



# 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, August 19**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Proclaimer:**

Rev. Lee Gray

**Sermon:**

*Images of God*

**Scripture:**

*Genesis 1:26-27*

*Mark 12:13-17*

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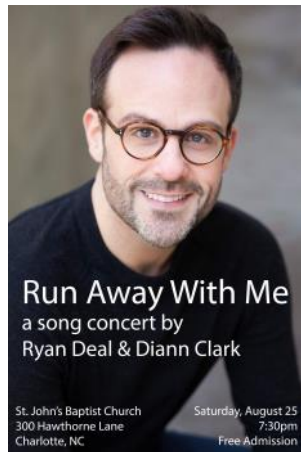
## Pride Festival & Parade

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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 6 pm. Contact Todd ([stillerman@gmail.com](mailto: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!



### 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

I am so excited to have Ryan Deal in concert at St. John's. This concert is free and a perfect opportunity for you to invite your friends into our beautiful sanctuary.

Many people's first experience with us may not be a worship service but a concert like this one. I will begin to refer to these as gateway experiences. It is my hope that when people from the community gather with us at these gateway experiences, they will find a sense of belonging that will peak their curiosity about what else happens here.

This is a great opportunity for you personally, and for us all collectively, to open the doors of our sanctuary to this community that is bursting at the seams.

~ J. Kevin Gray

## OPEN TABLE:

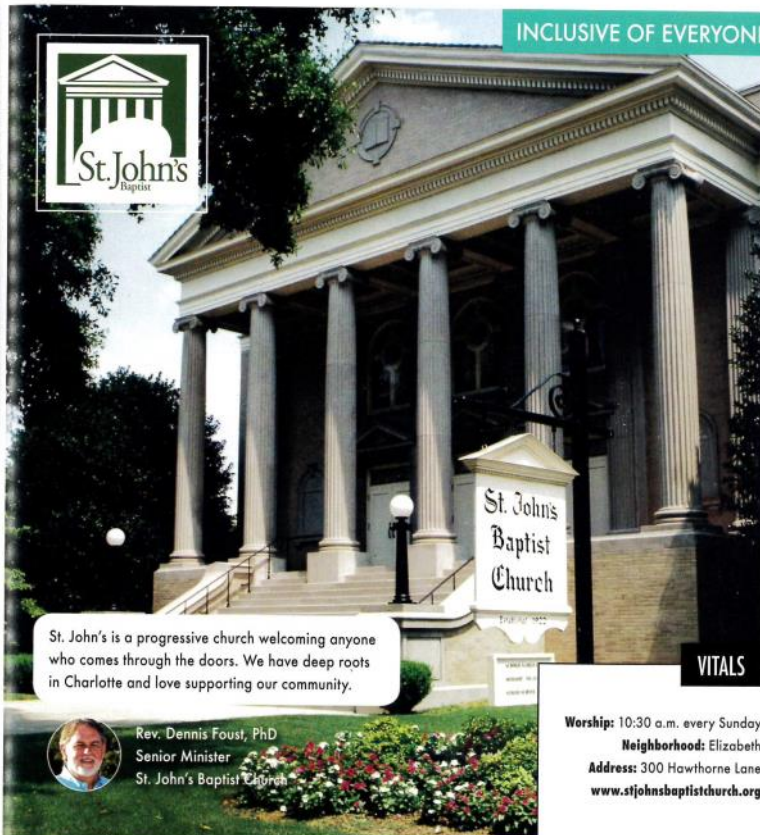
### Intergenerational Evenings with Purposeful Play



Our next **OPEN TABLE** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 22**. The menu will be bbq pork, rolls, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. **Email Jacquelyn McAbee at [jmcabee@sicharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sicharlotte.org) or call the church office (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.

# INVEST YOUR SUNDAYS WITH ST. JOHN'S



**INCLUSIVE OF EVERYONE**

St. John's is a progressive church welcoming anyone who comes through the doors. We have deep roots in Charlotte and love supporting our community.

**Rev. Dennis Foust, PhD**  
Senior Minister  
St. John's Baptist Church

**VITALS**  
Worship: 10:30 a.m. every Sunday  
Neighborhood: Elizabeth  
Address: 300 Hawthorne Lane  
[www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)

The ad shown to the left appears in the book City Notes, Charlotte Agenda's annual newcomer's guide. It lists many cafes, restaurants, businesses and organizations throughout the city. St. John's is pleased to be one of only two churches asked to be included in this booklet which puts us before more than 100,000 users each year across the Charlotte region.

## Youth News from Lee

### Upcoming Youth Events

- August 19** – **Pride Parade** after worship at 1 pm
- August 26** – **Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth** are presented a Bible in Lasater Hall in the Sunday School hour
- August 31 – September 2** – **High School Fall Retreat to Savannah, GA** – New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, GA (outside Savannah).
- June 15-22, 2019** – **High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico**



Sunday, August 26

### Scenes from this week's Middle School Local Mission Trip





Thank you!! to everyone at St. John's for the engagement, commitment and beautiful partnership hosting this year's Pride Interfaith Service. Please share this very heartfelt thanks to Kevin, Matt, Noel, Chris, all the volunteers and choir members who helped make it possible and so very warm and welcoming.

