

Bringing Christ to People, by Bringing People to Christ.



"BUILDING A PREVAILING CHURCH"

During this current series in worship, "Building a Prevailing Church," we are studying the New Testament book of Titus for the month. This little three-chapter letter from the apostle Paul to his dear friend and apprentice, Titus, is the most profound writing about the leadership and devoted followers of Christ in the church. This letter speaks about the kind of character a fully devoted follower of Christ would seek to develop in his/her life. Also, Paul teaches about the most effective way to encourage and challenge one another, for the sake of the Body of Christ - the church. This includes identifying struggles the church would encounter and how to respond and lead through those barriers to the Body. The challenges to the early church are more like challenges to the church today, than any other time since those days of Paul and Titus. The daily life and witness of a disciple of Jesus Christ then was regularly facing challenge and being called to live the life of faith during a time the culture hardly understood the presence of the Christian Church. Also, the church at the time struggled to know how to have a presence and "be" the church in such a time where the witness of Christ, building Christian community, was needed as much as ever!

It seems there is a tremendous parallel analogy to our time day, similar to that time of Paul and Titus. The church today is struggling significantly to discover how to "be" the church in our culture and world. Also, the church is challenged with trying to build Christian community during a time where being more authentically relational seems to be less attractive or too vulnerable. How did the early church accomplish building the foundation for the church and develop the community of faith so that more and more continued to come to faith and know Jesus Christ?

The challenge for us, the church today, is the very same call of God that the early church had and the struggles are largely the same. How will we, today, establish the foundation of the church and develop the growing community of faith where persons continue to grow in faith while serving others in Christ's name such that more and more new lives come to know Jesus Christ, daily? Living the life of a devoted follower, as Paul describes it, produced the character, heart and mind "like that of Christ" - which we have all been called to do as disciples. The challenge was great as was also the joy of becoming Christian community. It wasn't easy yet definitely possible; change was challenging yet necessary and effective! Living the faith in relevant and meaningful ways was challenging yet the only way to reach those far from God and expand the Body of Christ for God's sake.

I pray that you will join us in this exciting adventure which is also challenging and engages change, yet joins God in what He is already doing in our midst and honors His call to discipleship which we have accepted. Come grow with us in worship and let us share together in meaningful ways we can grow this community for Christ by offering Him our best hearts and minds for Him. I am excited about what God is doing in us and how He has already begun to encourage and empower our leadership for new days of ministry before us. Participate in the building of the 'body of Christ' and know the joy of serving God as we reach out in new ways to those far from God around us. This fall, beginning now, will be one of the most significant for Saint James, that we have known becoming the Church God has called us to be. Let's offer Him our best, as a truly devoted follower of His, hearts abandoned for His will and given to His outreach in our community desperate to know that Christ loves each person. In this upcoming season of ministry, let us offer ourselves as our best for God's mission and accept the challenge for growth where God is honored with our authentic service to others. We can be a most effective TEAM for Christ, right here in Sarasota - we each have a place. Let's give Him our best, together!

you are loved,

and I treasure the ministry we can engage together...

peace, kim joyner <><



From the
Pastor's
Desk



Hello Dear Friends!

Thank you for our beautiful birthday cards that you sent us for our July and August birthdays. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you all for the work you do at Saint James to bring Glory and Praise to our Dear Heavenly Father. May God continue to bless you all with His Love, Joy and Peace,

In His Love, Rose and Bill Johnson



St. James Youth

Upcoming dates to remember:

Friday September 11th-13th: Rock the Universe
Wednesday September 23rd: Discovery Night starts
Saturday September 26th: Multi-Gen Fellowship night!

Saturday October 24th: St James Fall Fest
Saturday October 31st: St James Trunk or Treat
Friday November 13th-15th: Crosstrainers 2009
Sunday November 15th: Jimmy Needham concert
Thursday December 3rd: Chris Tomlin Glory in the highest tour w/Louie Giglio
Friday December 11th: Youth progressive dinner Christmas celebration
Friday December 18th: St James Christmas Caroling

Your support is needed!



We have many events planned in addition to Sunday and Wednesday night fellowship times. Each of these events have some cost related to them. In order to include as many youth as possible in these events we have various fundraisers planned for the upcoming months.



The youth has begun taking orders for the 2010 "God's Creation" calendars. They cost \$6 per calendar. Each month shows a beautiful picture of what God has created along with a weekly Bible verse. A sample calendar is available to look at in the office.

Kenneth Eden

September 1, 1915 - August 13, 2009

Kenneth Stone Eden, 93, a 49-year resident of Sarasota, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at Springwood Care Center.

