



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*

Sermon Series:

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

Sunday, July 15

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer:

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon:

Where Good Originates

Scripture:

Luke 1:26-35
Matthew 1:18-25
John 1:43-46

Naturalization Workshop

Todd Stillerman has been working through the Bank of America Legal Department with the Latin America Coalition to staff naturalization workshops in Mecklenburg County. These workshops provide free legal advice to immigrants with permanent resident status on how to fill out their N-400 forms to apply for naturalized U.S. citizenship. **One of these workshops will be held at St. John's in Broach Hall on Saturday, July 14th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.** In addition to providing space for the workshop, we have the opportunity to help in the following ways:



- Volunteers to assist with check-in and greeting from 8 AM to 2 PM (can work in shifts)
- Volunteers to help with refreshments, including set-up and clean-up.
Contact Beverly: beverlyrhester@earthlink.net
- Non-attorney volunteers to assist clients in filling out the N-400 form. This requires participation in a 1 hour training session at Latin American Coalition at a time to be determined.
- Attorney volunteers to advise clients on filling out N-400 form. This requires 2 hours of online training.
Contact Todd: todd.stillerman@bankofamerica.com

Please consider being involved in this important ministry to members of our community who are seeking to become naturalized citizens!

2018 Global Mission Offering

The Nyarweng Primary School, South Sudan

Goal - \$15,000—Received \$8,090

St. John's ministry to The Nyarweng Primary School began in 2008 when Lubo (one of the Lost Boys of Sudan who was resettled to Charlotte), then age 25, returned to his village for the first time since fleeing at the age of 8. Amidst the sadness, he found a hopeful people, holding classes in the shade of trees or in makeshift temporary structures. When asked what they most wanted, the village leaders answered, "We want a better life for our children. We want education. We want our own school."

During this year's offering, we are hoping to raise \$15,000 (send checks to St. John's and write "The Nyarweng School" on the memo line) AND we want to send a backpack to Nyarweng full of good will in the form of letters and art. Members of all ages are asked to address the letters to a young or older child or to a teacher or parent. Share a piece of yourselves in your letter, perhaps even a picture of your family. What unites us – our love of God, hope for our children, and appreciation of a dependable friend - is far greater than what separates us. Remember that these people have heard of you and St. John's, and they pray for you when they worship on Sundays in the school. Perhaps we will hear back from some of Nyarweng's students and teachers.

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Douglas Steere was a Quaker writer and teacher. A professor of philosophy at Haverford College and Union Seminary, he initiated post-war relief work in the late 1940s in Norway, Poland and Finland. He was invited to be an ecumenical participant in the Second Vatican Council with St. John's own Claude Broach. He co-founded the Ecumenical Institute for Spirituality.

One of my favorite marked passages in Douglas Steere's writing is the following reference to intercessory prayer: *"Intercession is the most intensely social act that the human being is capable of doing."* (*Dimensions of Prayer*)

1. In your prayers, intercede with me on behalf of:
2. The children, youth and young adults who are involved with us for Freedom School, 2018. They are an impressive group.
3. Our Leadership Development Team as they enlist our deacons, resource teams, task forces and ministry leaders for 2018-2019.
4. Our youth as they continue to be involved in learning and servant ministries this summer.
5. Our continued efforts to give \$15,000 to help pay teacher salaries for the community school in Nyarweng, South Sudan. This Global Mission Offering emphasis will continue during the rest of the summer. Have you written a note to a teacher or a student and placed it inside the backpack near the pulpit?
6. Kevin Gray and our Technology Resource Team as they move toward the installation phase of our new sanctuary sound system and livestreaming video system. This effort will also vastly upgrade our sound and video systems in Broach Hall.
7. Our church staff as we coordinate plans for the 2018-2019 church year. In September, you will receive a booklet highlighting major dates and emphases for September 2018 through August 2019.

If you believe the discipline of prayer makes a difference in you and in the life of St. John's, please join me in intercessory prayer.

Shalom,
Dennis

Youth News from Lee

Summer Youth Events

July 23-28 – **University Youth Summer Camp**

All participants should meet at church at 9:00 am on Monday, July 23. We will return at 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 28. Please turn in your \$300 check payable to St. John's. More details in e-mail sent this week.

August 11-14 – Middle School Local Mission Trip - this includes rising 6th graders through youth who have finished 8th 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 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.

