

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 8/20	Promotion Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks Common Thread worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout church campus *Backpack Buddies packing, 10:10AM in Carson Hall Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary *Children's Discipleship Training/Lunch, 12PM in
Carson Hall	St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12 Finance Committee, 5PM in the Library NA, 7PM in Saints Hall
Mon, 8/21	Transformational Ministry meeting, 6PM in Room 12
Tues, 8/22	Library Committee, 9AM in the Library Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
Wed, 8/23	Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary
Thurs, 8/24	New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sat, 8/26	Youth Families Beach Trip, meet at church at 8AM
Sun, 8/27	Common Thread worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout church campus Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary Nominations Committee, 4PM in Room 12 NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Children's Discipleship Training is TODAY after worship: If you are a K-5 Discipleship teacher, or willing to join a teaching team, the Children's Ministry Council will have a Teacher Planning and Lunch meeting in Carson Hall at 12pm. Please come join us for fellowship and a look at the fall curriculum.

Are you interested in serving as a liturgist/lay reader? We would like to bring back the liturgists for both worship services. Liturgists will read the announcements, read one of the scripture packages, and possibly lead the prayer after the offering is collected in the 11am service. If you are interested in serving this way in worship, please email Sandra Horton (sbhorton1957@gmail.com) or Bailey Martin (youth@stjamesraleigh.org).

Kids Club: There is no Kids Club in August. We will have our **Kids Club Kickoff on Sunday, September 10 at 4:00PM** in Carson Hall. Bailey will lead the youth and kids in a Family Feud Night: Adult Volunteers vs. Kids/Youth. If you are currently volunteering, or have considered volunteering with either Kids Club or Youth, we invite you to come join us for some fun and to learn more about what is planned for the Kids Club and Youth programs for 2023-24!

The 2023 **Stan Whitt Classic Golf Tournament** scheduled for August 26, 2023 **has been rescheduled for October 7**. This spring, our host course Zebulon Country Club reseeded their greens. Due to the weather, the greens will not be available for play by August 26, so we have worked with the course to reschedule for October 7. We apologize for this change. If you have any questions, please contact Milburn Holbrook (919-554-1419, 919-247-5233 or mholbr2@ncsu.edu).

Adult ASP Trip: We have dates set for a Fall ASP mission trip for those 18+. We'll be heading to Jonesville, VA Thursday, October 26-Sunday, October 29. Expected cost is \$100 per person. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Pastor Dan (dan@stjamesraleigh.org) by August 31!

Stephen Ministry Note: Our Stephen Ministry will begin a training in October. Stephen Ministers are lay persons who have been trained and commissioned to provide Christian care for others. The care and friendship of a Stephen Minister can be a source of strength, guidance and comfort to persons going through difficult times. If you are interested in this ministry and feel called to serve as a Stephen Minister, please contact Pat Fasone (919-630-5909) for more information.

Plan Ahead! As students return to school and our programs and events gear up for the fall, please remember to plan ahead and submit Ministry Planning Sheets for any new meetings or events. We are working to get a Google calendar linked from our church software added to our church webpage for planning purposes, but if you don't submit a Planning Sheet, your event won't make it onto the church calendar. Planning Sheets are available in the office or under the Members tab on the church website, or you can contact Martha (office@stjamesraleigh.org; 919-876-5796) for help.