



Family News

A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active
 St. John's Baptist Church · 300 Hawthorne Lane · Charlotte, North Carolina

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St. John's at Worship

Sunday, June 10

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer:

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon Series:

*Stories That Help Us Grow -
"For the Bible Tells Us So"*

Sermon:

The Color of Time

Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Galatians 4:3-6

This Sunday you'll notice signs in the hallways and some of you may even notice boxes of materials in your classrooms—that's because Vacation Bible School is next week! All of our guilds are full, and we have some wonderful volunteers from both St. John's and St. Martin's ready to help out.

Over the week, we will be learning about the seasons of the church year and how they help us to remember Jesus' life. We'll celebrate Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost all in one week! At the end of the week the children will have created art, learned important stories, visited the sanctuaries of St. John's and St. Martin's, and had lots of fun in the process. You'll get to see some of the art we create around our building after VBS is over, and we'll be sharing pictures of all the fun we are having.

A Year in the Church

Rising 2nd-6th
Graders

explore and
celebrate the
church year
by choosing
an art guild for
the week!

Guilds include:

- Drama
- Mosaics
- Painting
- Textile Art



4 Year Olds-
Rising 1st
Graders

explore and
celebrate the
church year in
a special
experience
designed just
for them! Each
day includes
art, story, and
play.

St. John's/St. Martin's VBS 2018

June 11-15; 9am-noon

\$15/child

Children aged 4 by June 1 - Rising 6th Graders

To register visit: <https://st-johns-st-martins-vbs-2018.eventbrite.com>

Questions? abenfield@sjcharlotte.org

Registration required. Registration closes June 4, 2018.

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High School Senior Recognition—Sunday, June 3



Left to right: Rev. Lee Gray, Joshua Sealey, Kirby Bragg, Rodney "Trey" Spence, Jayme Foy, Rev. Dennis Foust

GROWING IN SPIRIT • GROWING IN MISSION

Stories to Help Us Grow: For the Bible Tells Us So

The people of St. John's are growing people. Our commitment is to live as disciples of Jesus in the world through ministry in daily life. We pursue Actively Faithful Faithfully Active living. We are writing the story of our lives in conversation with the Story of Christ's Church, shaped by the STORY of God's mission.



This summer, our Sunday School Ministry will offer an Intergenerational Formation Hour (9:15 to 10:15) in Lasater Hall. Our Summer study theme is: *Stories to Help Us Grow: For the Bible Tells Us So.*

Each Sunday, we will gather around a story built upon biblical/theological themes and provide opportunities for conversations and activities. This Sunday, Allison Benfield will introduce us to 'How the Church Tells Time.' Then, during worship, we will use this theme of Time to celebrate God's Gift of Seasons which are gifts to us along life's way.

Other themes and stories for June include:

- * Creation June 17
- * The Great Family June 24

The stories of The Bible help us grow in spirit and in mission, as we open our lives to God's love.

GLOBAL MISSION OFFERING

Also, through this summer, we are growing in God's mission by sharing God's love with the schools of South Sudan. Our focus, once again this year, is the village of Nyarweng.



In addition to our \$15,000 goal, we are asking each person to write a note or offer an artwork page which can be read

by a child, teacher or administrator in the school. You may place your notes, drawings or artwork in the bookbag/backpack located near the pulpit on any Sunday during the summer.

Shalom,
Dennis

Youth News from Lee

Summer Youth Events

June 17-23 – High School Mission Trip with Sea Island Habitat on John's Island, SC. There will be a brief Parents' meeting following worship on Sunday, June 10. Youth will be commissioned during the worship service on June 17. Information and forms have been sent to participants. It is optional, but **I am asking youth participants who can to contribute \$100 to the "Youth Mission Auction Designated Fund."** (Due to the fact that we could not pre-build in Charlotte with donated materials, we are paying the standard per person material fee to Sea Island Habitat.)



July 23-28 – Unidiversity Youth Summer Camp

Participants who have not done so, please reply to the email sent this week with the electives and seminars you would like to take. They are first come, first serve.

August 11-14 – Middle School Local Mission Trip -

(this includes rising 6th graders through youth who have finished 8th grade) - Right now projects include Adopt-a-Stream cleanup, attending worship and putting down pavers at Hope Chapel, serving breakfast and sorting clothes at Crisis Assistance, preparing meals at Friendship Trays, and a brief Charlotte History tour hosted by St. John's own Janet Wade. Once the other 3 or so pieces have been put into place, I will send out an email to participants asking for volunteers to help with a local project or spend a night with us. Expect the cost to be around \$50 to cover the fun/recreational activities that are included. **If you/your youth would like to participate, please let me know if you have not already done so.** (Lodging and meals will be covered by the Mission Auction Fund.)

From Allison

Sundays, June 10-August 19

Nursery/2s: This class will be cared for in their room during Worship Hour only (10:15-11:30). You and your child(ren) are welcome to join us for Summer Sunday School.

PreK/K: This class will be cared for in the room next to the Nursery (note the room change!) during the Worship Hour only (10:15-11:30). You and your child(ren) are welcome to join us for Summer Sunday School.

Grades 1-5: From 9:15-10:20 they will participate in Summer Sunday School. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship.

Men's Softball season will begin on June 13. Lee will send out the schedule as soon as he receives it. If you are not already on the list and would like to be, please let him know. All games are played on weeknights at Providence Baptist Church.





Youth Mission Trip

We are excited about the opportunity to build yet another Habitat House this year with Sea Island Habitat during our High School Mission Trip on June 17-23. This will be our 10th time building a house with Sea Island on either Johns Island or James island. This trip is a lot of fun, and also a lot of work.

