

The Beacon

“Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today.”

Exodus 14:13



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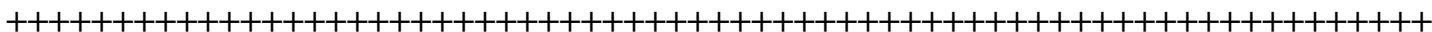
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Evangelism:

Enlarging the Fishing Club at Your Church

(a few words on evangelism from Rev. Royal Speidel, “Ministry in the Small Membership Church”)

Peter was a professional fisherman, who Jesus said would become a fisher of people. Instead of pulling in large numbers of fish with nets, Peter would be used to reach huge numbers of people for God. His workplace would shift from a boat in the water to the dust on the street. New work tools would be needed.

Nets would be replaced with words. The incentive would be reversed. His goal had been to put fish to death for food; now it would be to give the bread of life to people. The talkative Peter, who had told funny stories to pass time in the boat, would now tell eternal stories to change lives. Joining Peter would be eleven others whom Jesus enlisted into this fishing club.

Healthy, growing churches around the world constantly work at enlarging Jesus’ fishing club. Jesus needs people today who are willing to change the way they are spending their time, in order to invest it in bringing people to faith in Jesus Christ. For most laity it will mean not so much leaving a job, but changing what they talk about on the job and how they spend their leisure time.

The larger number of people in a church who are excited about sharing with others the new life Jesus gives people, the faster that church will grow. Enlarging the fishing club expands the kingdom of God and the church.

JULY MEETINGS

The **Women’s Circle** will meet on Monday, July 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.

The **Evangelism Committee** will meet on Wednesday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m.

The **Church Council** will meet on Wednesday, July 17th at 7:00 p.m.

The **Men’s Breakfast** will be on Sunday, July 28th at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building.

Blood Pressure Checks are in secretary’s office on Sunday, July 28th following worship.

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WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION

Planning for **Bazaar**: Yes, it is early — but never too early to start planning!
We plan on having some craft workshops through the year. ALL are invited. As you are beginning to do your spring cleaning there are things that we can use:

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| Buttons | Material | Thread | Yarn |
| Glue | Ribbon | Any craft supplies | |

If you have any, please let Robin know. We will be doing crafts at the July meeting.

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EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Fun Day at the church. It was hot, but everyone had a good time. Our ice cream/cake social with the Cockman Family Singers will be on July 21st at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite homemade ice cream and cakes for all to enjoy.

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SAVE THE DATES...

- July 21st at 3:00 pm: Cockman Family Singers
- July 27th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm: Vacation Bible School
- August 4th at 10:30 am: Outside Worship/Lunch
- August 28th from 2:00 - 7:00 pm: Blood Drive
- September 15th at 10:30 am: Homecoming Sunday
- October 6th at 10:30 am: Haas Heritage Sunday
- December 14th at 12:00 pm: Wreaths Across America

Tuesday evenings **Bible Study** is at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Thursday mornings **Bible Study** will **not** meet in July and August, but will resume in September.

The **AHG Awards Ceremony** is Sunday, August 4th at 2:00 p.m. Everyone at St. James is welcome to attend.

Our next **Blood Drive** is Wednesday, August 28th from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. You can sign up online or see Connie Bell or Sharon Sipe.

Pastor Ken is planning a **New Member Class** later this summer. If anyone is interested in joining St. James please contact him for more information.

Choir rehearsals will take a break for the summer. They will resume on Wednesday, August 21st.

Our **Blessing Box** supplies are running low. Please help to restock as you are able. Also, the Corner Table is in need of plastic grocery bags that can be dropped off there.



- 4. Benji Burgess
- 5. Chris Clark
- 6. Jerry Abernathy, Travis Lee
- 9. John Schlie, Jon Travis, Glenda Verbos
- 10. Wrenn Travis
- 11. Louis Setzer
- 12. Tina Beal, Brian Sipe, Sandra Turner
- 13. David Arndt
- 14. Rodney Miller
- 18. Marilyn Craig
- 21. Emma Dixon
- 23. Linda Carswell
- 25. Jean Link, Robin Sigmon, Brent Stewart
- 26. Gary Burgess, Reagan Painter
- 31. Noah Dixon

