



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 15
Third Sunday of Easter

Proclaimer:
Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon Series:
*Adapting to God's Light:
New Ways of Seeing*

Sermon:
Talking the Walk?

Scripture:
Luke 24:13-35

2018 Community & State Mission Offering

Received \$521

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- 1) our efforts of Peacebuilding through Habitat for Humanity,
- 2) our partnership with Loaves and Fishes to feed our neighbors,
- 3) our partnership with North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to expand efforts of ministry among college and university students in metro Charlotte.

OPEN TABLE: Intergenerational Evenings with Purposeful Play



Our St. John's Covenant reads, "*We will love and encourage each other in the family of the church...*" To strengthen opportunities for our multiple generations to interact and learn from one another and play together, we are scheduling 5 or 6 Wednesday evenings per year. Our first **OPEN TABLE** is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25.

Please make reservations on or before April 20 by calling or emailing Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office at 704.333.5428, ext. 11 or jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org.

Meal costs will be \$10/adults and \$6/child under 12 with a maximum of \$30 per household. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:50 and will continue to be served until 6:30. We will gather in Broach Hall and dismiss by 7:00 pm. All generations will be together for this time as we enjoy intergenerational table games, storytelling, conversations, etc.

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IMPACTING LIVES LOCALLY

Beloved, there are numerous calls for our financial gifts. Let me hasten to affirm you for your steady faithfulness in giving to support the numerous ministries, visions, emphases, initiatives and projects of St. John's. Your active faithfulness in financial giving changes lives and expands opportunities for others. Through your financial gifts, you are spiritually present when people are needing health, heart, help and hope. Thank you.

One of the ways we work together to impact lives locally happens as each member explores and discovers pathways of community and global service. "We will be a servant church..." says our St. John's Covenant. Yet, we are not merely a servant church because our church covenant sets this direction; we are a servant church in response to Jesus' teaching in The Gospel of Matthew. Our service to people in need is our service to Jesus Christ. In Matthew 25, Jesus teaches, "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). Thus, we gather our efforts of impacting lives under the umbrella term **MT25** because we are serving Jesus.

Our Mission Resource Team is an extremely active group of St. John's members. Together, this group coordinates thousands of volunteer hours through more than 170 varied service projects on our church calendar. They are especially effective in facilitating your efforts of impacting lives locally.

You touch the lives of Children and Families; shape visions of Education in our community; influence the quality of Healthcare locally; shelter Homeless residents of our city; feed our Hungry neighbors; invest in Peacebuilding amidst an increasingly diverse population; and create Community Building efforts to connect people with God's mission.

Each year, our Mission Resource Team promotes two special financial offerings: Global Mission Offering and Community & State Mission Offering. We are currently involved in our Community & State Mission Offering. This year, our gifts are set aside to impact lives locally in three ways: (1) our efforts of Peacebuilding through Habitat for Humanity, (2) our partnership with Loaves and Fishes to feed our neighbors, and (3) our partnership with North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to expand efforts of ministry among college and university students in metro Charlotte.

Thank you for impacting lives locally through active faithfulness in giving and serving. You are a servant church. Your witness of serving Jesus Christ in this city and beyond expresses the light of Jesus' resurrection!

Shalom,
Dennis

Youth News from Lee

Sunday, April 15 - Paintball - From 2:30-6:15 pm youth will play **paintball** (as requested by youth a couple of months ago). The cost will be \$20 per person. Our actual playing time at Paintball Central in Rock Hill is 3:30-5:30. **We will be playing with our group only with low impact rifles.** I will need to turn in final numbers on April 11, so please let me know if you plan to participate.

Sunday, April 22 - Sunday Night Live 5:00-7:30. Since Kevin will be out, there will be no youth worship/choir. At 5:00 pm, we will have an hour-long walking scavenger hunt, in and around the church. Dinner will be from 6:00-6:30 pm. Bert Green will share with us about **Habitat for Humanity** at 6:30 (this is for all youth, not just the high school youth).

