



# 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 17**

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Proclaimer:**

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

**Sermon Series:**

*Stories That Help Us Grow -  
"For the Bible Tells Us So"*

**Sermon:**

*You Are Invited to a Party*

**Scripture:**

Genesis 1:1-2:2

## Habitat for Humanity® Youth Mission Trip

We are excited about the opportunity to build yet another Habitat House this year with Sea Island Habitat during our High School Mission Trip on June 17-23. This will be our 10<sup>th</sup> time building a house with Sea Island on either Johns Island or James island. This trip is a lot of fun, and also a lot of work.



There will be 22 youth and about 16 adults working throughout the week. We will work from 6:30 am-3:00 pm each day building a house with Heather Varney and her daughter Addie on James Island, SC. In the evening, there will be devotions and daily awards. They will also enjoy dinner in Charleston and a trip to the beach.



Basic information, schedule, and a packing list have been sent to all participants. There are also two required release forms for the trip, one from Sea Island Habitat and the other for St. John's (if you haven't already been on a youth trip in 2018).

Youth will be commissioned in the worship service on Sunday, June 17. They depart for John's Island following the service and lunch at the church. Luggage can be dropped off in the first-floor lounge on the way to Sunday School. They will return around 3 pm on Saturday, June 23.



Watch for photos and updates on the St. John's website and Facebook page, and in upcoming Family News.

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### 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.

## WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

I always liked Mr. Rogers.

Two years ago, the Foust and Tomello families sorted through photos of Rachael and Dave to include in a pictorial life review during wedding events. One photo showed Dave (our son-in-law) with his family and Mr. Rogers. It turns out that Dave's uncle, Rev. Dr. George Wirth, was a close friend of Rev. Fred Rogers — both ordained Presbyterian USA ministers. George officiated Dave and Rachael's wedding, so I could be fully present as father of the bride.



The friendship of George Wirth and Fred Rogers began in Pittsburgh in 1983 after a funeral. George's best friend, Rev. Dr. Robert Holland, had died of a heart attack, and George prayed at the funeral. Mr. Rogers attended the funeral and called George after the service saying, "Your prayer was lovely and meaningful to me. I can tell you are hurting. Would you like to get together and visit for a while?" George explains, "Fred could sense the pain in other people, and he felt a calling to minister to them. I was one of those people." George says Fred was the same person whether on TV, at a funeral, at home or lunching at Duranti's.

My reading recently included an article commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. The anniversary date occurred four days prior to the massacre at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. This past week, a documentary was released titled 'Won't You Be My Neighbor?' I plan to see it in the next few days and encourage you to do so as well.

One article offers seven lessons we can import into our lives which were exemplified by Mr. Rogers:

1. He was vulnerable;
2. He was devout;
3. He believed in us all;
4. He was gentle, but strong;
5. He was real and honest;
6. He was quiet and embraced silence; and
7. He listened and encouraged others to listen.

Let us continue to live in the world every day relating with other persons as our neighbor. Let us, "Love our neighbor," as taught by Jesus. And, let us search for ways to be kind to one another. As Mr. Fred Rogers would ask us, "What can you do to make goodness more attractive?"

Shalom,  
Dennis

## Youth News from Lee

### Summer Youth Events

**June 17-23 – High School Mission Trip with Sea Island Habitat** on John's Island, SC. Youth will be commissioned during the worship service on June 17<sup>th</sup>. A what-you-need-to-know-and-bring email has been sent to participants. It is optional, but **I am asking youth participants who can to contribute \$100 to the "Youth Mission Auction Designated fund."** (We had to pay Sea Island a \$175 per person fee for the first time this year. This fee has been waived for us in prior years because of the sheer volume of materials we were able to bring down with us from the pre-building we did in Charlotte beforehand.)

**July 23-28 – Unidiversity Youth Summer Camp** If you have sent me your seminar & elective choices, you have been registered.

**August 11-14 – Middle School Local Mission Trip - this includes rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through youth who have finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade.** Projects will include Adopt—A-Stream cleanup, attending worship and putting down pavers at Hope Chapel, attending the Pride worship service at St. John's, serving breakfast and sorting clothes at Crisis Assistance, preparing meals at Friendship Trays, and a brief Charlotte History tour hosted by St. John's own Janet Wade. We will stay in a local hotel in order to get to early morning projects together and so the kids can all swim together. Cost will be around \$50 to cover fun/recreational activities (lodging and meals covered by the mission auction fund). **If you/your youth would like to participate, please let me know if you have not already done so.**

**August 19 – Pride Parade** after morning worship at 1:00pm

### From Allison

#### Sundays, June 10-August 19

**Nursery/2s:** This class will be cared for in their room during Worship Hour only (10:15-11:30). You and your child(ren) are welcome to join us for Summer Sunday School.

**PreK/K:** This class will be cared for in the room next to the Nursery (note the room change!) during the Worship Hour only (10:15-11:30). You and your child(ren) are welcome to join us for Summer Sunday School.

**Grades 1-5:** From 9:15-10:20 they will participate in Summer Sunday School. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship.



**A Year in the Church:  
St. John's/St. Martins VBS 2018**

This week, we are learning about the seasons of the church year and how they help us to remember Jesus' life. We'll celebrate Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and



Pentecost all in one week! At the end of the week the children will have created art, learned important stories, visited the sanctuaries of St. John's and St. Martin's, and had lots



of fun in the process. Look for some of the art we create around our building.



