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A View from the Crowe's Nest

And now, for you to meet the rest of the family. This is Sampson and Goliath (Goliath is the big one. He weighs a whopping 12 pounds.) These two are the head of the household. Sampson is basically Justin's dog and Goliath, Jesse's. But, somehow, I am the one responsible for their food and bills. J Pets often become like family. They are important to us and they teach us so much.

In fact, many people have come to experience a deeper understanding of God through the faithfulness of their dogs. A dog loves unconditionally, despite one's race, occupation, appearance or economics. He or she will just love you and lick you no matter what you look or smell like.

Some say a dog has a sixth sense. They seem to be able to sense impending danger, who needs them most, and who to be gentle with. At times, it almost feels like they can read your mind.

In Exodus 11:7 there is somewhat of an odd verse. In the Common English Bible it reads: But as for the Israelites, not even a dog will growl at them, at the people, or at their animals. By this you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

This verse tells the story of when the Jews fled from Egypt. The Jews worked as slaves under the rule of the Egyptians. To keep them in line the Egyptians used guard dogs. If a slave attempted to escape the dogs would bark out a warning and attack the slave. The Jews were terrified that if they attempted to leave, even though Pharaoh said they could, the dogs would come after.

The God promised the Israelites that they had nothing to fear. That according to his providence the dogs would not even bark or attack any Hebrews. In fact, holy Jewish writings record that the Jews were actually able to converse with the dogs during their escape and the dogs listened to them instead of the Egyptians. On Genesis, God gave humanity dominion over all the animals. In Hebrew word for dominion is *yadah*. It means to come down to. The Jews believed the ability to speak to the dogs came from *yadah*. That they were given the ability to come down to the dogs level and speak to them not with their lips but with their hearts. The dogs could differentiate between the Hebrews and Egyptians through a sensing and knowing of the heart. It is particularly interesting to note the Hebrew word for dog is *kalev* which also means "like your heart."

Anyway, Jewish sages teach that to exercise *yadah* (dominion) over a dog; one's speech must be as one's heart. A dog does not listen to the words you say. He pays close attention to your facial expressions, your movements and the tone of your voice. These are all expressions of your heart.

Justin is always trying to trick the dogs. He pretends he has a carrot (their favorite treat) in his hand and tosses it. Or, he will tell them "let's go" and they will run to the back door while Justin tries to sneak out a different door. He can't seem to fool them. They always seem to know what he is up to.

In the same way you can not fool God. He knows your real intentions. He knows your motives and thoughts. He listens to your heart. And he will judge us by our hearts. You can't fake out God any more than Justin can trick Sampson and Goliath. So be careful. May your heart and your actions match.

Blessings,

Pastor Sheila





As we enter the month of November JUMC Preschool will be teaching about being thankful. We all have so very much to be thankful for. On

November 19th we will have our Thanksgiving musical along with our Thanksgiving feast. This will start at 11:15 am in the sanctuary and the feast will follow. We will need about 5 - 6 volunteers to help with the feast if possible. Please let Donna Dooley know if you would be able to help. The last day of preschool for the holiday break is Nov. 19th.

Donna Dooley, Preschool Director
dooley@jasperumc.org



Coffee and refreshments have moved!! Join us in the sanctuary every Sunday at 9:30 for coffee and donuts. They will be available through from 9:30 to immediately fol-

lowing worship. If you aren't part of a Sunday School join us in the sanctuary for a time of casual conversation. And, as always invite others to come and join us!!



*"For all the Saints who from their labors rest,"
Sunday, November 16 at the 11:00 Worship Service
We will toll the bell for each member passed this last year.*



It's Operation Christmas Child shoe box time! You may pick up your boxes in the narthex or the church office. If you do not want to fill a box, just bring individual items to the narthex. If you are not comfortable shopping for items to fill your box, you can

go online at Samaritan's Purse. It's called "Build a Shoebox". Go to www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline and follow the instructions. The **deadline to turn in the boxes and items is Sunday, November 16**. For more information and questions contact Jeannie Brantley.



Dear Families,
We are excited to share our upcoming events for the month of November! We have a few great op-

portunities for your children to connect, learn, and grow in their faith this month. Take a look at what's happening:

KOK (Kids of the Kingdom)

Wednesdays: November 5, 12, and 19

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

We are thrilled to invite children ages 3 years old through 5th grade to join us for KOK on these dates! KOK is a wonderful time of fun, Bible stories, music, games, and activities designed to help children grow in their faith while building lasting friendships.

Please note that there will be no KOK on Wednesday, November 26th due to Thanksgiving. We hope you have a wonderful time with your loved ones!

Save the Date!

Breakfast with Santa: December 6th

We are already looking ahead to December and are excited to announce our Breakfast with Santa event!

Mark your calendars for this special occasion where your children can enjoy breakfast, meet Santa, and enjoy a festive time together. More details will be coming soon.

We look forward to seeing you and your children at these upcoming events! If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to reach out.

Blessings,

Amy Swancey

Director of Children and Youth Ministry
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*It's time to put up the tree and
get out the Chrismons.*

Deck the halls and be jolly!

*Cause it's the most wonderful
time of the year!*

*Advent starts November 30
and we have to be ready!*

So let's get this party started!!!

Join us on Sunday, November 23 at 12:00

We'll get the tree out and decorated.

And have a pizza and salad lunch.

You are all invited!



Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

We have a full music schedule for November:

Nov. 2: Phyllis on Piano Chancel Choir
Nov. 9: KOK Choir & Chancel Choir
Nov. 16: Darcy on Organ All Saints Sunday
Tolling of the Bell
Nov. 23: Susan on Piano, Justin & Gracie on Percussion with Chancel Choir
Nov. 30: Caroling Sing-a-Long and More 6:00 pm Everyone!!

Upcoming events in December:

Advent Wreath each Sunday
Dec. 14: "Breath of Heaven" Susan Gooch and Interpretive Dancers
Dec. 21: Family Christmas: Live Nativity
Dec. 24: Candlelight Service

In His Service,
Cathy Riley, Director of Music
criley@jasperumc.org
706-253-2100 or 618-384-6254



Dear Elevate Families,

As we head into November, we're excited about the opportunities for our youth to connect, grow, and have fun together. Here's a look at what's coming up this month for Elevate Youth Group Dates:

Sunday, November 2 – Youth Group Meeting
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday, November 5 – Youth Group Meeting
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Sunday, November 9 – Special Event (DTA)
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday, November 12 – Youth Group Meeting
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Sunday, November 16 – Youth Group Meeting
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday, November 19 – Youth Group Meeting
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Sunday, November 30 – Carol Sing and More (Holiday Celebration!)
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Important Notes:

No Elevate Youth Group on:

- November 23 (Thanksgiving Week)
- November 26 (Thanksgiving Week)

November 30th – Carol Sing and More

Join us for a festive and fun evening of singing Christmas carols and celebrating the start of the holiday season! This is a great event to bring your friends and share in some joyful cheer as we prepare for Christmas.

As we move into this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to express how thankful I am for JUMC and all the love and support this church offers. The volunteers who pour their time, energy, and heart into our youth programs. This church truly has the biggest heart for its youth, and it's a privilege to be part of such a caring and giving community. Thank you for everything you do to make these programs possible!

We look forward to seeing your youth at our upcoming events! If you have any questions or need more details, please feel free to reach out.

Blessings,
Amy Swancey
Director of Children and Youth Ministry

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Eat a yummy breakfast, decorate cookies, make crafts, go on a shopping spree, and chat with Santa!

SATURDAY DECEMBER 06
AT JUMC
8:30-10:30 AM

Ticket: \$5/person
TICKET INCLUDES: PANCAKE BREAKFAST, CRAFTS, COOKIE DECORATING, PICTURES WITH SANTA, AND ACCESS TO OUR CHRISTMAS SHOP

for more information:
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**Sunday,
November 30
6:00 pm**

**Singing, Instruments Playing,
Story Telling, Laughing, Eating!
Everyone is welcome
to join in the festivities!**



Who's ready for a day trip to Hamricks of Fort Oglethorpe for shopping and lunch at Steak & Shake? Sign up for Tuesday, November 4th for a fun day. Arrive at the church by 7:45 in order to depart by 8am. Approximate arrival home 4pm.

Sign up with Juanita Tatum
770-632563) nitawa27@gmail.com

Ladies Second Thursdays:

The Seekers Small Group will meet Thursday, November 13th at 10:00 am in room 106. All ladies are welcome for devotions and fellowship.

Dorcas Circle will meet Thursday, November 13th at 6 pm. All ladies are invited for refreshments, devotion, fellowship and a brief meeting.



United Methodist Men will meet Thursday, November 13. Dinner will served at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary with a devotion and business following.

Missions Matters

Thank you for all the support for Kenya Team 2025. Your funding, supplies, encouragement and prayers are what is sending and sustaining the team. The team returns Nov. 12. Reports to come!
Locally, JUMC hosted the Serve Pickens events so well. Great job to the glory of God.



C.A.R.E.S.

Items can be brought to the church and placed in the C.A.R.E.S. corner in the narthex.

November's focus is Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Boxed Cereals and Peanut Butter. They will also accept any non-perishable food items, hygiene and cleaning supplies. Thank you for your contributions.

**Daylight Savings
Time Ends
on Sunday,
November 2, 2025.
Turn your clocks
Back one hour!**



Call the church office to have names put on the list.
(Names will be on the list for 2 months)

Requested names to be lifted up:

Burl Chesser, Pam Edwards, Sara Fowler, Judy Francis, Peggy Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Linda Judkins, Don Larson, Joyce Leist, George Montgomery, Mary Russell, Susan Sherrell, Linda Waitsman

Retreat at Jasper Assisted Living: Carolyn Omundson, Carolyn Jenkins

Rock Creek Manor: Barbara Peddicord, Donna Dicus, Dayton & Mary Ann Adams, Don & Pat Smith,

Cedarhurst Assisted Living: George Hall

Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern, update or to notify us of any family illnesses, deaths or hospitalizations.

For any emergencies after office hours,
Pastor Sheila at (770) 842-3025

Christian sympathy extended to Jim Jackson and family on the death of his father.

Christian sympathy extended to Tom Harrison and family on the death of his wife, Gail.



All are welcome to join
a time of prayer in the prayer room

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

For more information contact
Dex Phillips



Wednesday Night Suppers are back and Chef Stan's meals are a huge success! If you would like to be a part of the kitchen crew, please text your cell phone number to Patsy

Rollins, 404-797-9996, and she will include you on the list to receive the weekly Perfect Potluck sign-up sheet. Daytime and Wednesday evening help is needed. No ongoing commitment is required-just come help when you can!

November Menus:

Nov. 5: Pork Loin, Sweet Potato, Broccoli, Ice Cream Cake

Nov. 12: Spaghetti, Garlic Knots, Salad, Fruit

Nov. 19: Chili, Baked Potato, Salad, Pumpkin Dump Cake