Upcoming Youth Events

April 13-15 – 5th/6th Grade Discipleship Retreat (Meet at church on Friday at 4:30 pm. Return at 11:30 am on Sunday)

May 20 – Youth Banquet

June 17-23 – High School Habitat Mission Trip

July 23-28 – Unidiversity Youth Summer Camp

August 11-14 – Middle School Local Mission Trip



Easter Sunday
Worship
Leaders

From Allison

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

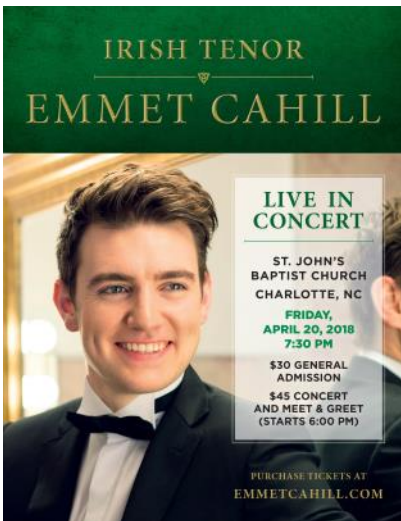
PreK/K: This class will remain in their classroom for Formation Hour and Worship Hour as they share a story together, make some art, and play together. This week, they'll learn about Jesus and Thomas.

Grades 1-3: This class will have Worship 101 from 9:15-10:00. We'll be learning about offerings and how we can offer more than just money to God. Grace Notes will be from 10:00-10:20. Children will worship together with their Worship 101 class.

Grades 4-5: This class will have Formation Class from 9:15-10:00, and they'll be learning about Jesus and Thomas. Grace Notes will be from 10:00-10:20. Children will join their families for worship.

We got to spend extra time in Grace Notes with Miss Anna on Sunday. We got to play games and play instruments!





Emmet Cahill is an award-winning Irish tenor and a principal vocalist with the renowned Irish music show Celtic Thunder. This concert is part of his 2018 solo tour to promote his debut orchestral album, "Emmet Cahill's Ireland." Backed by the Orchestra of Ireland, Emmet offers some of the best of the traditional Irish repertoire, including "Danny Boy", "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling", "An Irish Lullaby", "My Cavan Girl" and "The Parting Glass."

In addition to performing songs from his album, Emmet will sing Broadway favorites, folk classics, sacred hymns, plus an occasional operatic aria that will showcase his classical vocal training received at the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin. Ever the charming Irishman, Emmet will also share stories and tell a few (bad) jokes! It'll be a special night of songs and tales with the Emerald Isle's most exciting young tenor!

General admission tickets are \$30 and may be purchased online at www.emmetcahill.com/tour-dates/ or at the door. A limited number of Meet & Greet tickets, which include a pre-concert meeting with Emmet plus the concert, are available for \$45.

VBS Volunteers

We are 2 months away from Vacation Bible School! That means it's time for you to volunteer! Each year around 65% of the children who come to VBS aren't part of St. John's or St. Martin's, so VBS is one very important way we reach out to, and connect with, families and children in our community. VBS is June 11-15 from 9 am-12 noon each day. This year there are three ways you can volunteer:



- 1) **Guild Assistant:** Assist the Guild Leader as they guide the group through the day's work. No preparation is required on your part. Just show up ready to help out and have fun. There are two time blocks: 9:15-10:45 am and 10:15-11:45 am.
- 2) **Greeter:** We want to make sure children and their families are welcomed each morning they arrive. So from 8:40-9:10 am, greeters welcome everyone with a smile and a warm hello.
- 3) **Pick-Up Monitor:** We want to make sure pick-up happens safely. From 11:45 am-12:15 pm, you'll stand with a guild and make sure parents/caregivers sign their children out of VBS, and you'll help make sure no child just wanders off without an adult.

You can sign up on our Sign Up Genius at bit.ly/2q7SVRY or send Allison an email at abenfield@sicharlotte.org. VBS can't happen without you!



On Sunday, April 15, at 3:00 pm at St. John's, the GMCC will present *One Day*, a hopeful and uplifting concert during which they will reflect on the lives and loss of men killed in acts of senseless violence. Featured works include Carolina premiers of *Be At My Side*, nominated for the American Prize in Composition, a setting of "The Police Officer's Prayer" composed by Charlotte's own Gerald Gurs; and *Seven Last Words of the Unarmed* from the pen of composer Joel Thompson who drew the texts from the last words that seven black men spoke before being killed by authority figures.