There will be 22 youth and about 16 adults working throughout the week. We will work from 6:30 am-3:00 pm each day on a house on James Island. In the evening, there will be devotions and daily awards. We will also enjoy dinner in Charleston and a trip to the beach.

Basic information, schedule, and a packing list have been sent to all participants. There are also two required release forms for the trip, one from Sea Island Habitat and the other for St. John's (if you have already been on a youth trip in the 2018 calendar year then I have the St. John's release form). There will be a meeting after church this Sunday, June 10, in the chapel to collect release forms and any donations you would like to make to the "Youth Mission Trip Designated Fund." (We had to pay Sea Island a \$175 per person fee for the first time this year. This fee has been waived for us in prior years because of the sheer volume of materials we were able to bring down with us from the pre-building we did in Charlotte beforehand. They didn't want us to pre-build this time.)

Youth will be commissioned in the worship service on Sunday, June 17. We depart for John's Island following the service and lunch at the church. Luggage can be dropped off in the first-floor lounge on your way to Sunday School. We will return around 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 23.

**STORIES TO HELP US GROW:
For the Bible Tells Us So
A St. John's Summer Series**

This summer we're going to do something a little different. From June 10-August 19, we will have an Intergenerational Summer Sunday School at 9:15 am in Lasater Hall. We'll gather together and learn about some of the most important stories of our faith. We have a lot to learn from each other!

During these weeks, this will be the only option for families with children during the Sunday School hour. (We will offer worship care for the Nursery/2s Class and the PreK/K Class from 10:15-11:30 each week of Summer Sunday School.) Adult individuals/classes have the option of joining our time of learning together.

Come join the circle as we wonder together about the stories of faith! These stories will continue in worship each week.



What is this?
What does it have to do with church?
Come join us in Summer Sunday School and Worship to find out!

FIREBIRD ARTS ALLIANCE PRESENTS

Pass Me The Jazz

Sat, June 9
7:30 pm
St John's Baptist
300 Hawthorne Ln
Charlotte

Tickets \$20/15/10
VoxFirebird.org
and at the door

VOX
David Tang, Director
The Rick Bean Trio
Dawn Anthony, Vocalist

Rick Bean & Kevin Gray's hit
Jazz Mass

Small group standards and favorites like
Night and Day, All the Things You Are, and more

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Every participant in God's Servant Church

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Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Joe Ehrenberger - Asbury; Bill Claytor, Nancy Burgess, Camille Green, Genice Harper, Polly Hull, Dale Johnson, Pat Lloyd, Johnnie Morcock, Brad Sifford, & Carole Ann Simpson - home

Congratulations to JJ Raynor, daughter of Ken and Lucy Raynor, who graduated last week from Harvard Business School as a Baker Scholar which is the highest distinction for graduates; and to Bill and Anne Claytor, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sunday, June 10

Deacons: Cindy McIntyre, Mark McNeill, Melissa Millette, Jane & Morgan Newman, Russell Norris, Kim & Robby Ray, Shannon Rodden, Gail Sifford
Tellers: Morgan Newman, Tim Gibson
Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Bobby Furr; 5th St.-Al & Treva Bridges; Broach Hall-Jimmy Carpenter; Elevator- Marvin Carter
Ushers: Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Susan King

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of May 21-27: \$13,855
 Income through May 27: \$357,367
 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

2018 Global Mission Offering
Goal - \$15,000—Received \$440
 Benefitting
 The Nyarweng Primary School, South Sudan

Ministers on Call:

June 4-10: Lee Gray 704-451-1309
 June 11-17: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234



⇒ In 1959, Dr. Broach asked the church to take note of the changing residential patterns in the community and to change the minister of education position to that of associate pastor. Dr. Robert Lasater was called to the newly defined position.

Friday, June 15
6:30 am
Church Lounge



SAVE THE DATES: The 2018 Charlotte Pride Festival is Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19, with the 2018 Bank of America Charlotte Pride Parade starting at 1 pm on Sunday, August 19. The Pride Interfaith Service will be held at St. John's on Sunday, August 12, at 4 pm. Follow this space for more details. If you would like to volunteer to do more than march in the parade, e-mail



Todd Stillerman at stillerman@gmail.com or text Mattie Stillerman at 704-362-6743.

Calendar: June 10 - 16

Sunday, June 10

8:00.....Administrative Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
 8:00.....Deacon Leadership Training (Lasater Hall)
 9:15.....Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)
 10:30.....Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:30.....Habitat meeting (Chapel)
 2:00.....Room in the Inn training (Chapel)

Monday, June 11

8:00.....Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
 9:00.....Vacation Bible School
 8:00.....AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, June 12

7:00.....Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 9:00.....Vacation Bible School
 2:00.....Staff meeting (Conference Room)
 4:15.....Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 5:15.....SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
 6:00.....Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Support Groups (Room 114 & 116)

Wednesday, June 13

6:30.....Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:00.....Vacation Bible School
 6:00.....Mission Resource Team (Conference Room)
 6:00.....AA (Lasater Hall)
 6:30.....Charlotte Nets AAU (Gym)
 7:15.....Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, June 14

9:00.....Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 15

6:30.....Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
 9:00.....Vacation Bible School
 5:30.....Volunteers serve dinner at Uptown Men's Shelter
 8:00.....AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, June 16

7:00.....Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30.....Kids Basketball (Gym)
 10:30.....Pride Interfaith Service planning meeting (Conference Room)
 1:30.....South Sudanese (Broach Hall)

Complete calendar online:
www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org