



Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

June 17, 2014

Weekly Devotion: 'Good News'

It is zeal for your house that has consumed me. (Psalm 69:9)

I've been sitting with the homeless folks who come to the soup kitchen for preaching and breakfast. I treasure these sisters and brothers. Clarence's cooked grin accompanies his halting trip to get coffee. Alex and Willie save a place for me at their table. Andrew is back to begin recovery— again. Veronica holds close two shopping bags filled with all her possessions.

We sit together and listen to the preachers tell us that until we get serious with God, God won't be serious about us. We hear them say that addicts won't go through withdrawal if they accept Jesus as their savior. And, they add, if we have enough faith, Jesus will give us the job and the apartment we want.

As I listen to these preachers, I am consumed by zeal for God's house. I am a guest in this soup kitchen; yet as others preach, I want to shout out, "I have good news for you: Jesus came to search for and save the lost!"

My patience has borne fruit. I've been given permission to preach. Words of love, grace, forgiveness, healing, and discipleship fill the room when I stand in the midst of my sisters and brothers.

O Lord, make us humble servants of your will, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Potluck Picnic Following Worship

There will be a potluck picnic following worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sun., June 22. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy some outdoor fellowship.

Pastor Randy To Begin July 21

St. James has voted to call Pastor Randall Romsdahl as the next Senior Pastor. He will begin in the office on Mon., July 21. There will be a Bonfire Ministry bonfire at St. James on Sun., July 27 at 6:30 p.m. Please come welcome him to St. James and introduce yourself!

Updated Church Directory

St. James will be creating a new directory! This project will require some volunteer effort. If you would be willing to volunteer a few hours of your time, please contact the church office at office@stjamesincrystal.org. We are looking for people to help with portrait sign ups on Sunday mornings in June and greeting our families during photography the week of **July 21-25**. This would be a great opportunity for student community service hours!

Please notify us of any changes to address, phone, or email so the directory can have the most updated information!

Photo session sign-up is now available online at www.stjamesincrystal.org.

Mark your Calendar

- 6-21 *Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m.*
- 6-23 *Day Camp Begins at 9 a.m.*
- 6-29 *Bonfire's bonfire at First 6:30 p.m.*

Day Camp

Unfortunately, this year's Day Camp has been canceled due to low registration numbers.

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