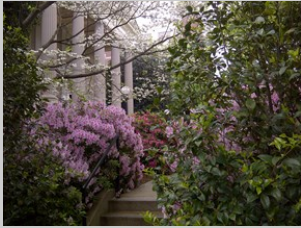




# Family News

*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, April 10**  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

**Proclaimer:**  
**Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD**

**Worship Theme:**  
Proclaiming Jesus  
as the Son of God

**Sermon:**  
*Going Along*

**Scripture:**  
Acts 9:1-20



## Preparing to Create a Legacy

Please plan to attend the Second Century Legacy Campaign kick-off luncheon on April 17. Your donations are welcomed to help defray the cost of the meal catered by Anderson's. Please email or call Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office **by Friday, April 8**, to make your reservation. Sign-up sheets will be available in Sunday school classes as well. Please join with the St. John's family as we seek to be "Actively Faithful Today for Tomorrow" by creating legacies of generosity. (See FAQ attachment for more details.)

## Ministry Partners in Our Buildings You Should Know

We are faithful stewards of our buildings 7 days a week. Each week, we open our doors for regular meetings of Right Moves for Youth, the Unity Coalition, Zumba, King's College, Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center and the Elizabeth Community Association. In addition, some of our Ministry Partners serve the people of Charlotte, the region and the world through operating in our facilities. These include:

**Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America:** The largest network of Baptist peacemakers in the world has their offices here. Their work is creative, imaginative, collaborative and on the cutting edge as they serve the marginalized. We are blessed to serve God with them.

**Bethlehem Center HeadStart Preschool:** Offering free education to financially challenged families investing in the lives of 72 young children each academic year by giving them a successful start to their journey of lifelong learning.

**Charlotte Family Housing:** Empowering homeless families to achieve long-term self-sufficiency through shelter, housing, supportive services and advocacy. Their offices are in our facilities, and we offer Hope Teams for six families sheltered within our buildings.

**CROP Walk:** The largest hunger walk in the world operates out of offices in our facilities.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness:** NAMI is an advocacy organization for persons and families living with major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, PTSD, obsessive-compulsive disorder and anxiety disorders. Their offices and support group/training session are in our buildings.

**St. John's Weekday School:** Offering one of the few fully-licensed preschool programs in Center City Charlotte, SJWS provides a safe and loving learning opportunity for families with children 6 months to 5 years of age. We are licensed to serve up to 86 children.



## Ministry Partners

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## DO YOU HAVE A WILL AND ESTATE PLAN?

A financial planner once made this statement: "If you have not met with your attorney to make out your will and estate plan, the state of North Carolina has made out a will for you and they will implement it at your passing."

Paula and I have updated our will over the years; when we became parents, when our children were teenagers and when they left the nest. During our most recent update, we chose to include St. John's in our plans.

I hope you have a will and estate plan. And, I hope you have included St. John's in your estate planning. If you are like Paula and me, you have absolutely no desire for the gerrymandered legislature now making laws for North Carolina to be in charge of your estate.

By now, you have heard about the St. John's Second Century Legacy Campaign which will begin on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Following worship, we will gather for a special presentation and luncheon in Broach Hall. If you are able to be present on that day, I urge you to come and learn how this visionary initiative can strengthen our ministries and influence for future decades and centuries.

Visionary church leaders initiated our endowment fund at the beginning of this millennium. And now, as we approach our second century of ministry as a church, we can assure a stronger witness for St. John's into the future. I am grateful to those leaders of yesterday who established these funds; to those who have stewarded our endowment funds through the decades; and for these who now steer us toward a successful Second Century Legacy Campaign. Let us work together to make this a successful campaign for St. John's future.

### **ST. JOHN'S 101: Learn More about St. John's**

If you would like to learn more about St. John's – how we are organized, how we make decisions, how we serve the world, how we collaborate with others in ministry, how we offer learning opportunities, how we understand worship, etc. – you will benefit from St. John's 101. Whether you are a frequent guest, considering church membership, or a member who wants to learn more about St. John's, you will have many questions answered by this four session course of conversations and presentations sponsored by our Membership Resource Team. The four sessions will be offered during the Sunday School Ministry hour (9:15 – 10:30) on Sundays, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15. PLEASE REGISTER WITH JACQUELYN McABEE AT [jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org) or at 704.333.5428, ext. 11 by Tuesday, April 19th. See you there!

Shalom,  
Dennis

## From *Martha*

Happy Spring Time, Friends! As we move into spring, we all know the Three Certainties of Spring:

- 1) We will sneeze.
- 2) We will lose interest in work/school.
- 3) We will plan for summer!