Upcoming Games:

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



Thurs 7/12 7:15 pm vs PBC Blue

Tues 7/17 6:00 pm vs PBC Red

Thurs 7/19 6:00 pm vs Hawthorne Lane

Tues 7/24 6:00 pm vs St. Martin's

Thurs 7/26 6:00 pm vs St. Gabriel

Tournament will start 7/30 (if make-ups are finished)

Summer Reading List - The Farside Sunday School class has put together their annual summer reading list. Pick up a copy in the church office or library, and enjoy a good book this summer!



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. This service will contain music, prayers, and proclamations of many

of the world's religions. Also, Kevin is working with other arts organizations in the city to attempt a mass choir experience. 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 or text Mattie Stillerman at 704-362-6743.

Search for New Administrative Assistant:

Our Personnel Resource Team is receiving resumes for Administrative Assistant. As Jacquelyn McAbee has transitioned to become our Church Administrator, this position of Administrative Assistant now becomes available. This position serves as the primary office administration support role for the church staff, pastoral deacons and ministry deacons while also coordinating most of the church's communications and publications. Resumes and cover letters should be emailed to jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org prior to August 1st.



From July 23-28, St. John's Youth will attend Unidiversity Youth Summer Camp in Knoxville on the campus of the University of Tennessee. They will joined about 300 other youth from around the eastern United States. This camp is mostly, but not exclusively, Baptist and ecumenical in spirit. Each day youth will participate in creative worship, Bible Study, a seminar of their choice (classroom learning), an elective of their choice (fun activity), and some sort of camp-wide party/activity. Our camp proclamer this year is the Rev. Sherri Madkins from Howard University and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Please pray for us as we seek to grow in faith and closer to each other as people of faith. Thank you for your support. ~ Lee Gray

Leadership Positions: The Leadership Task Force is responsible for filling the leadership positions in the church, including resource team members (such as Finance, Personnel, House & Grounds, Technology), Sunday School teachers (adult, youth & children), and mission partner liaisons. Please contact current chair of diaconate Randy Brantley (rlb1@ctc.net), deacon panel chairs (Stan Brown-Ministries; Cindy McIntyre or Melissa Millette-Pastoral; or Kim Ray-Administrative), or Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office (jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org) if you are interested in working in a particular area of church life or have questions.



SAVE THE DATES!

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.



One-day Retreat
Saturday, November 3
9 am - 4 pm
Bragg Farm



Coming Soon:

A report about Allison's trip to the Baptist World Alliance Annual Gathering in Zürich

STORIES TO HELP US GROW: For the Bible Tells Us So A St. John's Summer Series

From June 10-August 19, we will have 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.



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Office hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Fri.: 8:30 am-12:00 noon



⇒ Dr. Broach was honored by being named "Visiting Theologian" to Pope John XXIII's Vatican Ecumenical council in Rome in 1965.



Let's Plan a Party!

It is hard to believe that in less than 4 years, St. John's will be 100 years old. If you are interested in helping plan our celebration by being a member of the Heritage Resource Team, please contact Fredda Kimball or Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office.

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Joe Ehrenberger - Asbury; Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Genice Harper, Johnnie Morcock, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

Thank You

My most heartfelt thanks to all of the persons who sent cards and made calls during my recuperation after my accident. Again, Thanks! ~ Elma Thomas

Sunday, July 15

Deacons: Gail Sifford, Ellen Smith, Henry Snyder, Laura Sorrell, Kathy Spence, Todd Stillerman, Anne Sutton, Elizabeth Whipple, Lindsay Wilson, Alice Wirz
Tellers: Morgan Newman, Tim Gibson
Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Phil Vavra; 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 July 2-9: \$11,325
 Income through July 9: \$446,160
 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

Ministers on Call:

July 9-15: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412
 July 16-22: Lee Gray 704-451-1309

Upper Room Devotionals:

If you picked up a recent copy of the July/August edition and are missing some pages, please stop by the church to pick up one of replacement copies that we received with all the right pages in the correct order.

Calendar: July 15 - 21

Sunday, July 15

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

Monday, July 16

10:00 CROP (Lounge)
 6:00 Freedom School Family Night (Lasater Hall)
 8:00 AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, July 17

7:00 Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 10:00 Staff meeting (Conference Room)
 5:15 SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
 6:00 Safety & Security Task Force (Lounge)

Wednesday, July 18

6:30 Benton Basketball (Gym)
 6:00 Membership Task Force (Lounge)
 6:00 AA (Lasater Hall)

Thursday, July 19

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

Friday, July 20

5:30 Volunteers serve dinner at Uptown Mens' Shelter
 8:00 AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, July 21

7:00 Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30 Charlotte Family Housing Family Empowerment

Complete calendar online:
www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org