



# Family News

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

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## St. John's at Worship

Sunday, November 11

Vision Sunday

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon Series

The Love that Christ Revealed

Sermon Title

*A Vision Worth a Risk*

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

## Vision Sunday November 11

This Sunday, Dr. Foust's message will offer a vision, pointing toward the second century for St. John's. At the conclusion of worship, we will honor our veterans. Join us in Lasater Hall for a reception for our veterans after worship.



## Commitment Sunday November 18

Commitment Sunday is on November 18. During this service, we will make our financial commitments for the 2019 vision and will celebrate baptism with the following new disciples: Claude Bragg, Jacob Callaway, and Miller Ray.

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## Winthrop Concert: A Gateway Experience

**When?** Sunday, November 18 at 4PM

**Where?** St. John's Sanctuary

**Cost?** Free

Come enjoy our annual Winthrop University Chorale fall concert. The theme that Sunday afternoon centers around loving your neighbor and allowing your own love to be heard by all others. They are performing works by Brahms, Runestad, Dello Joio, and Rheinberger. A premiere of a new work by Winthrop alumna and our Minister for Worship & Music, James Kevin Gray, will also be featured. Bring a friend along as this is a great way to introduce folks to the life of St. John's.

## A Word on Stewardship

This coming Sunday in worship, St. John's youth will share about how they embrace their role as stewards of God's creation. While youth are currently collecting a fund to help pay for a teacher's salary for a month in the Nyarweng School in South Sudan, the primary way that youth give of themselves is through their actions and voice in the world. Whether it's building a Habitat House, preparing meals at Friendship Trays in Charlotte or God's Love We Deliver in New York, Stream Cleanup at Little Sugar Creek, playing volleyball or bingo with the men at Charlotte Rescue Mission, sorting clothes or handing out breakfast at Crisis Assistance, or marching in the Charlotte Pride Parade, our youth their part in embodying and saying that God loves every person and all of creation.

## A Vision for the Future

from Dennis

This coming Sunday, I will offer a message entitled, 'A Vision Worth a Risk.' My vision for St. John's includes us broadening our efforts in peace-building. After the recent murders during worship in the Tree of Life Synagogue, in Pittsburgh, I called and emailed several friends who relate with God through the Jewish tradition. One of those friends, Dan Biber, offers these words of gratitude to you for the ways you relate God's peace to him every day. You are Living Tomorrow's Life Today!

"This past week has been a very frightening and emotionally painful week for me and for many others. I very much appreciate the words of comfort and consolation, the care and concern, and the support and welcoming embrace I receive from the Saint John's community. I am thankful for your commitment to the Biblical commandment (Leviticus 19:34) "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God." -Dan Biber

Thank you, Dan, for walking in God's peace with us.

**Shalom,  
Dennis**

## Women's Retreat 2018 Photos



## Youth News from Lee

### Upcoming Events & News

**November 11**-Youth on regular Sunday night schedule from 5:00-7:30pm with a study on David and Solomon

### Save the Date

**June 15-22, 2019** – [High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico](#)

**July 22-27, 2019** – [University Summer Camp](#) in Knoxville, TN

## Advent Devotionals

If you are interested in sharing your gift of writing with the congregation this Advent, please contact Kevin Gray and to learn more about writing a devotional for our yearly church-wide, Advent devotional book. Each devotional should be around 200-300 words based on the subject assigned to you by Kevin.



- Step 1** Notify Kevin of your intention to write a devotional.
- Step 2** Submit your devotional in a **Word document** via email by November 20<sup>th</sup> to [kgray@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:kgray@sjcharlotte.org) and [mbrown@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:mbrown@sjcharlotte.org). **Please email to both of them.**

### Topics for Each Week in Advent

- December, 2-8: Hope
- December 9-15: Peace
- December 16-22: Joy
- December 23-25: Love

## From Allison

### Formation and Worship for Children on Sunday, November 11

**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 called Moses through a burning bush, and they will enjoy time to play together.

**Grades 1-5:** We will gather in the 1st-3rd Grade room for Missions 101. Alice Wirz will come talk to us about Room in the Inn, and then we will help make backpacks full of helpful items for our Room in the Inn guests. Then we will learn about how Elijah heard God's still, small voice. There is no Music this week. 1st-3rd Graders will have Godly Play during Worship, and 4th-5th Graders will join their families for Worship.



## SJ Basketball Schedules

All St. John's Basketball teams will practice on their respective day of the week (listed below) starting this Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

- **6 & Under Co Ed** – 5:30 pm on Mondays
- **8 & Under Boys** – 6:30 pm on Thursdays
- **10 & Under Boys (Redding)** – 6:30 pm on Tuesdays
- **10 & Under Boys (Cardella)** – 6:30 pm on Mondays
- **12 & Under Boys** – 5:45 pm on Wednesdays
- **12 & Under Girls** – 5:30 pm on Thursdays
- **14 & Under Boys** – 12:00 pm on Sundays
- **15 & Under Girls** – 3:00 pm on Sundays
- **16 & Under Boys** – 7:00 pm on Wednesdays
- **18 & Under Girls** – 4:00 pm on Sundays

## Mid-Carolinas Handbell Festival Saturday, November 10, at 4:00pm Sardis Presbyterian Church

Eight members of the St. John's handbell choir will spend the day ringing with other choirs from the area. There will be a free concert at 4:00PM for the community. Come out and enjoy this mass concert and support our ringers.

