



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, June 3

*Second Sunday after Pentecost/
Senior Graduate Recognition*

Proclaimer:

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD &
Rev. Lee Gray

Sermon:

The Power of Touch

Scripture:

Mark 5:24b-34

High School Senior Recognition Sunday—June 3

This Sunday in worship we will recognize our graduating high school seniors. This year we have 4 graduates.



Kirby Bragg, the son of Phillips & Leslie Bragg, has graduated from the Community School of Davidson. Next year he will attend the University of Virginia.



Zachary Foy, son of Michael & Jayme Foy, will graduate from Myers Park High School. Next year he will attend High Point University.



Joshua Sealey, son of Jeff & Rachel Sealey, will graduate from Myers Park High School. Next year he will attend Central Piedmont Community College.



Rodney "Trey" Spence, son of Rod & Kathy Spence, will graduate from Myers Park High School. Next year he will attend the University of Georgia.

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Please join us in worship on Sunday to congratulate these four fine young men. I am looking forward to working on a Habitat house with them down in James Island, SC in a couple of weeks. I'm also looking forward to see where these men go in the future. It is has been a joy to work with them over the years.
 -Lee Gray



Congratulations College Graduates

Conner Kearse	University of North Carolina-Greensboro
Taylor Tarte	Wingate University

Membership Matters

By Betsy Almond

I'm a third generation member of St. John's so I've participated as a child through my youth and into adulthood. It's important to me that St. John's is an active participant in our community. We're known as a servant church and that means you can use your skills and talents to help our community and its residents. We have something for almost every interest. Our theology, worship style, music, and the ways we get involved in the community are unique in Charlotte.

I help with the Sunday School ministry through my work with children. It's a great way to make a difference in the lives of others and provides an opportunity for me to speak with parents I wouldn't otherwise meet.

I really enjoy our adult Sunday School Ministry and there is a class for everyone on Sunday mornings. I feel you can't truly know St John's members without being part of a class or on a resource team together. Each class is different and what's special about our class, McLeod-Brown, is the wide range of topics that broaden my thinking. Everyone's ideas contribute to our shared learning about Christ, Biblical history and life in today's world.

Our ministers and members provide for a complete family experience that include adults, youth and children. There is truly something for everyone in the family when you attend St John's. People I have met here have become life long friends that share their love and support no matter the reason. If you have not yet made the commitment to be an actively faithful member of St. John's, please join us soon. We need your gifts too. After all, Membership Matters!



Betsy teaching in the Preschool Sunday School class.

Youth News from Lee

Sunday, June 10

9:00am– Senior Recognition Breakfast for graduates and their families in Broach Hall. Please remember your caps and gowns.

Summer Youth Events

June 17-23 – High School Mission Trip with Sea Island Habitat on John's Island, SC. (There will be a brief Parents meetings following worship on June 10th. Youth will be commissioned during the worship service on June 17th. A what you need to know and bring email will be sent to participants. It is optional, but **I am asking youth participants who can to contribute \$100 to the "Youth Mission Auction Designated fund"**. Due to the fact that we could not pre-build in Charlotte with donated materials, we are paying a the standard per person material fee to Sea Island Habitat which in the past we have been exempt from paying. Our mission fund is getting low.)

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 how the disciples helped people.

Grades 1-5: From 9:15-10:20, they will have Formation Class. They will be learning about how God called Samuel to be part of God's work in the world. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship.

Staff Changes in Church Administrator's Office

More than three years ago, Sandra Rogers was employed to serve as our part-time Church Administrator. At that time, Elaine Johnson, who had been in our Church Administrator role for four years, became our part-time Church Accountant. Sandra has decided to change her lifestyle by staying at home with their middle school daughter and building her home business as a travel agent. To provide the church with an opportunity to restructure the expanding roles and responsibilities of these positions, Elaine has also tendered her resignation. The last day for them to be in the office is May 31.

The Personnel Resource Team and Finance Resource Team have worked with Dr. Foust in establishing a transition plan while a long-term employment situation is designed and implemented. In these weeks of transition, Jacquelyn McAbee will be handling deposits and day to day inquiries and questions while Fredda Kimball, a retired CPA and current member of the Finance Resource Team, will be paying invoices. We wish Sandra and Elaine well in their next endeavors and appreciate their trustworthy efforts in past years.