In the past 24 hours I have received quite a few personal, and some emotional, emails about yesterday at how deeply folks were touched and how energized they felt after such a diverse service.

Thank you all for a partnership and a job very well done.

**Charlotte Pride Interfaith Committee**  
*John Simmons, 2018 Chairperson*



**School Uniform Drive:** Our uniform donation drive for Highland Renaissance School (under our Children & Families Team) is underway. Place uniforms on racks in Main Entrance lobby or outside sanctuary by August 26! 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.**

## Welcome New Members!

Jane Murray joined on Sunday, August 12, by statement. She resides at 8726 Fairview Rd, Apt. 1-C, Charlotte 28226.



Micah 'Benji' Furlong joined on Sunday, August 12, by transfer of church membership. He resides at 3305 Eastover Ridge Dr., #237, Charlotte 28211.

## 2018 Global Mission Offering The Nyarweng Primary School, South Sudan Goal - \$15,000—Received \$12,389

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?

## Deacon Nominees

The following slate of Deacons is nominated by the St. John's Leadership Task Force. Each nominee will serve a 3-year term (except as noted). The Deacon Election will be held on Sunday, August 26, during the morning worship service, when the Leadership Report will also be presented. Absentee ballots are available in the church office and should be returned by Sunday, August 19. Deacon Ordination and Installation will be on Sunday, September 9.

### Administrative

James Laney (1-year)  
 Randy Mahnesmith  
 Greg Rodden  
 Donna Scott  
 Nancy Wilson

### Ministries

Allene Cooley  
 Tim Gibson  
 Clara Howell  
 Keith Towery

### Pastoral

Lydia Farnsworth  
 Libby LeVie  
 Gary McFarland  
 Hank Packman

Judy Sanford  
 Jean Thompson  
 Kathy Turner  
 Wesley Watts

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**Ministers**

*Every participant in God's Servant Church*

**Equipping Ministers**

*Minister for Children & Their Families* ..... Allison Benfield  
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*Minister for Worship and Music*.....Kevin Gray  
 ext. 14 - kgray@sjcharlotte.org  
*Minister for Youth & Young Adults* .....Lee Gray  
 ext. 15 - lgray@sjcharlotte.org  
*Senior Minister*..... Dennis Foust  
 ext. 12 - dfoust@sjcharlotte.org

**Church Staff**

*Church Administrator* ..... Jacquelyn McAbee  
 ext. 20 - jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org  
*Custodians* ..... Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon  
*Graded Choirs Director*..... Anna Ball  
*Organist*..... Noel Lance  
 nlance@sjcharlotte.org  
*Weekday School Director* .....Lydia Olmsted  
 ext. 39 - weekdayschool@sjcharlotte.org  
 Office hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Fri.: 8:30 am-12:00 noon

***Prayer Concerns & Celebrations***

Jane Murray - surgery Thursday; Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Matt Collins, Carol Drye, McLain Hall, Johnnie Morcock, Missy Nash, Gene Poole, Dot Propst, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

***Sunday, August 19***

**Deacons:** David Allen, Linda Balentine, Jason Benton, Jordan Benton, Lynn Bishop, Maggie Bond, Leslie Bragg, Randy Brantley Stan Brown, Minh Callaway

**Tellers:** Morgan Newman, Tim Gibson

**Greeters:** Main-Ed Turner & Mark McNeill; 5th St.- Linda Kerley & Susan King; Broach Hall-Ashley Hogewood; Elevator-Marvin Carter

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

***Financial Ministry Plan Report:***

Week of July 30-August 5: \$9,196  
 Income through August 5: \$535,179  
 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

***Ministers on Call:***

August 13 - 19: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287  
 August 20 - 16: Lee Gray 704-451-1309

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.



⇒ "Women of the Church" is organized into three main groups – Fellowship/Hospitality, Spiritual Growth, and Events.

**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**



**Calendar: August 19 - 25**

**Sunday, August 19**

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

**Monday, August 20**

9:00..... Weekday School Staff Meeting (Lounge)  
 10:00..... Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)  
 5:00..... Ryan Deal Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 6:00..... Joy Class (Lounge)  
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

**Tuesday, August 21**

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

**Wednesday, August 22**

6:30..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 5:45..... Open Table Dinner (Broach Hall)  
 6:00..... Women of the Church Spiritual Growth Team (Lounge)  
 6:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)  
 7:15..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, August 23**

8:00..... HeadStart (Lounge)

**Friday, August 24**

6:00..... Ryan Deal Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

**Saturday, August 25**

7:00..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 7:30..... Ryan Deal Concert (Sanctuary)

Complete calendar online:  
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