As part of #3, let us introduce you to our Church-wide **Summer Mission Project: Freedom School!** This past year, our friends at QC Family Tree came to us and told us they had lost their venue to host Freedom School and asked if we would be willing to do so. Working with Ministry and Administrative Deacon Panels, along with the Mission Resource Team, St. John's decided to offer to host 50 Freedom School Scholars in four of our downstairs classrooms for six weeks this summer. The children will eat lunch here twice a week, then go to other ECOF churches on the other days—we will provide the food for one of those lunches. In the next few weeks, you will see the Freedom School Tree here at St. John's—on it will be many summer angels, any one (or more) of which you can take and fulfill by bringing mac and cheese, or volunteering on a field trip, or buying a bathing suit, or buying a soccer ball, or buying hiking boots, or signing up to read, or volunteering for a craft project or any one of several other ways **YOU** can be involved with Freedom School (we know you want to)! Stay tuned for more info about the great things Freedom School does for children and ways you can be part of that good work!

### **Sisterhood of the Vine**

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Beth Schultz, Elizabeth community friend and founder of [yourdailydetox.com](http://yourdailydetox.com) and Holistic Wellness Coach here in Charlotte. Beth will share with us some ways we can bring products and cleaning solutions into our homes in ways that don't risk our health or that of our families! Join us at Kickstand Restaurant from 7-9pm!

## Youth News

**Sunday, April 10** - Regular Sunday evening 5:00-7:30 pm schedule. During the 6:30 pm program time 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade will have Discipleship Class, and 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grades will work on the senior skits for May 15 Youth Banquet. 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade youth can also help with skit planning if they choose to come back that evening after their discipleship retreat.

**High School Habitat** work days start on Saturday, April 30, at 9:00 am. Habitat Trip is June 19-25.

## From Allison

### **Sunday:**

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

**PreK/K:** Formation Hour begins at 9:15 am. The PreK/K class will have music time during the Formation Hour. They will remain in their normal classroom for Music. This class will stay in their classroom during worship.

**Grades 1-5:** Formation Hour begins at 9:15 am. Check the sign on the table in the hallway for the morning's schedule. Children in 1st-5th Grade will worship with their families.



### Monday, April 11

6:30 pm

Ministries Deacon Panel (Conf. Room)  
Admin. Deacon Panel (Broach Hall)  
Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge)  
7:30 pm  
All-Deacons' Meeting (Broach Hall)

### Friday, April 15

6:30 am - *Brotherhood of the Biscuit* (Lounge)

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Peacock

Email to reserve your biscuit:

[brotherhoodofthebiscuit@gmail.com](mailto:brotherhoodofthebiscuit@gmail.com)

### Thursday, April 21

11:00 am - *Uptown Ladies* (Lounge)

### Saturday, April 23

*Church Spring Clean-Up*

Save the date & watch for more details!

### Thursday, May 12

*Inter-Racial Conversation*

Save the date for this special evening in Broach Hall as we host a conversation with Friendship Missionary Baptist members and other churches in our city.

Austin Philemon  
UNCC Junior Organ Recital  
Thursday, April 14  
8:00 pm  
St. John's Baptist Church  
Sanctuary



### Save the date for St John's 101!

Have you ever wished you could have a refresher course about Baptist principles? What about St. John's history or church organization? If so, you will want to mark your calendars for four consecutive Sundays beginning April 24. The Membership Resource Team is pleased to offer the St. John's 101 course to guests, prospective members and current members who just want a refresher. The dates will be April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15 during the Sunday School hour. PLEASE REGISTER WITH JACQUELYN McABEE AT [jmcabee@sicharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sicharlotte.org) or at 704.333.5428, ext. 11 by Tuesday, April 19th. And stay tuned for more information in future editions of the Family News.



### LIVING THE RESURRECTION

Worship of The Living God during the Season of Easter  
Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary of St. John's

#### Sunday, April 10, 2016

Worship Theme: Proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God

Scripture Reading: *Acts of Apostolic People 9:1-20*

Sermon: "Going Along"

#### Sunday, April 17, 2016

Worship Theme: Living the Resurrection through God's  
Economics/Second Century Legacy Campaign'

Scripture Reading: *Acts of Apostolic People 4:32-5:11*

Sermon: "The Economics of God"

#### Sunday, April 24, 2016

Worship Theme: Living the Resurrection through Inclusive  
Grace

Scripture Reading: *Acts of Apostolic People 11:1-18*

Sermon: "On Un-hindering God"

#### Sunday, May 1, 2016

Worship Theme: Convinced to Live the Resurrection by  
Helping Others

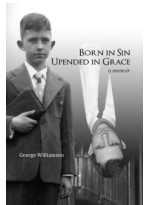
Scripture Reading: *Acts of Apostolic People 16:9-15*

Sermon: "HELP!"

### NOW AVAILABLE AT SJBC!

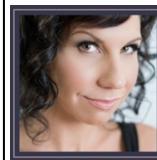
#### *Born in Sin, Upended in Grace*

The memoir of George Williamson, founding president of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.