High School Habitat Mission Trip

St. John's Youth have been building Habitat houses every other summer since 1989. This year, our high school youth will once again work with Sea Island Habitat on John's Island, South Carolina, from June 17-23. We will not be able to prebuild the walls this time, so we have requested local work days with Habitat of Charlotte on May 12, 26 and June 9. Watch for more details!



THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT, this Spring, will respond to the resurrection of Jesus and this new life we share in Christ. We will explore ***Adapting to God's Light: New Ways of Seeing***. The risen Christ offered new ways of seeing to Mary Magdalene, Cleopas, Didymus, Simon Peter and others in the early Jesus Movement. Like them, we are adapting to God's light revealed through an empty tomb.

April

- 8: ***Interrogang Moments?*** John 20:1-18
- 15: ***Talking the Walk?*** Luke 24:13-35
- 22: ***Genetics of Faith?*** John 20:19-31
- 29: ***Love, a Slippery Word?*** John 21:1-17

May

- 6: ***Why Church, Why?*** Matthew 28:18-20
- 13: ***Home Making?*** Joshua 24 and John 6
- 20: ***Winds of Change?*** Acts 2:1-11
- 27: ***Legacy Living?*** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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⇒ In 1946, Dr. Claude Broach became the first chairman of the Mecklenburg Baptist Interracial Commission.



Sympathy

to the family of Doris Tedder, long-time St. John's member, who passed away on Saturday, April 7. A service to celebrate her life will be held on Thursday, April 12, at 1:00 pm in the St. John's sanctuary, followed by a reception in Broach Hall where the family will greet friends.

A memorial service for Tom Peacock will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 14, in the auditorium of Plantation Estates (701 Plantation Estates Drive, Matthews) with a reception to follow in the atrium. We pray for his children—son Rob Peacock (Sarah), daughters Anne Warner (Tom) and Pam Griffin (Ralph), and grandchildren, including Annie and Elizabeth Peacock.



Brotherhood of the Biscuit
Friday, April 20
6:30 am
Lounge

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Polly Hull & Joe Ehrenberger - Asbury; Camille Green, Carmen Howard, Chuck Jones, Janie Kendrick, Elizabeth Laney, Brad Sifford & Carole Ann Simpson - home

Sunday, April 15

Deacons: Minh Callaway, Cindy McIntyre, Mark McNeill, Tricia Miller, Melissa Millette, Jane & Morgan Newman, Russell Norris, Robby Ray, Lindsay Wilson

Tellers: Marvin Carter, Paul Lloyd

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner; 5th St.-Al & Treva Bridges; Broach-Jimmy Carpenter, Ed Outen; Elevator- Marvin Carter

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

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of April 2-8: \$15,283
 Income through April 8: \$236,726
 Annual 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000
 Community & State Mission Offering: \$521

Ministers on Call:

April 9-15: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
 April 16-22: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412

Calendar: April 15-21

Sunday, April 15

8:00.....Church Council (Conference Room)
 9:15.....Sunday School/Worship 101 (Classrooms)
 10:30.....Worship (Sanctuary)
 2:30.....Youth/Paintball (Offsite)
 3:00.....Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 16

11:45.....Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
 5:15.....SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
 6:30.....Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 8:00.....AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, April 17

7:00.....Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 10:00.....Staff meeting (Conference Room)
 11:00.....Bible Workbench (Room 209)
 4:15.....Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 6:00.....Memory Center Charlotte (Broach Hall)

Wednesday, April 18

6:30.....Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30.....Yoga (Room 114)
 5:30.....Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
 6:00.....AA (Lasater Hall)
 6:00.....Handbells (Handbell Room)
 6:30.....Charlotte Nets AAU (Gym)
 7:15.....Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 19

11:00.....Uptown Ladies (Lounge)
 12:30.....Novant Monthly Managers' Meeting (Broach Hall)

Friday, April 20

6:30.....Brotherhood of the Biscuit
 5:30.....Volunteers serve dinner at Uptown Men's Shelter
 7:30.....Emmet Cahill concert (Sanctuary)
 8:00.....AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, April 21

7:00.....Benton Basketball (Gym)
 8:30.....Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)

Complete calendar online:
www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org