting at this time should you have any questions please call the church office .*

### Members

**H.O. & Doris Sharpe, Bill Hogan, Bob Koch, Kathy Goings, Harold Roland, Libby Roland, Stan Hutto, Holly Kyzer, Von Goff, Chuck Backman**

### Shut-ins

**Jackie Metz, Dollie Pounds, Anna Ree Roland, Kathleen Smith, Alice Raffa Retha Slice, Virginia Hall, Lance Steadman, Cynthia Lopez**



*The Guardian Angel Prayer Group is asking for all of its members and the members of St. James to please say an extra prayer for our community and country.*

**Prayer request will be posted for 30 days .**  
Should you need to place someone back on the list, **Please resubmit a new prayer request form.**

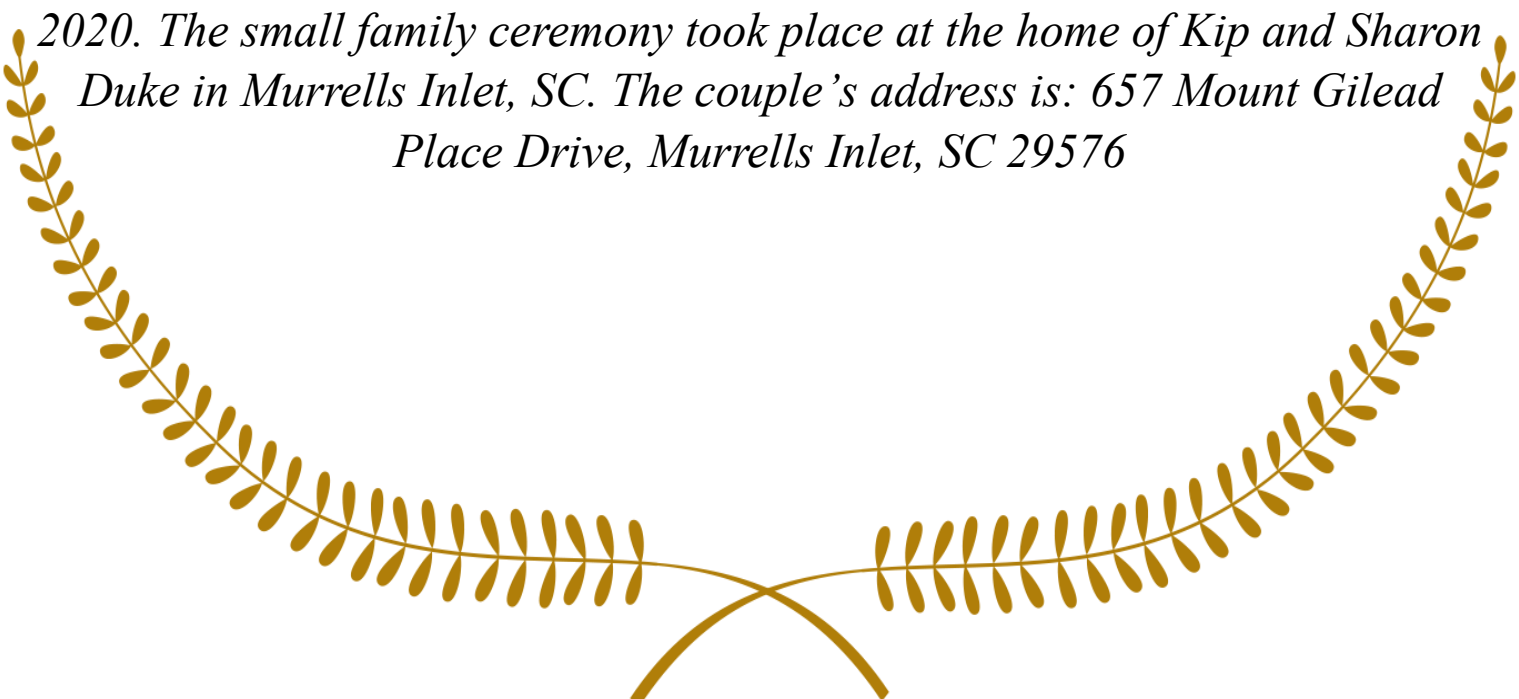
*Thank you,  
St. James Office*


### Military

**Joseph Brown-**  
Grandson of Kathryn Kyzer  
**Ryan Caulder-**  
Son of Mot Caulder  
**Aaron Frazier-**  
Grandson of Jean Frazier  
**Daniel Herb-**  
Son in law of Mot Caulder  
**Jeremy Jolly-**  
Grandson of Hazel Bachman  
**Wayne Watkins-**  
Nephew of S. Jeffords  
**David Supowit-**  
Son in Law of Kathleen McLean  
**Levi Dane Kyzer-**  
Grandson of Holly Kyzer



*Shelby Worth Duke and Ted Jansson were married on Saturday, May 2, 2020. The small family ceremony took place at the home of Kip and Sharon Duke in Murrells Inlet, SC. The couple's address is: 657 Mount Gilead Place Drive, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576*





**We need some cleaning products! If you would like to donate that would be AMAZING. Please drop off items in the church office.**

- Concentrated Bleach
- Lysol Wipes
- Baking Soda

We can always use cleaning supplies and if you have any extra Brooms, Mops or general items you don't use and would like to donate please do.



