



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, September 2
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer:

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon Series:

*Actively Faithful,
Faithfully Active Living*

Sermon:

Religious Labor

Scripture:

James 1:17-27

INTRODUCING DEACON AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2018-2019

New members of the Diaconate were approved by members in a church conference prior to worship on Sunday, August 26. Your new deacons are listed to the right.

The Deacon Panels will meet on Monday, September 10, at 6:30 pm, followed by All Deacons' Meeting in Broach Hall at 7:30 pm.

Deacon Ordination

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 9, when we will host Deacon Ordination and Installation during Worship.

Leadership Report

Members also approved the new Leadership Report during worship on August 26. The new Leadership Report includes several new or expanded resource teams, including an expanded Heritage Resource Team which will soon begin working to plan our centennial celebrations, a Spiritual Formation Resource Team and a Messaging & Media Resource Team.

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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10th Annual Women of the Church Luncheon Sunday, September 9 Broach Hall – 11:45 – 1:30



Good News: Julie Scoggins will soon be riding the high seas with Carnival Cruise Lines!



More Good News: Tara Brown, comedian and friend of Julie's, has agreed to join us for a fun-filled celebration of the Women of the Church.

All women are invited! Please reserve your place at the table today by replying to your Evite invitation or calling the church office (even if you did not receive an invitation by email)!

Deadline for reservations is this Friday, August 31. Cost is \$10 per person.

TRACING UPSTREAM TO THE FOUNTAINHEAD

Google presents the use of 'fountainhead' in various ways. This term is used in software related to geometry and architectural drawing. There are references to a book by this title written by Ayn Rand, the atheist and elevated saint for social selfishness. Persons who trace underground utilities toward the power source use this term. And, one medical writer cites the patient's bedside as a fountainhead of infection.

As we begin a new church year on September 1, please join me in tracing upstream to the fountainhead of our faith. While there are days it seems as if we are swimming freely in a pool of clear deep water, at other times we feel the swirl of an undertow tide pulling us away from shore or waves crashing us against the rocks. Yet, each day, we turn the spiritual spigot, and it provides water.

If we are not careful, we can dwell in our wonderful spigot-plaintful city without considering how we are caring for (or not caring for) our relationship with the fountainhead. Therefore, let us enter this new church year as a people with a deep and clear gratitude for our water source. We shall be refreshed, nourished and renewed.

Just as all great rivers of the world have been traced back to their fountainheads, we should go to the fountainhead of our faith and refill the canteens of our desires, visions, commitments – our hearts. Although most of our living is downstream, from time to time we need to retrace our tributary of faith upstream to the Source.

This past Sunday, my message encouraged you to review what you already know during these days of back-to-school emphasis. You already know to love God with your entire being and love your neighbor. We hear Jesus emphasizing these teachings as we reach the headwaters. But, the headwaters are not the fountainhead. Just beyond the headwaters, we hear the Voice of Living Water saying, "If anyone thirsts, let them come to me and drink." We do well if we set our faith compasses to North using Psalm 42:1 – "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God."

1. Renew your commitment to prayer.
2. Trace your steps back to the Source of your faith.
3. Sit at the Fountainhead for time alone with God.

"The water that I will give you will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

Shalom,
Dennis

Youth News from Lee

Upcoming Youth Events

August 31 – September 2 – High School Fall Retreat to Savannah, GA – New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, GA (outside Savannah) - We will leave at 4:30 on Friday and return around 4:30 on Sunday. Cost is \$75 per person. Activities will include making prayer necklaces, bracelets, key chains to help serve as a pneumatic device and establish ritual in the life of prayer. We will look at prayers of various biblical figures in the Bible. We will also go to Savannah for lunch on Saturday and will go to the beach on Tybee Island.

September 16 – Sunday Night kickoff for both parents and youth at 5:00 pm in Broach Hall (please note the change in date) I really want an evening where most parents and youth can be there to have fellowship, get an idea of what's coming on Sunday nights in the fall this year, and to experience the first "lesson" as a larger group together. The presence of parents really adds to the perspective and conversation that can be had. We will be looking at Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, and the life issues they raise, as a larger group on this night.

October 21 – rescheduled date for **Paintball** after morning worship, now with **St. Martin's Youth**

June 15-22, 2019 – High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico
July 22-27, 2019 – Unidiversity Summer Camp in Knoxville, TN



From Allison

Sundays, August 26

Nursery/2s: This class will be cared for in their room during Formation Hour and Worship Hour.

PreK/K: This class will be cared for in the room next to the Nursery (note the room change!) during Formation Hour and Worship Hour. They will learn about how God created everything.

Grades 1-5: From 9:15-10:00 they will have Formation Class where they will learn how the Israelites crossed the Jordan River with God's help, and about the stones that helped them remember what God had done for them. From 10:00-10:20 they will have Grace Notes with Miss Anna. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship.

Children's Sunday

On November 4, our children will be leading us in worship. Your regular attendance during September and October will help us be ready for this special Sunday. Please plan on being here that Sunday and on the Sundays leading up to it.

Music Notes!



Many of you have already heard that we have a new sound system in the sanctuary! For a great number of you the difference will be instant; for others, please bear with us as we adjust the sound over the next few weeks in an effort to make it as clear as it can be. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kevin or a church staff member.