Ken was born Sept. 1, 1915, in Marsh Hill, Lycoming County, PA. He was the son of William Henry Eden and Ruby Irene Stone. During World War I Ken relocated with his parents from their three generation family farm to Sayre, PA, where his father became employed in the mechanical shops of the Lehigh Valley Rail Road. Ken graduated from Sayre High School in 1933 but continued the following year to add college preparatory classes. He attended Centre College, Danville, Ky., graduating with a BA in 1938. Ken was employed with the International Harvester Co. in Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, PA, subsequently transferring to their Elmira, NY, office in 1943. Later he sold real estate and was employed at Remington Rand. At the Rand he was engaged in the development of the UNIVAC 1 (Universal Automatic Computer), an early commercial version of a large-scale general purpose electronic computer. He participated in competitions of sailplane racing at the National Soaring Capital at Harris Hill near Elmira. He was a longtime race official at the Watkins Glen International Speedway for Sports Car Club of America and NASCAR events.

In June 1960 Ken moved to Sarasota. On May 9, 1961, he married Susan Baker, who predeceased him in 1996. In Sarasota he was employed by Electro-Mechanical Research Telemetry and served as a financial officer at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport. Locally Ken had been a participant in the Shriners, Lions Club and Senior Friendship Center.

Ken was also predeceased by his two siblings, sister Martha Mae (Lyle) Vanderpoel of Sayre, PA, and brother William Ellery (Dorothy) Eden of Midland, MI; and a stepson, William "Ray" (Joyce) Spittel of Honesdale, PA. The family appreciates Raymond (cont on next page...)



Miriam Douglas

July 9, 1932 - July 27, 2009

Miriam Douglas, 77, of Sarasota, formerly of Jamaica and New York, N.Y., died July 27, 2009. Celebration of Life was held at Saint James United Methodist

Church, Sarasota. National Cremation Society and Memorial Center, Sarasota, was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include daughters Sylburn Young, Roselyn Parkins, Patricia Davis, Yvonne Williams, Marlene and Shirley; sons Earl, Wilton and Paul; a sister, Barbara Jim; 34 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Eva Grace Cobb

January 3, 1921 - August 6, 2009

Eva Grace Cobb, 88, of Sarasota, formerly of Havre, Mont., died August 6, 2009. Service will be private at a later date. The Good Earth Crematory is in charge of arrangements. Survivors include a son, Steven L. of Sarasota; and several grandchildren.



Daryl D. Ditmer

November 27, 1932 - August 7, 2009

Age 76 of Springdale, OH, formerly of Butler Township, passed away Friday, August 7, 2009. He was born November 27, 1932 in Dayton, son of the late Collins & Lillian Ditmer. Daryl was a retired employee of the Plastic Materials Co. and was a Marine Corp Veteran where he was a Jet Pilot. He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Ann in 2000. Daryl is survived by 1 son, Jeffrey D. Ditmer of Uniontown, OH; 3 daughters, Debra A. Dewitt of West Chester, Randi L. Larkin of IL, and Laura Ditmer of West Chester; 8 grandchildren and numerous other relatives & friends.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, August 11, at the Dayton National Cemetery, 4100 W. Third St. with Military Honors.



Rachel M. Ramsey

November 27, 1927 - August 14, 2009

Rachel M. Ramsey, 81, of Sarasota, died August 14, 2009. A memorial service was held at Wiegand Brothers Funeral Home. Survivors include daughters Pat of Bethesda, Md., and Robin of Huntington Beach, Calif.; a brother, Jim V. Griesi Sr. of Venice; and a sister, Maybelle Lonardo of Bradenton.



Calvin Crooks

September 4, 1917 - July 12, 2009

Cal joined Saint James on August 13, 1995. He was active in Sunday School for several years. When his health allowed, Cal attended the Traditional (11am) service, where his smile and handshake were shared with many.

joined Saint James. The memorial service, officiated by Pastor Kim was held Saturday, August 29, in the chapel at Palms Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Residents Fund at the Springwood Care Center.

(...Ken Eden) (Lola) Baker of Sarasota, a special nephew, who provided loving support to Ken throughout his life. Also surviving are his sons, Brian (Barbara) Eden of Cayuga Heights, NY, and David Eden of Elmira, NY; and a daughter, Nancy (James) Crofoot of Jamestown, NY. Surviving children of his second wife, Susan, are Jacqueline (Richard) Peterson of Gillett, PA, and Sandra Reynolds of Forest City, NC. Ken is also survived by a longtime friend, Trudi Tolen of Sarasota. On September 29, 1996. Ken

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Wow it's hard to believe Camp E.D.G.E. is over and

done! We all really had a wonderful week experiencing and discovering God everywhere. About thirty children attended



the Bible. There were games played and crafts made daily. There was also a discovery time where the campers could discover God in the science lab. Our mission for the week was the United Methodist Children's Home. We learned about the history of the children's home and raised \$500 to support them. VBS is not possible without the efforts of



during the five days of VBS. We enjoyed a meal nightly before breaking up into small groups. The adults were challenged on how to live a life experiencing and discovering God with a class led by Pastor Kim. The children broke up into four small groups which did a variety of activities. There was a daily bible trek which allowed the campers to experience different events from



many volunteers. I would like to send out an extra special **Thank You** to all the many hands and feet that helped show Christ's love to our church and our community. Thank you for giving of your time and talents! Many lives were touched and blessed and will never be the same again.

God is so Good!



