



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

Sermon Series:

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

Sunday, July 1

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer:

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon:

Why Freedom?

Scripture:

Exodus 1:8-14, 5:-12, 6:1-9, 12:29-34

Sunday, July 8

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer:

Rev. Allison Benfield

Story:

The Exile and Return

Scripture:

Psalms 137:1-4; Psalm 126

Naturalization Workshop Ministry Opportunities!

Todd Stillerman has been working through the Bank of America Legal Department with the Latin America Coalition to staff naturalization workshops in Mecklenburg County. These workshops provide free legal advice to immigrants with permanent resident status on how to fill out their N-400 forms to apply for naturalized U.S. citizenship. **One of these workshops will be held at St. John's in Broach Hall on Saturday, July 14, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.** In addition to providing space for the workshop, we have the opportunity to help in the following ways:

- Volunteers to assist with check-in and greeting from 8 am to 2 pm (can work in shifts).
- Volunteers to help with refreshments, including set-up and clean-up.
Contact Beverly: beverlyrhester@earthlink.net
- Non-attorney volunteers to assist clients in filling out the N-400 form. This requires participation in a 1-hour training session at Latin American Coalition at a time to be determined.
- Attorney volunteers to advise clients on filling out N-400 form. This requires 2 hours of online training.
Contact Todd: todd.stillerman@bankofamerica.com

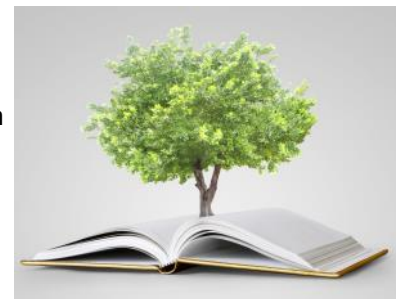
Please consider being involved in this important ministry to members of our community who are seeking to become naturalized citizens!

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.



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SUMMERTIME, AND THE LIVIN' IS....

In George Gershwin's classic opera, Porgy and Bess, Clara sings a lullaby,
*Summertime...And the livin' is easy
 Fish are jumpin'And the cotton is high.*
 In the life and ministries of St. John's, 'the livin' is busy.'



NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:
 As of July 1st, Jacquelyn McAbee will become our new Church Administrator. For the past three years, we have enjoyed the blessing of Jacquelyn being our Administrative Assistant. She will now coordinate matters related to finance, facilities, contracts and calendar, relating especially with the senior minister and resource teams serving through our Administrative Deacon Panel.

WORSHIP: Our worship experiences this summer are retelling 'Stories That Help Us Grow - For the Bible Tells Us So.' This Sunday, we will celebrate communion and retell the story of God's salvation through The Exodus.

LEARNING: Our inter-generational Sunday morning learning is in Lasater Hall at 9:15. A wonderful Vacation Bible School has given way to Freedom School, Weekday School, camps and retreats.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH: Last Sunday, our Women of the Church blessed more than fifty of our older members with a picnic lunch. The summer offers many opportunities for us to be present to one another.

STEWARDSHIP: Thank you for your actively faithful financial stewardship through these summer months. As we participate in 'summer scatter,' it is essential that we remember the costs of 'doing and being church' continue.

WITNESS: We are calling and visiting with persons who are our guests on summer Sundays. Please introduce yourself to people moving into your neighborhoods this summer and let them know about St. John's.

SERVANT: Our Habitat for Humanity build trip was successful, and we are giving our Global Mission Offering to support teacher salaries in Nyarweng, South Sudan.

ALSO: We are enlisting leaders for the 2018-2019 year. Our Personnel Resource Team is searching for a new administrative assistant. Our Technology Resource Team is finishing details for our new sound and live-streaming systems. Our staff is working on themes and an annual plan to be distributed to you in late August. Etc. Etc. Etc.

Beloved, it's summertime, and the livin' is ... BUSY!

Thankful to be pursuing God's Shalom with you,
 Dennis

Youth News from Lee

Summer Youth Events

July 23-28 – Unidiversity Youth Summer Camp All participants have been registered for seminars and electives
August 11-14 – Middle School Local Mission Trip - this includes rising 6th graders through youth who have finished 8th grade. Projects will include Adopt-A-Stream cleanup, attending worship and putting down pavers at Hope Chapel, attending the Pride worship service at St. John's, 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. We will stay in a local hotel in order to get to early morning projects together and so the kids can all swim together. Cost will be around \$50 to cover fun/recreational activities (lodging and meals covered by the mission auction fund).

If you/your youth would like to participate, please let me know if you have not already done so.

August 19 – Pride Parade after worship at 1:00pm



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.

Upcoming Games:

All games will be played at Providence Baptist Church, 4921 Randolph Road.

Thurs 6/28 7:15 pm vs St. Gabriel
 (No games week of July 4th)
 Mon 7/9 7:15 pm vs PBC White
 Thurs 7/12 7:15 pm vs PBC Blue
 Tues 7/17 6:00 pm vs PBC Red
 Thurs 7/19 6:00 pm vs Hawthorne Lane



Summer Reading List - The Farside Sunday School class has put together their annual summer reading list. Pick up a copy in the church office or library, and enjoy a good book this summer!

