



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, August 12

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer:

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PHD

Sermon:

*A Spirit Empowered Church:
Devout and Devoted*

Scripture:

Acts 2:1-12, 37-42



Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service

St. John's will host the Pride Interfaith Service on Sunday, August 12, at 4 pm. This service will contain music, prayers, and proclamations of many of the world's religions. The service will also include a community-based music component. A reception in Broach Hall will follow the service.

Festival & Parade

St. John's will be participating in Charlotte Pride again this year! The festival is August 18-19, and the parade is on Sunday, August 19.

If you want to march with the St. John's crew, meet at the staging area on N. Tryon Street between 9th and 10th after worship on Sunday. Text Todd Stillerman (704-763-6611) if you have any issues finding us. Please try to be in line with us by 12:30pm.

Volunteers are still needed for the St. John's booth at the Pride Festival on Saturday, August 18 between noon and 6pm. Contact Todd (stillerman@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Tie-dyed St. John's Pride t-shirts are still available for \$10 each. See Allison Benfield while supplies last!

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OPEN TABLE:

Intergenerational Evenings with Purposeful Play



Our next **OPEN TABLE** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 22**. The menu will be bbq pork, rolls, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. Please email Jacquelyn McAbee at jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org or call the church office at 704.333.5428, ext. 11 by Friday, August 17, to make your reservation. 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. Bring your favorite board or table game, and come enjoy catching up with each other as we gather around the tables for fun and fellowship

RECESS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SELF-CARE

When did you first hear the term, 'physical education?' For me, it was in seventh grade. Prior to that year, we just called it 'recess.'

Recess introduced me to self-care by playing. Because of games such as Duck-Duck-Goose, Simon Says, Hide and Seek, Capture the Flag, Tag, Freeze Tag, Blind Man's Bluff, Marbles, Checkers, Jacks, Hopscotch, Jump Rope, Four Square, Dodge Ball, Kick Ball, Mother May I, Red Rover, etc., I have good memories of recess. We were children; girls and boys without meanness or guile. We recognized and respected the differences and similarities among us. As teachers guided us to play fairly, we played freely.

Then came Coach Myers and Coach Butler. In 1967, Southeast Junior High in Kansas City was new to school integration. My best friends in seventh and eighth grade were African American kids. Together, we were introduced to Physical Education – or PE – very different from recess.

In PE, we learned the rules of a variety of sports. We had an obstacle course complete with climbing ropes, rings, pommel horse, parallel bars and horizontal bar. We learned how to run plays in basketball and football. We learned how to play each position in baseball. We were introduced to soccer, lacrosse, golf, volleyball, track, badminton, racquet ball, trampoline, handball, archery and tennis. The coaches showed us movies about anatomy and physiology until we were informed, shocked and afraid. Yet, we also learned about ourselves and were introduced to concepts such as exercise, health, hygiene, CPR and first aid. We learned sportsmanship, team play, respect, ethics and the impact of cheating. It was self-care.

In recent weeks, as I have been healing after surgery to repair three abdominal hernias, my thoughts have traced my self-care journey. Teachers and coaches introduced me to pathways of self-care through play and PE. Like most of my peers, I gradually moved from playing multiple sports into the role of spectator – watching others play. I continue to learn about physical education and self-care. I am grateful for good health and God's gift of rest which restores and recreates the physical body. Your prayers, cards, calls, notes and emails have contributed to my healing. Thank you for your expressions of love and care.

Part of my pastoral calling is to offer spiritual care while people are healing, resting, praying, struggling, fighting, hoping, grieving loss, weakening and dying. Beloved, along life's journey, we will experience recess and physical education, learning that self-care is like games we play as children and sports we enjoy. Playing includes being kind to others and to yourself. Did you know recess and PE were about self-care? Of course, you did.

Shalom,
Dennis

Youth News from Lee

Upcoming Youth Events

August 11-14 – Middle School Local Mission Trip - Detailed schedule has been sent to all participants. Retreat begins with dinner at St. John's at 5:30 pm on Saturday and concludes with pick up at St. John's on Monday at 5:00 pm. I still need 2 adults to help with Adopt-A-Stream Cleanup on Saturday, 8/11, from 6-8pm.
August 19 – Pride Parade after worship at 1:00 pm



August 31 – September 2 – High School Fall Retreat to Savannah, GA – New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, GA (outside Savannah). Mark your calendars.
June 15-22, 2019 – High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico – If you have made a commitment to go, please mail your \$100 deposit check (payable to "St. John's" with "Puerto Rico Mission Trip" in the memo line).

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 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.



Mark your calendars! Promotion Sunday will be August 26. The 6th Graders will get their Bibles and promote to youth, Formation Classes will begin again, and we'll have a parent's meeting to discuss the upcoming year. During worship, the 2nd Graders will receive their Bibles.

The tournament is underway, but the schedule is not set due to rainouts on Monday evening. St. John's will play Hawthorne Lane at 6:00 pm on Wednesday in Game 1. If they win, they will play again on a future night.



