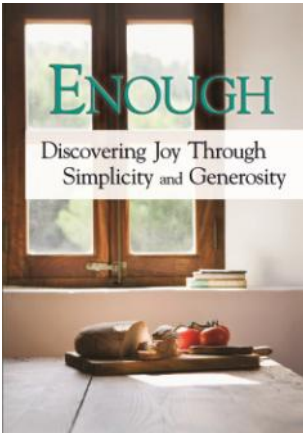


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"ENOUGH"

[Our current series, "Walk Across the Room," has been the most significant learning and growing experience for us in recent times. For a note about the time remaining with this series and its conclusion, please read the note following this article!]

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in our country today. We have witnessed dramatic market loses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, and many bankruptcies and mergers. It seems each day brings another piece of the economic uncertainty or question.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported laying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide." ("*Eight Out of Ten Americans Stressed Because of Economy*" by Madison Park, CNN.com)

Join us for worship the four Sundays of our next series, October 31 - November 21, entitled "***ENOUGH: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity***". What we are experiencing, many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, during this

next series, we will be having a church-wide study and worship emphasis called "***ENOUGH: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity***." We will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in worship on Sunday, Nov. 21, Thanksgiving Sunday! I hope you will make the plans now to join us throughout this series, "***ENOUGH***," as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy. I am truly ecstatic about what God has been doing with us and know this series will continue that power of growth and change!

You are loved.....
peace, kim joyner <><

"WALK ACROSS THE ROOM"

Through October 24, we will be continuing our series, "Walk Across the Room"! This has been such a tremendous experience with many persons genuinely growing, learning, talking about what God is doing in their lives and the life of Saint James. We, many of us, are learning how we CAN share our faith and build significant relationships in our lives - all that makes a difference in our community and for God's purpose. I encourage you to make your plan to be in one of the worship services for the

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Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

The women of Saint James need you help to match the success of last year. Listed

below are the areas of need:

- Please drop off empty unwrapped standard size shoeboxes on Sunday morning or during the week.
- After those boxes are wrapped they will be put on top of the glass cases in the foyer.

- Please pick up one or two of the wrapped boxes to take home and fill up with gifts for either boys or girls. (Instructions are in the wrapped shoeboxes)
- Return the filled boxes to the foyer on Sundays or to the church office Monday–Friday between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this very special outreach for children around the world.

“Your gift of love may be the door God uses to open a child’s heart to Jesus Christ.”



A Ministry of Goodwill Manasota, Inc

Hi, this is Zachariah McNaughton from the Goodwill Faith Care Connection, which your church is a member of, and which will “help anyone with anything for as long as it takes.” This month I would like to introduce one of our volunteer Care Givers.

C. J. Hahn from Saint James United Methodist Church volunteers from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Thursdays at Goodwill’s Honore and 17th Street center to help those seeking assistance. Although he doesn’t necessarily have an appointment every week, he has had the opportunity to work with families in our community with everything from foreclosure prevention, to rent assistance, to helping a single mother keep her lights on.

C.J. derives a sense of satisfaction from giving back to the community. So far he has worked with

Being a Care Giver

six different families and individuals in various ways.

He has been trained in the

Faith Care Connection step-by-step manual and our appointment-making software, and I am always available to help C.J. with any Care Receiver.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Goodwill Faith Care Connection, either through your pastor or church secretary, or by calling me directly at (941)400-3129.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering one hour or more a week to help out the Goodwill Faith Care Connection, at your church or at one of our Goodwill Centers, then please call the number above. We will train you to meet with families and individuals to assess their needs and find them “help with anything for as long as it takes.”

Thanks and God bless!

Zachariah McNaughton
Goodwill Faith Care Connection

(continued from front page) completion of this series - our most significant in recent times! The final part of the series will be October 24 and services that day will be well, you'll just have to be there!! The Worship Design Team has done an excellent job of planning and preparing and still GOD HAS BEEN preparing us all for this time and will be doing some heart-rocking stuff on that final Sunday! Don't miss it!! We have so much to celebrate with

what we have all been learning together in recent days. Honor God with the celebration and "telling your story," as well as His story, to any you may "Walk Across" to in your daily life!

WOW!! We have some fabulously rocking days ahead! Invite and bring a friend as you plan to attend the completion of this series! God IS working through us! Let's not miss seeing what He is doing and participating in it!

Outreach for the Christmas Season

It seems like every year there is something lost from our traditions during the Christmas Season. Each year the shelves are set for Christmas earlier and earlier. The spirit of giving has been replaced by the spirit of receiving. But there is one tradition that continues to remind us that Christmas is about sharing Christ's love and care for others. The Salvation Army Red Kettle has been that reminder for 80 years in the Sarasota community. This year Saint James will be one of 25 area churches who will partner with the Salvation Army for the annual Christmas Season Bell Ringer Event.