Personnel and Finance Resource Teams

**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.

**Registration Deadline is
June 4!
Only 4 spots left!!!**

**A Year
in the Church**

Rising 2nd-6th
Graders

explore and celebrate the church year by choosing an art guild for the week!
Guilds include:
-Drama
-Mosaics
-Painting
-Textile Art



4 Year Olds-
Rising 1st
Graders

explore and celebrate the church year in a special experience designed just for them! Each day includes art, story, and play.

St. John's/St. Martin's VBS 2018
June 11-15; 9am-noon
\$15/child
Children aged 4 by June 1 - Rising 6th Graders
To register visit: <https://st-johns-st-martins-vbs-2018.eventbrite.com>
Questions? abenfield@sjcharlotte.org

Registration required. Registration closes June 4, 2018.

We still need a few volunteers to be pick-up monitors (from 11:45 am-12:15 pm, you'll stand with a guild and make sure parents/caregivers sign their children out of VBS - once all the children in the guild are picked up, you're free to go.) You can sign up on our Sign Up Genius at bit.ly/2q7SVRY or send Allison an email at abenfield@sjcharlotte.org.

VBS can't happen without you!

FIREBIRD ARTS ALLIANCE PRESENTS

Pass Me The Jazz

Sat, June 9
7:30 pm

St John's Baptist
300 Hawthorne Ln
Charlotte

Tickets \$20/15/10
VoxFirebird.org
and at the door

VOX
David Tang, Director
The Rick Bean Trio
Dawn Anthony, Vocalist

Rick Bean & Kevin Gray's hit
Jazz Mass

Small group standards and favorites like
Night and Day, All the Things You Are, and more

I am thrilled that Dawn Anthony will be leading us in worship this Sunday through her gift of Song. Dawn has been with us before and is always a blessing, not just because of the beauty of her voice but because of the spirit in which she sings.

This Sunday she will be premiering a new work of mine, "I Thank God". This song will have it's secondary premier the following week June 9th at the Pass me the Jazz Concert. Dawn is the featured soloist for this concert and will be singing sacred and secular pieces in the Jazz idiom, and will be the soloist for mine and Rick beans "Jazz Mass", which was so well received last year that it was brought back by Vox for it's Spring season.

-James Kevin Gray

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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

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Joe Ehrenberger - Asbury; Bill Claytor, Nancy Burgess, Camille Green, Genice Harper, Polly Hull, Dale Johnson, Pat Lloyd, Laura McGuire, Brad Sifford, & Carole Ann Simpson - home; Johnnie Morcock - upcoming surgery

Congratulations to Brooks Fuller on winning the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's 2018 Nafziger-White-Salwen Dissertation Award.

Sunday, June 3

Deacons: Teri Franklin, Bert Green, Charlie Harper, Cathy Hartsell, Chuck Howard, Carol Injaychock, Chuck Jones, Jeff LeVie, Christa Lynch, Kami McGuire

Tellers: Margaret Falls, Betsy Furr

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Phil Vavra; 5th St.-Alan Dietz, Scott Kerley; 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 May 21-27: \$8,390
 Income through May 27: \$343,512
 Annual 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

Ministers on Call:

May 28-June 3: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
 June 4-10: Lee Gray 704-451-1309



⇒ Air conditioning was installed throughout the church in 1958.

Men's Softball season will begin in early June. All games are played on weeknights at Providence Baptist Church. Please let Lee Gray know if you are interested in playing. We are looking for a few new players as several of our regulars have moved out of town.



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, September 9th
10th Annual Women of the Church Luncheon

We are excited to announce that our very own Julie Scoggins will be the guest speaker. This is one luncheon you don't want to miss! More details to follow, but mark your calendars now.



Calendar: June 3 - 9

Sunday, June 3

9:00..... Senior/Graduate Breakfast (Broach Hall)
 9:15..... Sunday School (Classrooms)
 10:30..... Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:30..... Youth Resource Team (Lounge)
 1:00..... South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)

Monday, June 4

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

Tuesday, June 5

7:00..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 10:00..... Staff meeting (Conference Room)
 11:00..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)
 4:00..... CROP (Lasater Hall)
 4:15..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 5:15..... SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, June 6

6:30..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30..... Yoga (Room 114)
 6:00..... Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
 6:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)
 6:30..... Charlotte Nets AAU (Gym)
 7:15..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, June 7

9:00..... Unity Coalition (Lounge)

Friday, June 8

7:00..... VOX Concert rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, June 9

7:00..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30..... VOX recording session(Sanctuary)
 7:30..... VOX/Pass Me the Jazz (Sanctuary)

Complete calendar online:
www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org