Middle School Local Mission Trip

Sixteen middle school youth, with the assistance of 20 adults and 3 high school youth, will participate in our local mission trip. This trip will provide a variety of service opportunities and a few educational and fun activities for our middle school youth. It also helps to familiarize and prepare them for local service work in the future. The schedule is below:

Saturday, August 11th

- 5:30 pm – Dinner at St. John's
(Youth will also fold Pride handkerchiefs)
- 6:15 pm – Adopt-A-Stream Cleanup -Little Sugar Creek
- 8:30 pm – Hotel (shower, swim, watch tv)

Sunday, August 12th


- 7:15 am – Continental Breakfast at hotel
- 8:00 am – Worship at Hope Chapel
- 8:45 am – Put down pavers at Hope Chapel
- 11:30 am – Tie-Dye Pride Hankerchiefs at St. John's
- 12:45 pm – Downtime at Hotel
- 4:00 pm – Pride Worship Service at St. John's
- 5:00 pm – Quick Pizza Dinner at St. John's
- 5:30 pm – Ice Cream Social at Charlotte Rescue Mission
- 8:00 pm – Debrief Discussion at Hotel

Monday, August 13th

- 7:15 am – Continental Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:00 am – Friendship Trays
- 12:30 pm – National Whitewater Center
- 7:30 pm – Movie at AMC 22 South Blvd
- 9:30 pm – Hotel

Tuesday, August 14th

- 7:30 am – Continental Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:30 am – Serve Breakfast at Crisis Assistance
- 9:30 am – Charlotte History Museum Tour - Janet Wade
- 11:30 am – Lunch & Hang out in Romare Bearden Park
- 2:30 pm – Sort clothes at Crisis Assistance
- 5:00 pm – Pick up at St. John's



Run Away With Me
a song concert by
Ryan Deal & Diann Clark

St. John's Baptist Church
300 Hawthorne Lane
Charlotte, NC

Saturday, August 25
7:30pm
Free Admission



2018 Global Mission Offering The Nyarweng Primary School, South Sudan Goal - \$15,000—Received \$12,334

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) by the end of August. We also 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 and place in the bag at the front of the sanctuary.

Please participate in our Global Mission Offering by giving and by writing a letter to a student, a teacher, or a parent. What do you want to share with your friends in Nyarweng? A part of yourself? An encouraging word? Your favorite bible verse? A picture of your family?



School Uniform Drive: The first of August marks the beginning of our uniform donation drive for Highland Renaissance School (under our Children & Families Team). Needs include:

- Girls' khaki or navy pants: Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18
- Boys' khaki or navy pants: Sizes 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
- Short-sleeved polo shirts: ALL Sizes - White and navy
- Long-sleeved polo shirts: ALL Sizes - White and navy

GREATEST NEED IS FOR SMALLER SIZES.

Place on uniform racks in the Main Entrance lobby or outside sanctuary by August 26!

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 the church office.



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



⇒ Any woman who is a member of, or active in, the ministries of St. John's Baptist Church is a member of the "Women of the Church."

**10th Annual
 Women of the Church Luncheon
 Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Ladies, please watch your email for your luncheon invitation from Evite on or about August 13th. The cost is \$10 per person. You may respond to the Evite or call the church office for reservations.



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



Women of the Church need your donated Birthday Cards for men! Cards can be given to Patricia McCaskill or left in the church office for use in the Women of the Church birthday card ministry. Thank you!

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Missy Nash - Forsyth Memorial; Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Matt Collins, Carol Drye, Dennis Foust, McLain Hall, Genice Harper, Johnnie Morcock, Casey Perkins, Gene Poole, Dot Propst, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

Congratulations

to Byron Bullard, who was recently surprised during a meeting of the Charlotte Rotary as he was presented The Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Sympathy

to Joyce Ehrenberger in the death of her husband, Josef, on Sunday, August 5. Service will be held at Aldersgate on September 15 at 11:00 am.

Sunday, August 12

Deacons: Gail Sifford, Ellen Smith, Henry Snyder, Laura Sorrell, Kathy Spence, Todd Stillerman, Anne Sutton, Elizabeth Whipple, Lindsay Wilson, Alice Wirz

Tellers: Margaret Falls, Linda Kerley

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner & Chuck Jones; 5th St. - Vanessa Boling & Betty Thompson; Broach Hall-Ed Outen; Elevator-Marvin Carter

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of July 30-August 5: \$22,734
 Income through August 5: \$525,983
 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

Ministers on Call:

July 30 - August 5: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
 August 6 - 12: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412

Calendar: August 12 - 18

Sunday, August 12	
9:15.....	Summer Sunday School (Lasater Hall/Classrooms)
10:30.....	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30.....	Middle School Mission Trip (Lounge)
4:00.....	Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service (Sanctuary)
5:00.....	Charlotte Pride Interfaith Reception (Broach Hall)
5:00.....	Middle School Youth dinner (Lounge)
Monday, August 13	
6:30.....	Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
8:00.....	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, August 14	
7:00.....	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
10:00.....	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
1:00.....	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
6:00.....	Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Support Groups (Rooms 114 & 116)
Wednesday, August 15	
6:30.....	Benton Basketball (Gym)
1:00.....	Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
5:30.....	Women of the Church Board meeting (Lounge)
6:00.....	AA (Lasater Hall)
7:15.....	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, August 16	
11:00.....	Uptown Ladies (Lounge)
12:30.....	Novant Monthly Managers' Meeting (Broach Hall)
Friday, August 17	
5:30.....	Volunteers serve dinner at Uptown Men's Shelter
8:00.....	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, August 18	
7:00.....	Benton Basketball (Gym)
7:00.....	Kids Basketball (Gym)
12:00.....	Pride Festival (Uptown)

Complete calendar online:
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