Blessings, Brian Russell

A note from one of our project leaders:

We (Saint James volunteers) will be stationed at the Fruitville Road Winn Dixie Store. The event will last for 25 days, beginning the day after Thanksgiving and continuing until December 24th, Christmas Eve. We will be wearing aprons with the Saint James name, logo, address and website. This presents a tremendous opportunity to both collect money for the Salvation Army and also to come in contact with as many as 15,000 to 20,000 new individuals in our community. This whole venture is so in tune with, and complimentary to, our current series of sermons on reaching out and building relationships, that I know The Holy Spirit has to be at work at Saint James.

On a recent Saturday morning, Pastor Kim, Joanie and staff led a small group of church members in an effort to reach out to our



community. We set out from the church wearing name tags, Saint James t-shirts and armed with trash bags, gloves and ice water. Pastor Kim divided us into two groups and directed us to two separate nearby neighborhoods. Pastor Kim suggested we pick up trash and tell the people we met on our way that we were from Saint James and that we wanted to be visible and present in our neighborhood. He also suggested

we should ask if there was anyone who would like to make a prayer request. This experience was personally very gratifying to me. I felt proud to be representing Saint James in such a simple, but very real way. Whenever I met up with one of my "neighbors" the message about our church being a warm and wonderful place to worship literally came spilling out of my mouth. One of the people I met gave me a prayer request for her sister who was just diagnosed with breast cancer. Everyone with whom I came in contact was receptive to hearing about Saint James and was genuinely impressed that we were "out there" in the neighborhood. Even though this was a relatively small group endeavor, I believe that it may have a greater impact on our mission than we can know right now, and that other opportunities such as the venture with the Salvation Army have the potential to truly "Bringing Christ to People, by Bringing People to Christ."

Beatriz Lowery and myself are co-chairing this Saint James/Salvation Army event with Assistant Pastor, Brian Russell serving as our church advisor and sponsor. All three of us ask you to pray about your participation and support for this upcoming campaign. More details and information will follow throughout the month of October.

Yours in Christ,
Jean Flugel

**NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT WITH THE NEWSLETTER?
FIRST PERSON TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
WITH THE RIGHT ANSWER,
WILL RECEIVE A SURPRISE GIFT!**

Staff and families are not allowed to participate :(

Birthdays and Anniversaries October 2010

Birthdays

October 3	Randall Morgan Hudson Redl
5	Debby Miller Richard Sulik
6	Bruce Brozek Rylee Pilat
8	Kay Siebold Sam Dixon
14	Patty Strait
17	Beverly Miller
18	Jeffi Westberry Tyler Gray Cameron Gray
26	Bebe Loizeaux Terry Benson Sherry Brune
29	J.R. Cline

Anniversaries

October 3	Don & Stella Farmer
5	Neil & Meryl Sclater
6	John & Kathy Stone
12	Grant & Dolores Siegfried
14	Greg & Nancy Sollenberger

Consider donating to the
Scholarship Fund on your
birthday. Thank you!

PRaise TEAM & BAND is looking for members. Can you play an instrument? Do you want to learn how to play? Please call Jenny in the church office.

CHOIR being formed now! Practice will begin at 6pm on October 19th in the music suite. For more information, please see Don Burlock between services.

CHRISTMAS is right around the corner and plans are underway for a musical production. Anyone interested in participating please watch for more information..

Coming Soon!!

Join us on Facebook!
"Saint James
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Celebrate
with us
every

Sunday morning at 10:45 am
for KMotion @ Kids Street,
our new children's program.

Early Learning Academy



The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus,
As I carve my pumpkin
help me pray this prayer:

Open my mind
so I can learn about you;
(Cut the top off the pumpkin)
Psalm 100:3

Take all my sin and
forgive the wrong that I do.
(Clean out the inside)
I John 1:9

Open my eyes
so Your love I will see;
(Cut eyes shaped like hearts)
Psalm 119:18

I'm sorry for the times
I've turned up my nose at
what You've given to me.
(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)
Psalm 86:5

Open my ears so
Your Word I will hear,
(Cut ears shaped like the Bible)
Proverbs 12:15

Open my mouth to
tell others You're near.
(Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)
Psalm 118:17

Let Your light shine
in all that I say and do! Amen!
(Place a candle inside and light it!)
Matthew 5:16

— Author Unknown



Fall Festival & Costume Parade FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29th

The Early Learning Academy will
begin the annual costume parade at
10:45 am on the 29th.

They will parade through each
classroom for a treat and also
parade through the church foyer
and office for treats.

You are invited to come and see the
children in their costumes.

If you have preschoolers they are
invited to join the children.





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