**Food Items needed for donations:**

*Individual cans of pasta, packs of raisins and apple sauce, single serving size meals  
(Backpack Program for School Children)*



*Canned Vegetables all types, Canned Meats, Tuna, Rice, Mashed Potatoes, PB&J and Pasta.*

*(Food Pantry for Community)*

**Please remember we can't give out open food, expired food or damaged food.**

**If you would like to donate funds or gift cards please make sure you place it in an envelope for food pantry. Any checks that are given for the food pantry also needs to be marked as food pantry donation on the memo line.**

Food pantry will be on May 19th from 10-11am.



Latest on the Corona Virus Covid-19: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

If you would like the devotional booklet, *The Word in Season*, we will happily mail it to you. Just contact the church office either by phone (803) 359-2122) or by email ([office@stjameslex.com](mailto:office@stjameslex.com))

We also have videos available for you if you would like one of Pastor Kevin's devotionals or Sunday service. Let the office know and we can mail a copy or you can pick one up.

Make sure you keep an eye on the website [stjameslex.com](http://stjameslex.com) and our Facebook page Friends of St. James to keep up with any information the office may send out.

If you would like something to be posted email it over and we will do our best!

The office is open **Monday - Thursday from 9-2** during this time. Should you have any questions, or concerns please let us know.

*Just a reminder to anyone using the facilities. Due to the Pandemic we are getting the word out, We have A LOT of fragile members and if you are using the building please wipe everything down you have touched. The cleaning has been cut and we need to protect all of our precious members here at St. James when services and activities resume.*

# CHURCH NEWS

Pastor Kevin will have his surgery on May 19th. He will be out for **Four weeks**. All Services will be online unless other wise noted. Should you have any questions please give the office a call. 803-359-2122 or email us at [office@stjameslex.com](mailto:office@stjameslex.com)

Your offering envelope is designed to be mailed just put a stamp on it. Please remember the ongoing expenses maintaining the church during this time.



	4/26/2020	5/3/2020	5/10/2020
Offering	\$ 1,677.00	\$2,212.00	\$7,434.00
Needed Weekly	\$ 4,115.38		
Budget Year-to-date	\$ 78,192.31		
Received Year-to-date	\$ 107,148.96		
Status	\$ 28,956.65 (+ 37%)		

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

<b>5/02</b> Lara Backman	<b>5/09</b> Elaine Sutcliffe	<b>5/20</b> Harold Roland Jr. David Roland
<b>5/03</b> Jacob Standridge Sharon Summers	<b>5/11</b> Gary Roland	<b>5/22</b> Irma Frye
<b>5/04</b> Julian Harmon	<b>5/12</b> Barbara Roland	<b>5/24</b> Alice Raffa
<b>5/06</b> Thom Backman	<b>5/17</b> Leon Browder Jr. Lynn Barley Adam Steele Jr.	<b>5/25</b> Joe Joyner
<b>5/07</b> Rosemary Davis	Alyssa Jenkins	<b>5/31</b> Sheryl Jeffords Jeff Hibbs
<b>5/08</b> George Knox	<b>5/19</b> Doris Sharpe	

**If your name was left off this month's list, please call or email the church office so we may add it to the list.**



**Pastor**  
Kevin Ogilvie, PhD.

**Music Director**  
Sharon Witherell

**Secretary**  
Sharon Summers

**Adult  
Sunday School**  
9:15AM

**Worship**  
10:30AM

**Worship  
Schedule**

### 2020 St. James Council

**Luke Roland/President**  
**Laney Strickland/VP,**  
**Worship & Music**  
**Treasurer/Ben Freeman**  
**Myra Weeks/Secretary, Evangelism**  
**Amanda Huber/Education, Youth**  
**Kevin Simmons/Property**

**Bill Hogan/ Property**  
**Jeff Hibbs/Stewardship**  
**Jim Tyner/Family Life**  
**Kathleen Bishop/Social**  
**Xavier Herriot-White/Youth**  
**Pastor/Parish Kevin Ogilvie**

*If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please contact St. James Lutheran Church office at 803-359-2122*