



# Family News

A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active  
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## St. John's at Worship

**Sunday, October 7**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost,  
World Communion Sunday

**Proclaimer**

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

**Worship Theme**

Supremacy of Christ

**Sermon Series**

The Love that Christ Revealed

**Sermon Title**

One Father-Many Children

**Scripture**

Hebrews 1:1-3a; 2:10-18

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## World Communion & Global Missions

This Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will acknowledge our unity with the 2.2 billion Christians in today's world. Our worship this Sunday will include leadership by our South Sudanese worship community, songs in the Dinka language and the Swahili language (and the English language); prayers; hand-bells and drums; affirmations; celebrations; communion; reading of the St. John's Covenant; and a brief message entitled, 'One Father- Many Children.' Invite your family and friends to gather with you at 10:30 in our sanctuary. We will enjoy a luncheon in Broach Hall to hear a report from James Lubo Majak about the school in Nyarweng, South Sudan. **It's not too late to contribute to this year's Global Mission offering! Remember, you can donate to the Nyarweng School any time of year through the reserve account that has been set up at the church.**



**If you have not already indicated your intention to come to lunch, contact Mallory in the church office at [mbrown@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:mbrown@sjcharlotte.org) or call 704-333-5428 by October 5 at 12:30PM.**

## Master Calendar Reminder

If you did not pick up your copy of St. John's Master Calendar on Sunday, please stop by the office anytime to pick one up. The document will also be emailed out and posted on the website this week. This is a great item to keep on your refrigerator as the seasons change as a reminder of what is to come in the life of St. John's this church year.

## New Worship Theme: The Love that Christ Revealed

Our annual theme, 'There's a Spirit in the Air,' focuses our energies on Learning, Telling, and Sharing God's Spirit of Love. Through October and November, we will express the Spirit of the Living God by learning, telling and sharing the love that Christ revealed to us by his life and ministry. Sundays in October will allow us to celebrate God's love with our South Sudanese worship community, our fellow church members, our community, and our residential partners in servant ministry. Dr. Foust's messages will focus us on passages from Hebrews each Sunday.

## The Love that Christ Revealed

From Dennis

The next four Sundays will offer you several opportunities for celebrating the love of God that Christ revealed.

**OCTOBER 7:** WORLD COMMUNION will involve our South Sudanese worship community, songs in various languages, drums, handbells, and an inspiring story. We will also announce our Global Mission Offering amount which supports the teachers in the Nyarweng Community School in South Sudan.

OCTOBER 7, Following Worship, we will gather in Broach Hall to enjoy lunch and James Lubo Majak's report about the Nyarweng school.

**OCTOBER 14:** CONNECTION SUNDAY will find us contacting one another. Mallory will send out daily churchwide emails next week in which I will ask you to connect God's love with others in the membership of St. John's. Also, on Sunday, October 14, you will bring a canned good or a non-perishable food item to worship.

**OCTOBER 21:** AFFIRMATION SUNDAY will provide us opportunities to affirm the many ways the people of St. John's serve as 'priests' in metro Charlotte.

OCTOBER 21 will also provide you the chance to find that gift for a special someone during our Craft and Bake Sale with proceeds going to support feeding the hungry in the Charlotte region.

**OCTOBER 28,** All Saints Day, will allow us the annual opportunity to remember those members of St. John's who passed on ahead of us in the past year.

OCTOBER 28 is also the day we will welcome and offer gratitude for our residential partners – Charlotte Family Housing, Bethlehem Head Start, Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, CROP Walk and National Alliance for Mental Illness.

In November, we will celebrate our children and their families and our Weekday Preschool Ministry as we begin turning our attentions toward our Financial Ministry Plan for 2019. The weeks ahead are significant for us as we celebrate and participate in the love that Christ revealed.

Shalom,  
Dennis

## Youth News from Lee

### Upcoming Events & News

This Sunday in Sunday School at 9:15 am we welcome James Lubo Majak to hear about the Nyarweng School in South Sudan that he helped to establish. We also learn a little more about his inspiring story.