## Children's Sunday 2018 Photos



## Veterans' Day

The Women of the Church encourage you to honor our veterans this Sunday - Veterans' Day - by wearing red, white, and blue! Also, plan to attend a reception honoring our service men and women following the worship service in Lasater Hall.

## All Deacons' Meeting: November 19

The next **All Deacons' Meeting is Monday, November 19 at 7:30PM** in Broach Hall. **All deacon panels will meet prior to this meeting at 6:30PM** in various locations. The Ministries Panel meets in the Conference Room; the Administrative Panel meets in Broach Hall; the Pastoral Panel meets in the Lounge. We hope all deacons will be in attendance.

## Jubilee Store: December 8-9

The Charlotte Family Housing **Jubilee Store** will be held on **December 8 and 9** in Broach Hall. More details about how you can help will follow in next week's Family News!

## Financial Stewardship Commitment Campaign 2019

In the next week, expect to receive a stewardship letter and commitment card in the mail regarding our 2019 Financial Stewardship Commitment Campaign. **This year, the commitment card is two-sided. Fill out both sides.** In the meantime, be on the lookout for this in your mailbox!

## December Women of the Church Outing

**What?** Singing Christmas Tree: Big Band Bash!  
**When?** Sunday, December 9, at 4:00pm  
**Where?** Knight Theater

The 64th Annual Singing Christmas Tree will be accompanied by Charlotte's hottest all-star Big Band. This new twist into their 64th consecutive season will feature swinging arrangements of favorite Christmas classics, Miller Street Dance Academy, and special guests. To join the group from St. John's attending this year's show or for more information, please contact **Jacquelyn McAbee** at [jmcabee@sicharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sicharlotte.org) or 704-333-5428, ext. 20 by **Wednesday, November 14.**



## Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 13, 2018  
11:30am until 1:30pm  
More information is coming soon!

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**Ministers**

Every participant in God's Servant Church

**Equipping Ministers**

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm, Friday 8:30am-12:00 noon

**Prayer Concerns & Celebrations**

Bill Finger, Asbury; Larry Batts, Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, McLain Hall, Paul Huffman, Linda Maready, Martha Moore, Rob Peacock, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner- home

**Thank You**

"Thanks to all who sent cards and prayers on my behalf during my recuperation from my sudden illness. Whatever you did was greatly appreciated. If you would like to call me, please use this number: 704-222-3130."

-Elma Thomas

**Sunday, November 11**

**Deacons:** David Allen, Linda Balentine, Jason Benton, Jordan Benton, Leslie Bragg, Minh Callaway, Allene Cooley, Teri Franklin, Charlie Harper, Robby Ray

**Tellers:** Jeff LeVie, Marvin Carter

**Greeters:** Main-Ed Turner, Chuck Jones; 5th St./Narthex- Susan King; 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 October 29-November 4: \$17,997  
 Income through November 4: \$795,394  
 Annual 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

**Ministers on Call:**

- November 5-11: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412
- November 12-18: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234
- November 19-25: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
- November 26-December 2: Lee Gray 704-451-1309
- December 3-9: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412



**Friday, November 16**  
**6:30 am in the Lounge**

**Terrific Tuesday Book Club meets again on November 27 at 12PM in the Library to discuss *White Houses* by Amy Bloom. Bring a lunch to eat afterwards.**

The NAMI support group for family members/care givers of those with mental illness meets monthly at St. John's in the McLeod - Brown Sunday School room on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30pm. This month's meeting is on November 13.

**If you have any birthday cards for men or women for the birthday card ministry, please drop them by the church office with Mallory during the week or give them to Patricia McCaskill.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**Calendar for November 11-17**

Sunday, November 11

- 9:15am..... Sunday School/Missions 101 (Classrooms)
- 10:30am..... Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30am..... Godly Play (Room 221)
- 11:30am..... Veterans' Reception (Lasater Hall)
- 5:00pm..... Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, Chapel, 3rd Floor)

Monday, November 12

- 11:30am..... Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
- 5:30pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
- 6:00pm..... Youth Mission Auction Meeting (Room 209)
- 8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, November 13

- 7:00am..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
- 9:30am..... HeadStart (Broach Hall)
- 10:00am..... Staff meeting (Conference Room)
- 11:00am..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)
- 12:00pm..... Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
- 1:00pm..... Soccer Shots (Gym)
- 5:15pm..... SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
- 6:15pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
- 7:00pm..... NAMI Support Group (McLeod-Brown Room)
- 7:30pm..... Sherrill Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, November 14

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

Thursday, November 15

- 11:00am..... Uptown Ladies (Lounge)
- 12:30pm..... Novant Managers' Meeting (Broach Hall)
- 5:00pm..... Architectural Task Force (Lounge)
- 7:30pm..... CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, November 16

- 6:30am..... Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
- 5:30pm..... Uptown Men's Shelter Dinner
- 8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, November 17

- 7:00am..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
- 9:00am..... Basketball Coach Meeting

Complete calendar online:  
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