

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

- TODAY, 7/2 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*
- Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus*
 Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
 St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
 NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
- Tues, 7/4 **OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**
- Wed, 7/5 *Youth Crash Day: Mini Movie Marathon, 1PM in Montague Hall*
- Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary*
- Thurs, 7/6 *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room*
 Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Sat, 7/8 *Produce Packing, 8:30AM in Carson Hall*

Children's/Youth Discipleship: *Parents, please note that there will be no children's or youth discipleship during the month of July due to a lack of available teachers. We'll pick back up in August. Please contact Heather Johnson (heather@exit9b.com) or Bailey Martin (youth@stjamesraleigh.org) if you would like to volunteer with either the children's or youth ministries. Thank you!*

Sunday Hospitality Hosts Needed! *If you're willing to help set out drinks and snacks in the lobby on Sunday mornings before Common Thread worship and clean everything up by 10:30am, we could use your help! Team leads Sheila DeBastiani (sheilad983@gmail.com) and Denise Holbrook (deniseholbrook4@gmail.com) will be glad to answer your questions or provide training. Please volunteer today at <https://tinyurl.com/HospitalityHosts>.*

Holiday Closing: *The office and Food Pantry will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. We will resume our regular office hours on Wednesday.*

It's Crunch Time! We need new Backpack Buddies teams by mid-July, or we won't be able to continue serving this mission for the 2023-24 school year. How you can volunteer:

- **One & Done Team:** A family or group supports a single month. The group is responsible for buying the food*, assembling the packages and delivering them to Wildwood Forest Elementary School.
- **Put Me In Coach:** Sign up to help, and we'll create a team.

Sign up now at <https://tinyurl.com/2023-24BB> or contact Tom Wilson at 919-961-4510.

**Approved food expenses will be reimbursed.*

Project Agape is back! We'll be packing boxes again for children in war-torn Armenia from July 9-August 13. Keep an eye on those back-to-school sales! More info to follow next week. Thanks to Ed & Kay Smallwood for heading up this wonderful mission for us again!

The 14th Stan Whitt Golf Classic, benefitting pancreatic cancer research, will be held at Zebulon Country Club on Saturday, August 26. Registration will begin at 12:00 noon with a shotgun start at 1:00 and lunch to follow. This event is for everyone regardless of skill level and is always a great time of fellowship and fun. Registration forms are available [here](#), in the church lobby or through the weekly email. Contact Milburn Holbrook (919-554-1416) with any questions.

Looking ahead: Please note these upcoming events on the church calendar:

July 16-22: Youth ASP Trip

July 30: 5th Sunday Worship Under the Trees, 10AM In the north parking lot

AND Youth Wet-n-Wild Trip to Greensboro, NC

August 19: Church Picnic, 1-4PM in South Parking Lot

August 26: Stan Whitt Golf Classic, 1PM at Zebulon Country Club

AND Youth Beach Trip to Carolina Beach

September 29: Annual BBQ Fundraiser, 11AM-7PM in Carson Hall