**Freedom School**

Freedom School Staff and Interns move into our space this week! A few weeks ago, our Education Team worked to get their classrooms ready and provide each Intern with a few supplies for their rooms and some fun things to help get their summer started. Freedom School Partners is a 501(c)(3) that promotes the long-term success of children by preventing summer learning loss through igniting a passion for reading and inspiring a love of learning. They provide quality summer programming for students in grades K-8 at 16 locations across Charlotte. Families can register their children for a local chapter of Freedom School, and their children will be provided six weeks of programming which includes:



- Two daily meals and a snack
- Daily literacy training, instruction and support
- Community building for children and parents
- Enrichment through field trips and recreational opportunities
- Daily contact with well-trained college students and adults who care for them
- Daily exposure to readers from everywhere in the community

If you would like to volunteer with Freedom School, go to <http://qcfamilytree.freedomsschoolpartners.volunteerhub.com/events/indexv1> and check out all the volunteer opportunities offered with Freedom School this summer!

**Senior "Picnic" Luncheon  
Sponsored by Women of the Church  
Sunday, June 24  
11:45-1:00  
Broach Hall**

Fried chicken, baked beans and potato salad.  
Call Jacquelyn in the church office  
(704-333-5428 ext. 11) to RSVP by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Young Voices of the Carolinas  
Workshop and Performance  
with the Raleigh Boychoir  
Friday & Saturday, June 22-23**



Young Voices of the Carolinas will host the Raleigh Boychoir for a singing workshop and informal performance. Selected students will have a fun day with friends, and also have the opportunity to see what YVOTC is all about. We will work on vocal technique, creating harmony, and learn a few songs which they will share on Saturday afternoon.

Local artist and member of Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble, Nellie Ashford, will exhibit some of her works that were recently on display in the art gallery at the Harvey Gantt Museum in Lasater Hall prior to the concert. Purchase tickets at <http://ccensemble.org/events/>

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**Ministers**

*Every participant in God's Servant Church*

**Equipping Ministers**

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**Church Staff**

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***Prayer Concerns & Celebrations***

Joe Ehrenberger - Asbury; Nancy Burgess, Bill Claytor, Harold Funderburk, Camille Green, Genice Harper, Polly Hull, Lee Hutchison, Dale Johnson, Pat Lloyd, Johnnie Morcock, Brad Sifford, & Carole Ann Simpson - home

***Congratulations***

to Dan and Judy Biber on the birth of their grandson, Tristan Verloo Biber-Peterson, born June 12, in Greensboro to parents Miriam and Chris. He joins big brother James, age 2.

***Sunday, June 17***

**Deacons:** Tricia Miller, Ellen Smith, Henry Snyder, Laura Sorrell, Kathy Spence, Todd Stillerman, Anne Sutton, Elizabeth Whipple, Lindsay Wilson, Alice Wirz  
**Tellers:** Tom Blackmon, Matt Collins

**Greeters:** Main-Ed Turner, Ken Hungate; 5th St.-Vanessa Boling, Betty Thompson; Broach Hall-Ed Outen; Elevator- Marvin Carter

**Ushers:** Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Susan King

***Financial Ministry Plan Report:***

Week of June 4-10: \$4,414  
 Income through June 10: \$361,781  
 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

**2018 Global Mission Offering**  
**Goal - \$15,000—Received \$1370**

Benefitting  
 The Nyarweng Primary School, South Sudan

***Ministers on Call:***

June 11-17: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234  
 June 18-24: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412



⇒ A "Dream Program" was launched in 1962 to remodel the sanctuary, enlarge the choir area, and complete the basic organ.

**SAVE THE DATES:** The 2018 Charlotte Pride Festival is Saturday -Sunday, August 18-19, with the 2018 Bank of America Charlotte Pride Parade starting at 1 pm on Sunday, August 19. The Pride Interfaith Service will be held at St. John's on Sunday, August 12, at 4 pm. Follow this space for more details. If you would like to volunteer to do more than march in the parade, e-mail Todd Stillerman at [stillerman@gmail.com](mailto:stillerman@gmail.com) or text Mattie Stillerman at 704-362-6743.



**Upcoming Games:**

All games will be played at Providence Baptist Church, 4921 Randolph Road

Mon 6/18 6 pm vs Hawthorne Lane  
 Wed 6/20 6 pm vs St. Martin's  
 Tues 6/26 6 pm vs PBC Grey  
 Tues 6/28 7:15 pm vs St. Gabriel



**Calendar: June 17-23**

**Sunday, June 17**

9:15..... Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)  
 10:30..... Worship (Sanctuary)  
 1:00..... South Sudanese worship (Chapel)

**Monday, June 18**

8:00..... Freedom School begins  
 6:30..... Leadership Task Force (Lounge)  
 6:30..... Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

**Tuesday, June 19**

7:00..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)  
 9:00..... Queen City Unlimited (Gym)  
 10:00..... Staff meeting (Conference Room)  
 10:30..... CROP (Lounge)  
 4:15..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)  
 5:15..... SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)  
 6:00..... Safety & Security Task Force (Lounge)

**Wednesday, June 20**

6:30..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 9:00..... Queen City Unlimited (Gym)  
 9:30..... Yoga (Room 114)  
 6:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)  
 6:30..... Charlotte Nets AAU (Gym)

**Thursday, June 21**

9:00..... Queen City Unlimited (Gym)  
 11:00..... Uptown Ladies (Lounge)  
 12:30..... Novant Monthly Managers' meeting (Broach Hall)

**Friday, June 22**

6:00..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)  
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

**Saturday, June 23**

7:00..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 9:00..... Young Voices of the Carolinas/Raleigh Boychoir (Choir Room/Sanctuary)

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