Many of us at St. John's know George Williamson who has strong family ties within this church (brother-in-law of Wanny Hogewood) and has been a frequent guest in our pulpit. Whether you know him or not, his recently-published memoir makes for fascinating reading! You can purchase the book through the BPFNA website (<http://www.bpfna.org/equip/store>), on Amazon, or by visiting the BPFNA offices across the hall from the SJBC parlor.

### NAMI Educational Forum Manage Your Stress Before It Manages You



**When:** Tuesday, April 12

**Educational Forum:** 7:30 - 8:30 pm

**Where:** St. John's Baptist Church

Kendall Kendrick will be joining us this month to discuss managing your stress. While stress is inevitable, your relationship with it determines your well-being. Learn instant ways to manage your stress before it manages you. Find out how you can have happiness and health in your life with a few simple tips, including healthy eating practices.

Kendall is a mom, motivational speaker, Nutritional Therapy Practitioner and writer. Through stress management, she has overcome her own struggles with addiction and bipolar disorder and now shares this message across the country.

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**Prayer Concerns and Celebrations**

Peggy Hutson - CMC Pineville  
 Jacob Goodson & family

Sympathy is extended to Virginia Caldwell and family on the passing of her husband and longtime St. John's member, Frank Caldwell, on April 2.

Congratulations to James Laney who received the Individual award for Community Ambassadorship at the City Manager Awards on March 22, 2016. (Pictured with City Engineer Jeb Blackwell)



**This Sunday, April 10**

**Deacons:** Kim Allen, Russell Norris, Kim Ray, Ken Raynor, Ellen Smith, Meredith Sorrell, Laura Strickland, Elma Thomas, Phil Vavra, Janet Wade

**Tellers:** Marvin Carter, Paul Lloyd

**Ushers:** Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Carol & Gene Poole

**Giving Report:**

Week of March 28-April 3: \$10,316

**Ministers on Call:**

April 4-10: Martha Kearse 704-941-8446  
 April 11-17: Lee Gray 704-451-1309

**NOTICE**

**Lasater Hall Elevator Closure**

Repair work began on March 30. We anticipate that the elevator will be shut down for approximately 3 weeks. The Broach Hall elevator will be available for those who need assistance getting up to the sanctuary or other rooms. There will also be wheelchairs available, as needed. Please be patient as we upgrade our facilities for future use.

**Jesus' Parables**

St. John's/St. Martin's VBS 2016  
 June 13-17

9:00 am-12:00 noon  
 \$15/child

Children Aged 4 (by June 1, 2016) -  
 Rising 6th Graders



- Registration closes June 8, 2016
- To register, visit:  
[vbs.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://vbs.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)
- Questions? Contact Rev. Allison Benfield at  
[abenfield@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:abenfield@sjcharlotte.org)

**Calendar: April 10-16**

**Sunday, April 10**

8:15 ..... Church Council (Conference Room)  
 9:15 ..... Sunday School (Classrooms)  
 10:30 ..... Worship (Sanctuary)  
 5:00 ..... Youth Sunday Night Live (Gym/Lounge/3rd Floor)

**Monday, April 11**

8:00 ..... Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)  
 10:30 ..... Staff meeting (Conference Room)  
 11:30 ..... Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)  
 5:15 ..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)  
 5:15 ..... Men's Basketball (Gym)  
 5:30 ..... CROP meeting ( Room 209)  
 6:30 ..... Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)  
 6:30 ..... Administrative Deacon Panel (Broach Hall)  
 6:30 ..... Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge)  
 7:00 ..... Sisterhood of the Vine (Kickstand Restaurant)  
 7:30 ..... All-Deacons' Meeting (Broach Hall)

**Tuesday, April 12**

7:00 ..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)  
 1:00 ..... Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)  
 6:00 ..... Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Support Groups (Lounge)  
 6:00 ..... Zumba class (Lasater Hall)  
 6:15 ..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)  
 6:16 ..... Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305/Youth Lounge)  
 7:30 ..... Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Forum (Lounge)

**Wednesday, April 13**

6:30 ..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 9:30 ..... Yoga Class (Room 114)  
 6:30 ..... Leadership meeting (Broach Hall)  
 7:15 ..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, April 14**

9:00 ..... HeadStart Parents meeting (Room 114)  
 10:00 ..... Needlework Ministry (Room 209)  
 5:00 ..... CROP meeting (Lounge)  
 5:00 ..... Queen City Unlimited (Gym)  
 8:00 ..... Austin Philemon Organ recital (Sanctuary)

**Friday, April 15**

6:30 ..... Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)  
 9:15 ..... Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305/Youth Lounge)  
 5:30 ..... Volunteers serve dinner at Uptown Men's Shelter

**Saturday, April 16**

7:00 ..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 10:00 ..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room/Lounge/Sanctuary)

Complete calendar online:  
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