In worship this Sunday (World Communion Sunday) our youth will help in singing *Bwana Awabariki Milele*.

Youth are the regular 5:00-7:30pm Sunday Evening. In youth group time some of our high school youth lead breakout groups on the story Joseph in Genesis.

**Saturday, October 13** from 9:00am-10:30am—CROP Walk (see back of Family News for more details)

**October 21** – rescheduled date for **Paintball** after morning worship, now with **St. Martin's Youth**

### Save the Date

**June 15-22, 2019** – High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

**July 22-27, 2019** – Unidiversity Summer Camp in Knoxville, TN

## From Allison

### Sunday, October 7

**Nursery/2s:** This class will be cared for in their room during Formation Hour and Worship Hour.

**PreK/K:** This class will be cared for in their classroom during Formation Hour and Worship Hour. They will learn about how God promised to give Abraham a big family.

**Grades 1-5:** From 9:15-10:20 they will have Formation Class where they will learn about how the people of Israel wanted a king and about how God chose Saul to be the first king. There is no music this week. 1st-3rd Graders will worship with their families.

### Parent Seminar

This Sunday, October 7 during the Sunday School hour, we will gather in the Chapel and talk about ways you as parents/caregivers can be supportive of your children as they learn to worship. I'll have some tips prepared for you, and there will be plenty of time for you to share your questions and concerns. As we brainstorm and talk together, we'll become better worship coaches for our children.

### Save the Date for Open Table

Our next Open Table dinner will be Wednesday, October 24 in Broach Hall. Stay attentive for more details to come and mark your calendars! Sign up with Mallory or through Google Forms here today:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/p8sXV6bNEIczotMR2>





**Sunday  
October 21  
9:00am-12:30pm  
Lasater Hall**

Contact Ruth Jackson or Mallory in the church office to volunteer or for more information. Proceeds go to hunger relief in the Charlotte area.

**Undie Sundays**

We will be collecting new underwear to be distributed to our Room in the Inn program, Hope Chapel and Charlotte Rescue Mission. **Items needed are athletic socks, boxer shorts, and t-shirts. Sizes most needed are medium and large.** On each of the Sundays in October, containers will be at both the Main Entrance and Broach Hall.



**CBFNC Collegiate Ministry**

If you know of a college student in Charlotte who would appreciate establishing friendships with other progressive collegians, encourage them to gather with other students in the Lounge of St. John's on Thursday evenings at 7:30. CBSF (Cooperative Baptist Student Fellowship) is a community open to people of all backgrounds and traditions, where collegians are given a safe space to explore faith, share in fellowship, serve others, and discover God's call in life. At CBSF you will journey alongside other students as you are empowered to ask questions, seek answers, express creativity, embrace leadership, and share your story.

**Weekly: Thursday nights at 7:30pm at St. John's Baptist Church. Contact the new campus minister for Charlotte, [caitiewjackson@gmail.com](mailto:caitiewjackson@gmail.com)**



**Sound Advice**

The church will have several hearing assistance devices available Sunday. The ear piece goes over either ear. There is an on off dial like an old radio. The volume goes from 1-10. This is not to be worn with hearing aids. There will be six available in a basket, piano side entrance.



**Connection Sunday  
October 14**

Between Sunday, October 7 and October 14, we will focus on **CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER AND OUR COMMUNITY.** We are encouraging each St. John's household to contact at least three other St. John's households. Catch up with how they are doing; what is new in their life; what did they do over the summer? Then, on **Sunday, October 14, bring one canned good or non-perishable food item to worship with you. As you enter the sanctuary, place your items on or around the Communion Table.**

**Come to the Well: A One Day Retreat**

Join us on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00-3:00 at Ramah Creek Farm for a one-day retreat sponsored by the Women of the Church. Rev. Barbara Boyd Mayo will use the Woman at the Well story to lead us through a day of fellowship, learning, meditation, and worship. We will meet Jesus at the well as we commune, converse, and drink in the living water of his presence. Breakfast snacks, lunch, singing, crafting and all materials are included for \$30. Sign up by filling out a registration form or by calling Mallory in the church office. You can download the registration [here](#).

