



## **ESTHER: IT'S TOUGH BEING A WOMAN**

Wednesdays during Discovery Night beginning on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The group will meet for 9 weeks during two time frames: 4 pm to 6 pm or 7 pm to 9 pm. Join Beth in a very personal examination of the Old Testament story of Esther as she peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story is to our lives today. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the Bible

study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives. Sign up by calling the church office, completing and returning the form available in the foyer or on our website. The cost of the workbook is \$17.00 (including postage.)



**YOUTH GROUP RUMMAGE SALE** The Youth will be having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 1 pm. Donations are now being accepted. Please call Brian to arrange pick up of large items or drop them off in the church office from 10 am to 4 pm. Proceeds will help the Youth attend 'Night of Joy,' 'Rock the Universe,' and 'Imprint.' 'Night of Joy' and 'Rock the Universe' are

held at Disneyworld and Universal Studios where Contemporary Christian artists perform throughout the night. They will be joining thousands of others; children, youth and adults, praising God. This annual event is held the weekend after Labor Day. 'Imprint,' is the fall retreat for Youth held in November at Warren Willis Camp.



## **DISCOVERY NIGHT TEAM PLANNING MEETING**

on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Room 303.

**DISCOVERY NIGHT** starts on September 21<sup>st</sup>!!!

Looking for a place to volunteer? Volunteer positions are available — kitchen helpers, including set-up and

clean-up, nursery positions for infant and pre-k, elementary age small group leaders and much, much more!! Come to the meeting and find out where God wants you to serve!



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Shoeboxes are being collected for this year's drive. Please drop off your empty shoeboxes in the church office. All boxes need to have a separate lid to be accepted by Operation Christmas Child. Boxes with the lid attached cannot be used! We also need

Christmas wrapping paper. Please contact Nancy Winding at 941-355-7888 if you have any questions. Thank you for all your help!!

**KIVA.org** is a non-profit organization with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. Leveraging the internet and a worldwide network of microfinance institutions, Kiva lets individuals lend as little as \$25 to help create opportunity around the world. To find out more go to [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org). Saint James' UM Men have joined Kiva to help this cause.

## **TWO WEEKS LEFT FOR CHICK-FIL-A's SUMMER SANDWICH PROMOTION**

Bring in your church bulletin on Monday, **August 21<sup>st</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>** to receive a **FREE** sandwich—Buy One Get One FREE Original Chick-fil-A sandwich (One per person, per visit, and must be present to receive your sandwich, dine in only.) The stores on Fruitville Road, Clark Road and at Sarasota Square Mall are all participating!

*The 'Beat* **THE 'BEAT** (Saint James' Newsletter) is looking for news and sharing articles. Have a story to tell? We want to hear it! Have something special you want to share? Have an event or small group to invite others to? We want to hear it!! Please submit your articles to [trina@saintjamesumc.org](mailto:trina@saintjamesumc.org), by September 6<sup>th</sup> to be included in the Fall issue.

**ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK** needs our help! The supplies at the facility are very low and there are thousands of needy families right here in the Sarasota area. Please help fill the barrel in the foyer and in turn we help our neighbors. Make Sunday a regular day to bring in food. You will surely be blessed. Thank you!

## **VOLUNTEER POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE LAWN CARE TEAM**

Are you able to spare a couple of hours at your convenience? We're looking for a few able bodied people to become part of the team of volunteers! If you are willing to serve on a rotation basis, please let the church office know. There are a lot of chores in addition to mowing, you can trim the bushes or trees, pick up the grounds, weeding etc. The fun of serving and working together will greatly help support our ministries!

*If you have any questions about activities or group meetings, please call the church office at 377-6180. Events are subject to change. Please call the church office or check our website for the most current information.*

## *Sunday Services*

9:00 am—Traditional Service

10:45 am—Contemporary Praise Service

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### **SUNDAY ADULT SMALL GROUPS**

**Kingdom Seekers** - 9:30 am - Room 310-311.

For more information, contact Rose Johnson @ 941-342-8254

**Joy Group** - 10:45 am - Room 308 (off for the summer)

For more information, contact Lois King @ 941-371-2750 ext. 128.

**Come and join us as we study God's word!!!**

### **CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES**

Age-level child care is available in rooms 314 and 315 beginning at 9 am through the end of the 10:45 service for children, birth through pre-kindergarten. "Activity Bags" are available from the ushers for children ages 3-10 to use during worship services.

### **KMotion @ Kids' Street**

Children are encouraged to attend KMotion @ Kids' Street. God has called us to turn the world upside down and create KMotion in our community.

Come join our new children's ministry for children kindergarten through fifth grade at 10:45 am on Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

### **SAINT JAMES EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY**

Mondays through Fridays

7:00 am - 6:00 pm: Six weeks through Pre-K.

Morning VPK Program.

### **DISCOVERY NIGHT**

A weekly program beginning with a Family Meal and followed by Praise and Worship, Kids activities, Youth program and Small Groups for Adults.

Childcare available for children through Pre-K. Begins on September 21<sup>st</sup>

Runs September— Early May

### **CONNECT 101**

Join us to find out what we believe, who we are and how to get connected at Saint James. Held quarterly on 3 consecutive Sunday evenings.

Watch for dates of next series.

### **'REVOLUTION' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

#### **Sunday Evenings**

Youth Group—Snacks, Bible Study & Games

**5:00—7:00 pm**

Events will be scheduled throughout the summer in

Addition to the fellowship on Sunday evening.

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