



*The Beacon*  
"Turn not aside from following the LORD,  
but serve the LORD with all your heart."  
1 Samuel 12:20



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(A reflection and prayer on Psalm 76 from Martin Luther)

The 76th psalm is a psalm of thanks, similar to the 46th psalm. For it gives thanks that God has His dwelling, Word, and worship in Jerusalem and that he magnificently protects His people from being devoured by the kings and the rage of warriors such as Sennacherib. God knew how to take courage away from princes and make them discouraged.

In the same way He fights against our enemies. As strong and evil as they may be, it is hard to defend themselves against God, who takes away at once their heart and courage.

Even the devil flees when his courage fails him. What then can flesh and blood do? Such a warrior-God must be praised, who deals thus with the noise of kings. He can save His own without a sword, by fright and fear alone.

**76** *In Judah God is known;  
his name is great in Israel.  
<sup>2</sup>His abode has been established in Salem,  
his dwelling place in Zion.  
<sup>3</sup>There he broke the flashing arrows,  
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. Selah  
<sup>4</sup>Glorious are you, more majestic  
than the mountains full of prey.  
<sup>5</sup>The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil;  
they sank into sleep; all the men of war  
were unable to use their hands.  
<sup>6</sup>At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,  
both rider and horse lay stunned.  
<sup>7</sup>But you, you are to be feared!  
who can stand before you  
when once your anger is roused?*

Continued...

<sup>8</sup>*From the heavens you uttered judgment;  
the earth feared and was still,*  
<sup>9</sup>*when God arose to establish judgment,  
to save all the humble of the earth. Selah*  
<sup>10</sup>*Surely the wrath of man shall praise you;  
the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt.*

<sup>11</sup>*Make your vows to the LORD your God and perform them;  
let all around him bring gifts to him who is to be feared,*  
<sup>12</sup>*who cuts off the spirit of princes,  
who is to be feared by the kings of the earth.*

Let us pray. Thanks to You, Lord Jesus, for planting your Gospel at this place, and gathering a Church that continues in Your Word. Drive far from us the indifference and apathy of these latter evil days. Cause our hearts to burn with zeal for the truth of Your Word, and preserve Your doctrine true at this place, that our children after us may still be praising you. Amen.

(“Reading the Psalms with Luther.” Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis: 2007, pp. 179-180.)

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**JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY**



Tuesday Nights -7:00pm in the Library to study the upcoming Sunday scriptures.  
Thursday Mornings -10:30am in the Choir Room to study the Gospel of Mark with Pastor Ken.



**CATECHISM INSTRUCTION for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> GRADERS**

Confirmation Saturdays

Sept. 27 @ 9:30am-12:00pm	Old Testament
Nov. 22 @ 9:30am-12:00pm	New Testament
Jan. 24 @ 9:30am-12:00pm	Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Apr. 25 @ 9:30am-12:00pm	Sacrament of Holy Communion



**WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (9:30am)**

Children (NEW)	Upstairs	Infant- 4 years	(beginning Sept. 7)
Children	Upstairs	Grades K-4 <sup>th</sup>	(beginning Sept. 7)
Youth (NEW)	Upstairs	Grades 5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	(beginning Sept. 7)
Adults	Library		
Adults	Choir Room		



**Grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>**

Event calendar for the Fall is coming soon! Get ready for an exciting year!



On Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, the Evangelism Committee will be on the Court Square during Reunion Week. We will be handing out water and information about our church. This year we decided to go on Tuesday evening for a bigger crowd. Come by and say **HI!**

The Evangelism Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Library.

Due to an unforeseen circumstance, we had to postpone handing out the lunch bags at the Corner Table in July. We will reschedule it soon.



The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at St. James on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 until 6:30. You can sign up online at [RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass). Please see Connie or Sharon if you would like to donate snacks. Please spread the word. The need for blood is critical at this time.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Library.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be in the Secretary’s office following Worship Service on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The **2025 NALC Convocation** will be held in Pittsburgh, PA on August 6, 7 and 8. Pastor Ken and Leslie Reed will serve as delegates for St. James. Information on this year’s convocation can be found at [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org). The convocation will also be live-streamed on that website and the NALC’s Facebook page.

## ST. JAMES' WOMENS GROUP

### "CRAFTING QUEENS"

Come out and join the new group at the church! We will meet Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to make items to be sold at the Bazaar. A light lunch will be served. Please come out and join us!!