Christina

Early Learning Academy Thanks....

Karen Kehrl

The Board of Directors of Saint James Early Learning Academy wishes to thank the parishioners of Saint James for their continuing support of this vital ministry. Special thanks to the following volunteers for donating their time:

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| Joyce Brozich | Sharon Brozek |
| Rose Burbage | Linda & Jim Crouse |
| Barb Davis | Jim DeCaprio |
| Meghan LeMon | Marcia Mulvaney |
| Deanie Oberlin | Judy Snodgrass |

These volunteers are providing valuable assistance in several areas of the program.

The need for more volunteers continues,

especially during the afternoon hours and helping with the toddler-aged children. If working with children is not your strength, there are other areas of the program where you can serve. These areas include answering the phone and helping with office jobs, and helping with storing and stocking classroom supplies. There are also little tasks for those who cannot commit to a regular schedule but are able on an as-needed basis.

More information is available on the information table in the foyer or by calling the academy at 941-342-0191.



Active Christians Together (ACTS)



'Active Christians Together Socially' will begin another season of

monthly gatherings in September. We invite everyone in the church to join us for an evening of fellowship filled with fun and laughter! Remember, "A merry+ heart does good like medicine!" *Proverbs 17:22*

For the past 2 years Bee and Sam Rudawsky and Rose and Bill Johnson enjoyed the blessing

of chairmanship of the group. At the May gathering, we are happy to announce that **Terry Benson** and her sister, **Sherry Brune** have volunteered to be the chairpersons for the next 2 years!

Thanks to all of you who responded so wonderfully to our activities in the past. We know you will be totally blessed to attend some if not all of them this next season!

We look forward to seeing you at our September gathering on September 26th. God bless you always!

Rose, Bill, Bee and Sam

What Do You Really Believe?

By Jerry Dennis

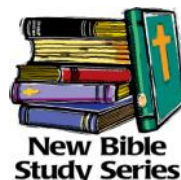
Ever since I was a young minister and fresh seminary graduate in Indiana, my single biggest frustration has been that so many Christians misread/misunderstand/misquote the Bible. This, coupled with old wife's tales, superstitions, and the mountain of writings from other sources has led many Christians to the point where their own personal belief systems are confusing. (Many times quotations from Mark Twain are thought to be from the Bible. Even Hitler misquoted the Bible in many of his speeches.) Quite often, when you need your faith to lead you through personal crises, you don't know for sure what you really believe.

No one wants to be in such a confused state, but we are all victims of two thousand years of meddling with the basic Gospel of Jesus Christ. Over the decades, the earthly traditions of the organized church coupled with the false teaching and preaching of untold thousands of "false prophets" (as Jesus called them) have

Believe!

made it very difficult to sort out our own personal faith. Add to this the misleading and inaccurate books, movies, and TV shows based on "religious fiction" plus other pop culture treatments of Christianity further muddling up our faith.

Because of all this, I have taught 20+ classes over the years in subjects ranging from overviews of the Old and New Testament, to history of the church in the first and second centuries. I have written curriculums on theology, church history, Roman history, religious philosophy, comparative religions, textual criticism, etc. Beginning this fall, at the Wednesday Discover Night program, I will try to condense much of these past classes into a weekly class which I will call "What Do You Really Believe" I plan



New Bible Study Series

for the series to last until next summer, so please plan to attend. I hope to make the material appeal to all ages from teenagers on up.



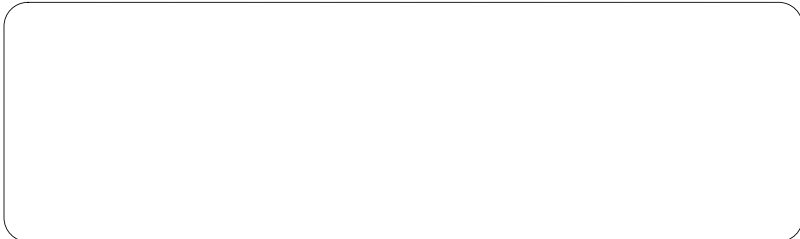
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7:45 AM - Informal Worship Service (HOLY COMMUNION *First* Sunday of the Month)
 9:10 AM - Contemporary Service (HOLY COMMUNION *Every* Sunday)
 11 AM - Traditional Worship Service (HOLY COMMUNION *First* Sunday of the Month)
 9:10 AM + 11:00 AM - Sunday Small Groups



Saint James United Methodist Church
 United Methodist Men Ministry
 and
 The Music Ministry of Saint James
PRESENT A FAMILY EVENING OF DINNER AND CHRISTIAN MUSIC



DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2009 **TIME:** 5:00PM—6:30 PM - DINNER



6:30PM—7:00PM - SILENT AUCTION
 CONVERSATIONAL MUSIC, SING-ALONG
 TESTIMONY FROM LOVING HANDS
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MENU
 CHICKEN MARSALA
 PENNE PASTA
 CAESAR SALAD
 BREAD
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7:00PM—8:30PM CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC
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 ADULTS—\$13
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