Youth Mission Trip Sea Island Habitat for Humanity



20 high school youth and 20 adults spent all or most of this past week working on a Habitat House on James Island. For the first time ever, the soon to be home owner, Heather Varney, worked with our crew for the entire week! In addition to working on Heather's house, we also put siding up on the house across the street and installed insulation on the house next door. It was a hot week, but it was a good week. Thank you to all the adults who gave of their time to work alongside of the youth, and to the entire congregation for your support of the development opportunities for our youth.

Message from Leadership Task Force:

Deacon Nominations: Each year, members of the congregation nominate other members of the church to serve as deacons. Our congregation is served by 48 church deacons each year on a three-year rotating basis with 16 deacons nominated annually. Please send your nominations to current chair of the diaconate Randy Brantley (rib1@ctc.net) or Jacquelyn McAbee (jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org). Please remember, you MUST have the person's permission before submitting their name as a candidate for deacon. Names need to be submitted no later than July 2. Thank you.

Leadership Positions: The Leadership Task Force is responsible for filling the leadership positions in the church, including resource team members (such as Finance, Personnel, House & Grounds, Technology), Sunday School teachers (adult, youth & children), and mission partner liaisons. Please contact current chair of diaconate Randy Brantley (rib1@ctc.net), deacon panel chairs (Stan Brown-Ministries; Cindy McIntyre or Melissa Millette-Pastoral; or Kim Ray-Administrative), or Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office (jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org) if you are interested in working in a particular area of church life or have questions.

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.



Senior Adult Picnic Sunday, June 24



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Ministers

Every participant in God's Servant Church

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Office hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Fri.: 8:30 am-12:00 noon



⇒ In 1965, the church states that membership is "open to all people," a response to the question, then current, as to whether persons of other races would be welcome.

2018 Global Mission Offering
Goal - \$15,000—Received \$4,835

During this year's offering, we are hoping to raise \$15,000 (send checks to St. John's and write "The Nyarweng School" on the memo line) AND we want to send a backpack to Nyarweng full of good will in the form of letters and art. Members of all ages are asked to address the letters to a young or older child or to a teacher or parent. Share a piece of yourselves in your letter, perhaps even a picture of your family. What unites us – our love of God, hope for our children, and appreciation of a dependable friend - is far greater than what separates us. Perhaps we will hear back from some of Nyarweng's students and teachers.

Thank you St. John's community for the cards, calls, and other expressions of support during my post surgery recovery. Greatly appreciated! — Dale Johnson

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Joe Ehrenberger - Asbury; Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Betty Fuller, Camille Green, Genice Harper, Lee Hutchison, Dale Johnson, Johnnie Morcock, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

Sunday, July 1

Deacons: Bert Green, Charlie Harper, Cathy Hartsell, Chuck Howard, Carol Injaychock, Chuck Jones, Jeff LeVie, Christa Lynch, Cindy McIntyre, Shannon Rodden

Tellers: James Laney, Susan King

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Chuck Jones; 5th St.-Alan Dietz, Scott Kerley; Broach Hall-Gail Sifford; Elevator- Marvin Carter

Sunday, July 1

Deacons: Cindy McIntyre, Mark McNeill, Tricia Miller, Melissa Millette, Jane & Morgan Newman, Russell Norris, Kim & Robby Ray, Shannon Rodden

Tellers: Margaret Falls, Betsy Furr

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Mark McNeill; 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 June 18-24: \$15,505
 Income through June 24: \$421,858
 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

Ministers on Call:

June 25-July 1: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234
 July 2-8: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
 July 9-15: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412

Calendar: July 1-14

Sunday, July 1

8:00 Administrative Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
 9:15 Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)
 10:30 Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
 1:00 South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)

Monday, July 2

6:00 Youth Resource Team (Lounge)
 8:00 AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, July 3

7:00 Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 10:00 Staff meeting (Conference Room)
 5:15 SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, July 4

..... Church offices closed
 6:00 AA (Lasater Hall)

Friday, July 6

11:00 King's College Graduation (Sanctuary)
 8:00 AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, July 7

7:00 Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30 Kids Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, July 8

9:15 Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)
 10:30 Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, July 9

8:00 Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
 6:00 Freedom School Family Night (Lasater Hall)
 8:00 AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, July 10

7:00 Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 10:00 Staff meeting (Conference Room)
 1:00 Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
 5:15 SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
 6:00 Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Support Groups (Room 114 & 116)

Wednesday, July 11

6:30 Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30 Yoga (Room 114)
 6:00 Women of the Church Board meeting (Lounge)
 6:00 Mission Resource Team (Conference Room)
 6:00 AA (Lasater Hall)
 6:30 Leadership Task Force (Broach Hall)

Friday, July 13

8:00 AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, July 14

7:00 Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30 Kids Basketball (Gym)
 9:30 Naturalization Workshop (Broach Hill)

Complete calendar online:
www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org