I am so happy that now we have the capabilities to host almost any sort of musical event and continue to diversify our worship experience with dramatic readings and varied genres of music, both instrumental and vocal. Before, it was difficult to have more than one singer amplified at a time because the system we had phased out one microphone as another was being sung into. This meant that gospel, folk, jazz, and many other genres were hard to incorporate with high quality.

Now sky is the limit! Isn't it great to worship in a community that loves everything from Bach to Duke Ellington? Thank you for being you!

A special thank you to all who attended the concert last Saturday featuring Ryan Deal and Diann Clark. We had a great crowd, between 200-300. I saw many smiling St. John's faces. Keep coming and reaching out to your community!



If you are interested in ringing handbells this fall, please contact Jacquelyn McAbee (jmcabee@sicharlotte.org) or Kevin Gray. Rehearsals begin soon, and bells will ring in worship on Sunday, October 7.



Sunday, October 21
9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Lasater Hall
Sponsored by
The Craft & Needle Ministry

We need your help to donate handmade crafts and baked goods! All proceeds will be used to reduce hunger in the Charlotte region! Contact Ruth Jackson or the church office to volunteer or for more information.

Faith Journey Book Study begins September 10

The Faith Journey Book Study will begin the new session on Monday, September 10, at 11:45 am in Room 209. This group of ladies meets Monday mornings, beginning at 11:45 am and ending at 1:00 pm. From 11:45 until noon, we have a time of sharing and prayer, and we start at noon with the study and end promptly at 1 pm. We hope this schedule will be helpful for those working women who might join us during their lunch break. Our study begins with the book BOUNDLESS COMPASSION by Joyce Rupp. Please contact Gail Sifford, sgsifford@aol.com if you have questions.

Bible Work Bench resumes September 4

We invite you to join others as we begin a new session of Bible Work Bench on Tuesday, September 4th at 11:00 am. We meet for one hour in room 209. We begin our weekly meetings with the study of Mark, chapter 7. Contact Steve Hoffman (sghoffmans4@gmail.com or 704-604-9634) for more information.

**2018 Global Mission Offering
The Nyarweng Primary School, South Sudan
Goal - \$15,000—Received \$13,845**

One great way to participate in a missions project as a family is to write notes or draw pictures to send to the Nyarweng School. Your notes can be addressed to a student, to a parent, or to a teacher. In your note, you can tell our friends a little about yourself and let them know that you are praying for them. You might offer words of encouragement to keep studying, affirm a fellow parent, or thank a teacher. When you finish your pictures or letters, you might consider praying together for the people that will receive them. Bring your finished letters to church, and place them in the bag in the Sanctuary. ~ Allison



On Sunday, October 7, (World Communion Sunday) we will gather in Broach Hall immediately after worship service for a light lunch and a time to hear from James Lubo Majak in person about the development of the Nyarweng School in South Sudan. We will present to Lubo our Global Mission Offering and the messages we have prepared for him to deliver to the students, teachers, and families. More details will follow.



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Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Larry Batts - CMC; Dot Propst - Mercy; Martha Brown, Nancy Burgess, Matt Collins, Bill Finger, Bert Green, McLain Hall, Jane Murray, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

Sunday, September 2

Deacons: Christa Lynch, Mark McNeill, Tricia Miller, Melissa Millette, Jane Newman, Morgan Newman, Russell Norris, Kim Ray, Robby Ray, Shannon Rodden

Tellers: Marvin Carter, Paul Lloyd

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Bobby Furr; 5th St.-Al Bridges, Treva Bridges; Broach Hall-Jimmy Carpenter; Elevator-Marvin Carter

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

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of August 13-19: \$13,851
 Income through August 19: \$565,906
 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

Ministers on Call:

September 3-9: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
 September 10-16: Allison 828-448-8412



We had a wonderful collection this year.
 We collected 162 uniform pieces!
 Thanks to everyone who brought



⇒ The WOC "Spiritual Growth Team" leads three different activities of SJBC – Faith Journey Book Study, Women's Retreats, and Yoga.

Note to Sunday School Classes:



Please remember to take your used Sunday School literature and devotional materials to the Collection Room (corner room near Lasater Hall). These materials will be picked up by Tom and Martha Bryson to be re-used by one or more congregations who cannot afford to purchase new literature each quarter.

Come meet Mallory!

Mallory Brown begins her ministry alongside us as Administrative Assistant, on Tuesday, September 4. Please come by and introduce yourself to her.

Thank You

We want to say a special thank you for showing concern, compassion, care, and love to us over these last weeks. Most of all we want to thank you for your prayers. You have been a tremendous comfort to us as we have dealt with Gene's health challenges. His diagnosis we received on July 11, 2018, was progressive supranuclear palsy, a very rare degenerative brain disorder which affects movement, walking, balance, speech, swallowing, vision, moods, and behavior, as well as thinking. There is no cure and no effective treatment. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we face an unknown future.

Gratefully,
 Gene & Carol Pool

Calendar: September 2 - September 8

Sunday, September 2

9:15..... Sunday School (Classrooms)
 10:30..... Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 3

..... Church offices closed (Labor Day holiday)
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, September 4

..... Weekday School & HeadStart classes begin
 7:00..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 10:00..... Staff meeting (Conference Room)
 11:00..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)
 5:15..... SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, September 5

6:30..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30..... Yoga (Room 114)
 1:00..... Architectural Selection Committee (Lounge)
 6:00..... Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
 6:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)
 7:15..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 7:30..... Sherrill Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, September 6

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

Friday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 8

7:00..... Benton Basketball (Gym)

Complete calendar online:
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