

Bible Reading for August 29

James 1:17-27, "Get Moving"

What does your faith look like in your daily life? When you come up against challenges, how does your faith impact what you do? How do you talk about your challenges? How do you feel?

James' letter has many words of wisdom when it comes to our faith and living it out, is there anything that challenges you in this week's reading?

Wednesday Nite Café August 25th Menu



Pork Roast
Butter Peas
Baked Sweet Potatoes
Rolls, Salad, Dessert

Pricing

Adult/\$7
Child/\$5
Household/\$20

August Financials

Needed Weekly \$15,559
Received August 15 \$8,794
Needed for August \$62,235
Received for August \$36,759

Last Week's Attendance

In-person: 133
Online: 56

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"Allegretto" - Haydn, c. 1993 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - arr. Mansfield, c. 1993 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Holy Ground" - Davis, c. 1983 Meadowgreen Music Co./Songchannel Music Co.

"Room at the Table" Stewart/Lantz, c. 2013 Beckenhorst Press

"High Praise" - Sawyer, c. 1999 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Call to Worship Courtesy of Ministry Matters

Calendar

Sunday, August 22

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd FL, Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Good Fellowship (CH)

10:30 AM Worship Service
5:00-7:00 PM Youth, Children, 3rd FL

Tuesday, August 24

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
2:30 PM Prayer Team
5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, August 25

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café
6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming

Thursday, August 26

7:00 AM, Men's Java Jaay Bible

Friday, August 27

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel

FH- Fellowship Hall

LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall

L - Library

S- Sanctuary

G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.

Facemasks are Recommended



and Encouraged while indoors.



Lessons From James Sermon Series

For the next four weeks, we are going to spend time learning from the wisdom in James. What is the purpose of our faith—in the most practical of terms? How can we put our faith to work? And is there a conflict between works and faith? Join us as we explore together.

August 29: James 1:17-27

September 5: James 2:1-17

September 12: James 3:1-12

September 19: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a,

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers

Stephen Ministers—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



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Love others
Serve the world



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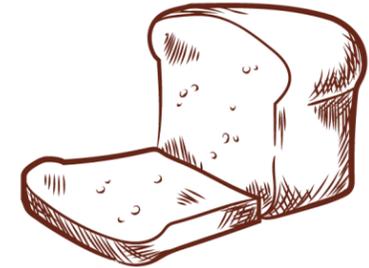
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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

soul food

JOHN 6:56-69
JOSHUA 24:1-2, 14-18



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August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arr. Mansfield

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Whom do you seek here in this place?

We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.

Who has told you of God?

Jesus Christ, God's Son, has shown us the love of God through his life.

Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?

We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen and sustain us this day. Amen.

*Hymn 662 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" (v. 1,2,4,5)

Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice;

Stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name, and laud and magnify?

God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless his glorious name, hence forth forevermore.

*Affirmation of Faith *Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

*Greeting

Hymn #2272 "Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground

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Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

**on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Special Music "Room at the Table"

Stewart/Lantz

There is room at the table, a place at the feast,
There is room for each burden you long to release.
Ev'ry heartache you carry, each private despair;
Bring them all to the table, surrender them there

There is room for the bread that is broken in two.
It is offered for all that is broken in you.
Simply take it and eat it, and hunger no more.
You must only accept it; be fully restored.

There is room for the cup that is filled with the wine.
It is offered to you at this table of mine.
Come be filled with remembrance of My sacrifice.
All your emptiness ended, your thirst satisfied.

There is room at the table, so come take your place.
Taste the bread of forgiveness, the cup of My grace.
Not a meal for the body; a feast for the soul.
O come to the table and you will leave it whole.

Bible Reading— John 6:56-69

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — "Soul Food"

Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #599 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

*Sending Forth

*Musical Gift "High Praise"

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