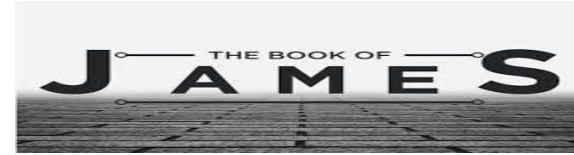
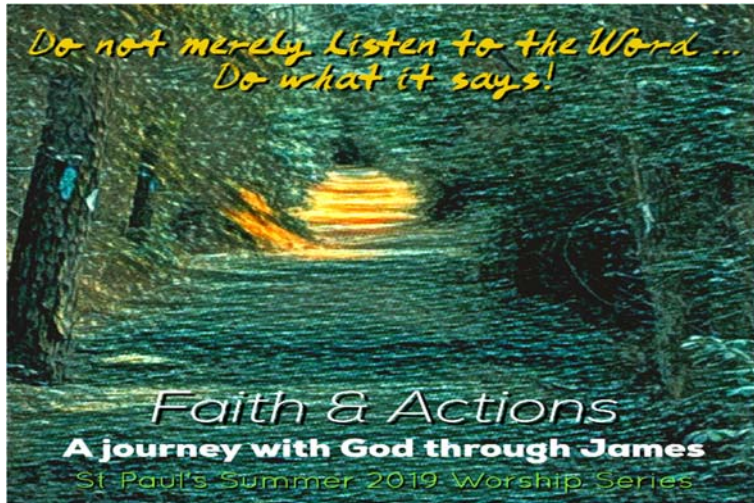




FAITH & ACTIONS WEEK #9

Are any among you sick?



We are nearing the end of our journey through the letter of James and we come to the challenging question, 'Are any among you suffering?' His quick response and directions to those answering in the affirmative ... "They should pray." But, as the counter point he asks, 'Are any cheerful?' And, if yes then "They should sing songs of praise." Leaving us with questions to consider ...

Questions ...

1. *If someone asked you if you were feeling cheerful and you said yes then would you relate your happiness to God and be ready to sing songs of praise? The Bible says you should but would you ever do that outside of church?*
 - a. *In fact, when we sing in church if you are cheerful to you sing enthusiastically or do you just mouth the words?*
2. *What causes you to suffer? Do you find a balance in your life on those bad days we all have to dismiss the hurt or strain as just 'one of those things' or do you pray to God.*
3. *James suggests we should "confess (y)our sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed." Are you or do you know anyone who would be comfortable doing that even if in doing that and experiencing forgiveness you knew you would be "healed?"*