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### ITEMS WE NEED FOR THE BAZAAR

This year we are planning to have baskets to raffle off for the Bazaar. Anyone who might have things that they don't need any longer that could be used in either a **Chef's Basket** (kitchen items), **Spa Basket**, **Entertainment Basket** (movie night items) or a **Gardening Basket** we will gladly accept. **Gift cards for the baskets** are also welcome. Please bring the items and leave on the table by the Secretary's office. Thank you for your help!

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Thank  
you

Thank you from the Young family:

Thank you so much to everyone who came to Riley's baby shower and for all the kind words, prayers and well-wishes after her early arrival. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving and supportive church family. It means so much to know that Riley will grow up surrounded by people who care for her and will walk with her in her faith journey here at St. James. We're so grateful for each of you.

With love,

Ashley, Ben & Riley Young



Many thanks to these guys for all the hard work they did in my yard. Ben, Bill, David, George and Wesley — may God bless each of you and your Helping Hands.

Margie

Many thanks to everyone who came out to help with the cleaning of the 2nd floor in preparation for Bible School. I would like to ask everyone to put in some extra effort to try and keep it clean. It only takes a few minutes to make sure that everything is clean and where it needs to be before you leave to go home. Take all the extra things that were brought back home — this helps to keep things from getting cluttered. *Thanks for everyone's help!!*

Robin Burgess



- 3. Ps. Bob Alle
- 4. Robin Burgess, Gary Reitzel, Nora Smyre
- 5. Barbara Sigmon, Chris Travis
- 8. Johnnie Bolick, Alexis Barr Horne
- 10. Jeff Sigmon
- 12. Emily Barr, Laura Miller
- 14. Jessie Clark, Kyle & Montana Lineberger,  
Cheryl Sigmon
- 15. Kristen Link
- 17. Jessica Little, Nicole Morrison, Joe Verbos
- 20. Jack Reed
- 21. Barbara Harris
- 23. Gabby Hernandez
- 25. Emmett Clark, Nancy Spriggs
- 28. Kyle Thompson
- 31. Raegan Black, Steve Ferguson, John Houser

- 1. Debra Self, Amanda Young Valone
- 3. Tanya Stinson, Janey Link Thern
- 4. Scott Arney, Darby Crouch
- 5. Jerry Stikeleather
- 8. Tim Sipe
- 9. Lindsey Arney
- 10. Carolyn Travis
- 12. Andy Sipe
- 14. Gracie Sipe
- 16. William Stewart
- 17. Amber Beal
- 20. Barbara Smith
- 21. Robert Dixon
- 23. Logan Devine, Luke Devine, Zachery Lowman
- 24. Dennis Craig, Ellen Miller
- 27. Johnny Sigmon



- 5. Mr. & Mrs. Andy Sipe
- 6. Mr. & Mrs. Clay Chapman
- 14. Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Craig
- 23. Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Sipe

- 3. Mr. & Mrs. Ben Young
- 14. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Devine
- 16. Mr. & Mrs. Chad Deal
- 17. Mr. & Mrs. Alex Reed  
Mr. & Mrs. John Schlie
- 20. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sharpe
- 21. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crouch
- 26. Mr. & Mrs. Luke Devine
- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Sipe

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**THE LAITY TEAM**

The Laity Team plans to meet monthly to assess the current status of Church members. Prayers, cards, encouragement, and support to each other is our calling from our Lord. Kristy Painter or Keeley Stikeleather, co-chairs, may be contacted. The committee consists of Robin Burgess, Betty Hawn, Sue Lindley, and Claire Sipe. God’s continued blessings and peace to everyone.

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The **Christian Education Committee** is collecting supplies for teachers. We are asking for Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, paper towels, dry erase markers, post-it notes, band-aids, etc. There is a box in the narthex for donations. We will leave the box out through August 17<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you for your support!!*

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**FAITHFUL STEWARDS:** God’s love never goes on vacation. Good Stewards continue to give financially to support our church...even when on vacation. *THANK YOU* for remembering St. James each Sunday.

Our **Blessing Box** supplies are running low. Please help to restock as you are able with non-perishable food items. Please put items in the pantry which is located outside of the offices.



**SPECIAL DATES IN AUGUST**

August 7      Purple Heart Day



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Vacation Bible School's *Splash Into Bible School* was a huge success! We had over 30 kids! I am so grateful to all those who came and helped me make the Underwater theme come to life! The kid's faces of amazement made it all worth it.

Erica



**FUN FUN FUN**

**MAKING MEMORIES**





SUMMER PICS



Candle lightings and  
Children's Sermons



Baptism of "Little David" with parents Fred and Kristin and sponsors Kyle and Katherine



Another felled tree near the Fellowship Building