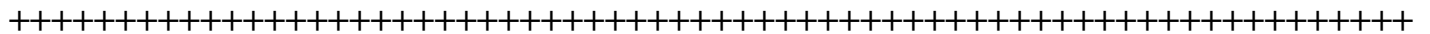


- 3. Ps. Bob Alle
- 4. Robin Burgess, Gary Reitzel, Nora Smyre
- 5. Barbara Sigmon, Chris Travis
- 8. Johnnie Bolick, Alexis Barr Horne
- 10. Jeff Sigmon
- 12. Emily Barr, Laura Miller
- 14. Jessie Clark, Kyle & Montana Lineberger, Cheryl Sigmon
- 15. Kristen Helton
- 17. Jessica Little, Nicole Morrison, 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



- 2. Mr. & Mrs. George Young
- 3. Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hullet
- 5. Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sipe
- 8. Mr. & Mrs. Jared Little
- 20. Ps. & Mrs. Ken Reed; Mr. & Mrs. Brent Stewart
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Cline

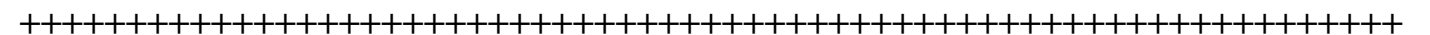
- 5. Mr. & Mrs. Andy Sipe
- 6. Mr. & Mrs. Clay Chapman
- 14. Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Craig
- 23. Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Sipe



THE LAITY TEAM

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. God's continued blessings and peace to everyone.



Please pray for our youth as they partake in two different opportunities to grow their faith and serve their Lord.



NALC Continental Youth Gathering in Boerne, Texas

This is the gathering exclusively for the youth of the NALC. The theme is “We Belong: I Know My Own and My Own Know Me.” Our participating youth will have the opportunity to connect with others like them throughout North America by sharing worship, small group Bible study, and mission work. There will also be a lot of fellowship and fun happening as well.

The setting is in Boerne, Texas (pronounced *bernie*) from July 1 through July 4. There are daily worship sessions with leading pastors and live musicians, and small group sessions where they will have opportunities to discuss what they are experiencing. The youth will attend a rodeo and a fireworks display among the other events they have scheduled. All in all, it will be a jam-packed few days. We will fly out on Sunday, June 30 and return Friday, July 5. Curtis Reed and Karen Stewart will be chaperoning this trip. Kaitlyn Stewart will meet us down there and serve with us throughout the week.

We greatly appreciate your prayers for as cool weather as can be hoped for, safe travels, and meaningful connections to be made. Thank you for your support!



Mission Trip to Elizabeth City, NC



During the week of July 14 - 20, the Crusaders will be serving the town of Elizabeth City near the coast of North Carolina, by assisting with home repairs. These may include shoring up a deck or porch, painting, building a ramp, or other repairs homes may need due to storm damage. We will be learning how to be an “Influencer” for God as we work to serve Him. The local high school is housing us for our stay.

Please take the time to write a “Care Card” to the participants and put them in their respective envelopes found outside the secretary’s office. These will be given to them as we hit the road on Sunday morning. Notes of encouragement and prayer are always appreciated. You can find index cards and pens beside them. Participants are: Gabby Hernandez, Noah Dixon, Jessie Sipe, William Stewart, Fred Link, Karen Stewart, and David Arndt.

There is a chance for you to contribute to the community as well. They have a list of items they have requested to be distributed to those in need. You can bring these to church and leave them in the basket beside the care cards. Thank you in advance for anything you feel moved to give.

- Blankets (all sizes, ages)
- Nonperishable food items
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss
- Socks (all sizes/ages)
- Twin sheets, Towels (bath, hand, or washcloth sized)
- Feminine hygiene products

Please pray once again for safe travels, agreeable weather, and meaningful connections to be made!

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Jessie Sipe won 1st Place in the State FFA Proficiency Awards and will move on to Nationals. She was also named All-Conference in Softball for Bandy’s and All-District for the CVAC Conference.



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

I would like to *thank all* of St. James for their continued support in all of our fund-raising efforts. Our trip was possible because of each of you who went to the spirit nights, bought peanuts, mums, and strawberries, and your generous donations. We had an amazing time. Each AHG member that attended successfully earned 5 badges while there. They made memories that I pray will last a lifetime.

A personal *thank you* to Jeff & Robin Sigmon, Freddie Link, Kristen Helton, Gary & Joseph Reitzel for accompanying us and helping us have an amazing time. We are truly blessed to have St. James as our home church.

On behalf of each AHG family,

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FUN DAY- JUNE 2024