Contact Lia Benton for questions at [liabenton@outlook.com](mailto:liabenton@outlook.com).

The Terrific Tuesday Book Club is reading **Mr. Churchill's Secretary** by Susan Elia MacNeal for the month of October. They will meet to discuss the book on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12PM in the Library. Bring your own lunch to eat afterwards in the Lounge.





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

***Prayer Concerns & Celebrations***

Larry Batts, Nancy Burgess, Bill Finger, McLain Hall, Martha Moore, Gene Poole, Dot Propst, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner - home

***Thank You***

Carol Snyder extends her deepest thanks for the cards, calls, care, and concern she and her family received from the St. John's family in the death of her brother. It means so much to be loved so well.

***Sunday, October 7***

**Deacons:** Clara Howell, Todd Stillerman, Anne Sutton, Keith Towery, Kathy Turner, Elizabeth Whipple, Nancy Wilson, Lindsay Wilson, Alice Wirz  
**Tellers:** Marvin Carter, Paul Lloyd  
**Greeters:** Main-Ed Turner and Ken Hungate; 5th St./Narthex-Al Bridges; Broach Hall-Gail Sifford; Elevator-Marvin Carter  
**Ushers:** Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Susan King

***Financial Ministry Plan Report:***

Week of Sept 24-30: \$16,235  
 Income through Sept 30: \$718,409  
 Annual 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal:  
 \$1,135,000

***Ministers on Call:***

October 1-7: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287  
 October 8-14: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412  
 October 15-21: Lee Gray 704-451-1309

**The 40th Annual Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk is Saturday, October 13 at Independence Park. Registration is at 8:00AM and the walk begins at 9:00AM.**



You can be a part of helping end hunger in Charlotte by walking with us.

**To register, follow this link:**

[www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/Account/Registrar](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/Account/Registrar). Make sure you join the St. John's team. The link to donate to our team is: [www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/Team/View/87566/St-Johns-Baptist-Church](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/Team/View/87566/St-Johns-Baptist-Church)

**Coming this Month: St. John's 101**

This class will meet on Sundays during the Sunday school hour (9:15-10:15) starting October 14 in the Conference Room for our newest members and guests.

**Calendar for October 7-13**

**Sunday, October 7**

9:15..... Parent Seminar (Chapel)  
 9:15..... Sunday School (Classrooms)  
 10:30..... Worship (Sanctuary)  
 11:30..... Lunch with Lubo Majak (Broach Hall)  
 1:00..... South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)  
 5:00..... Sunday Night Live Youth (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor, Chapel)

**Monday, October 8**

11:30..... Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)  
 5:30..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)  
 6:30..... Administrative Deacon Panel (Lounge)  
 6:30..... Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)  
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

**Tuesday, October 9**

7:00..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)  
 10:00..... Staff meeting (Conference Room)  
 11:00..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)  
 12:00..... Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)  
 5:15..... SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)  
 5:30..... Right Moves for Youth (Broach Hall)  
 5:45..... Charlotte Family Housing (Lasater Hall)  
 6:15..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)

**Wednesday, October 10**

6:30..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 9:30..... Yoga (Room 114)  
 6:00..... Mission Resource Team (Conference Room)  
 6:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)6:00  
 6:00..... Handbells (Handbell Room)  
 7:15..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 7:30..... Sherrill Basketball (Gym)

**Thursday, October 11**

9:00..... Craft and Needle Ministry (Room 209)  
 2:30..... WDS Board Meeting (Conference Room)  
 6:00..... Memory Center (Broach Hall)  
 7:30..... CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

**Friday, October 12**

8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

**Saturday, October 13**

7:00..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 4:00..... South Sudanese Gathering (Broach Hall)

Complete calendar online:  
[www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org](http://www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org)