



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 16

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer:

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon Series:

Actively Faithful,
Faithfully Active Living

Sermon:

Show & Tell

Scripture:

James 2:14-20; Mark 8:34-36

WORSHIP THEMES FOR AUTUMN 2018

September:

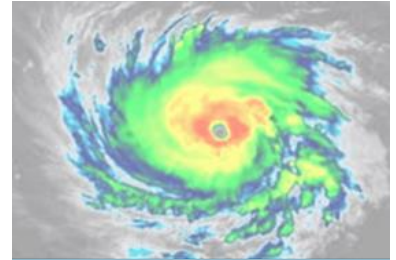
Actively Faithful Faithfully Active Living
Scripture Passages from the Letter of James

October:

The Love that Christ Revealed
Scripture Passages from the Letter to the Hebrews

November:

Telling and Sharing God's Spirit of Love
Focusing on Children, Stewardship and Thanksgiving



Hurricane Florence

As we send this week's Family News, we are watching the weather forecasts and models projecting the path of Hurricane Florence approaching coastal Carolina. While we pray for all those who will be adversely affected by this storm, please notify the church office if you need shelter due to the hurricane's impact. Reminder: our policy is to close our facilities if CMS is closed. If our Sunday services schedule is impacted, we will notify the media on Saturday or Sunday.



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OPEN TABLE

Wednesday, September 26

Our St. John's Covenant reads, *"We will love and encourage each other in the family of the church..."*

Our next Open Table is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26. We will engage in a variety of activities such as writing letters to South Sudan, accessing St. John's technology and social media presence, and playing "Name That Tune" with Kevin! There will certainly be something in which everyone can participate. The menu includes: roasted chicken, sautéed vegetables, rice, and dessert. 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 together. **Please contact the church office to sign up.**



DEACONS IN THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN'S

How do you experience spiritual renewal? Throughout each church year, God renews and inspires my spirit in the life of our congregation by baptisms; communion; reading the St. John's Covenant; discoveries of Truth by children and youth; welcoming new members; celebrating weddings and new births; genuine hugs, answered prayers, tangible signs of transformation, visits with members, mission trips, worship, community ministry, steadfastness, positive visions, decisions and commitments of our members based upon hope and faith, etc.

Another annual experience of spiritual renewal for me occurs during the ordination and installation of new deacons for a new church year. In the commitments of these members, I re-touch my calling to follow Christ in commitment. Our newly ordained deacons - Allene Cooley, Tim Gibson, Clara Howell, Libby LeVie, Keith Towery, Kathy Turner and Wesley Watts - are joined by the following women and men as deacons for 2018-2021: Randy Mahnesmith, Greg Rodden, Donna Scott, Nancy Wilson, Lydia Farnsworth, Gary McFarland, Hank Packman, Judy Sanford and Jean Thompson. James Laney will serve a one-year term filling the active role of Todd Stillerman who steps forward to guide the deacons as chairperson. I am exceedingly grateful to Randy Brantley for his diligent service as Deacon Chair throughout last year and those who rotated off of their three years of actively faithful service.

St. John's is served each year by 48 deacons plus the chairperson. These deacons serve on one of three deacon panels: Pastoral, Ministries or Administrative. Our Pastoral Deacon Panel consists of 24 deacons who offer attentive care for our congregation's households. Through calls, notes and conversations, they provide relational connections between our membership and offer compassionate ministry.

Our Ministries Deacon Panel consists of 12 deacons who coordinate and resource the many ministries of St. John's. When you hear something is happening in youth ministry, missions, worship, children's ministry, outreach, Sunday School Ministry, etc., you know the Ministries Panel has been involved.

Our Administrative Deacon Panel consists of 12 deacons who coordinate areas of congregational life related to finance, personnel, building and grounds, stewardship, endowment, technology, etc.

As we begin this new church year, please join me in expressing gratitude to these deacons and all members who serve us in faithfully active ways.

Shalom,
Dennis

Youth News from Lee

Upcoming Events

September 16 – **Sunday Night kickoff at 5PM** for both parents and youth at 5:00 pm in Broach Hall (**please note the change in date**) There will be a parents meeting component that evening (with youth directories and schedules handed out), but most of the evening will be youth and parents playing, eating, and sharing together.

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

Save the Date

June 15-22, 2019 – **High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico**

July 22-27, 2019 – **University Summer Camp** in Knoxville, TN

From Allison

Sunday, September 16

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 their classroom during Formation Hour and Worship Hour. They will learn about how Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden God made.

Grades 1-3: From 9:15-10 they will have Worship 101 where they will learn about what worship is and why we worship. From 10-10:20 they will have Grace Notes with Miss Anna. 1st-3rd Graders will join their families for worship, and they will have an activity for families to help them complete during/after worship.

Grades 4-5: From 9:15-10 they will have Formation Class where they will learn about how God's people needed the help of Judges like Deborah. From 10-10:20 they will have Grace Notes with Miss Anna. They 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.



Each week our Elementary Formation Classes spend time sharing prayer requests and praying for them. We share things we are thankful for and things we are concerned about. To the left is a picture of their prayer requests.



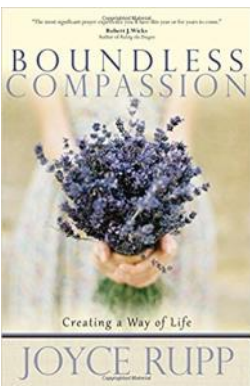
Women of the Church Luncheon 2018

Thank you to all who attended or played a role in making the 10th Annual Women of the Church luncheon such a success! Over 100 people enjoyed a delicious meal and socializing with one another. Tara Brown's monologue brought resounding laughter to the entire audience! A special thank you goes out to those men of the church who helped serve the meal, the events committee who prepared the food, and the church staff who set up and cleaned up after us!

*Vanessa Boling & Bobbie Hinson
Co-presidents, Women of the Church*

Brotherhood of the Biscuit

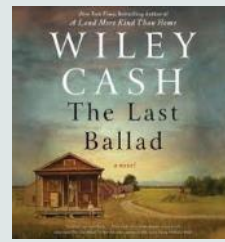
The next Brotherhood of the Biscuit meeting is Friday, September 21, 2018 at 6:30AM in the Lounge.



Faith Journey Book Study

This group will continue to meet on Mondays at 11:45AM in Room 209. The study will begin promptly at 11:45AM and end promptly at 1PM. Our study will be centered around the book *Boundless Compassion* by Joyce Rupp. Please contact Gail Sifford at sgsifford@aol.com if you have questions.

2018 Global Mission Offering
The Nyarweng Primary School, South Sudan
Goal - \$15,000—Received \$14,560
We have nearly reached our goal!



Terrific Tuesday Book Club

The book for September is Wiley Cash's *The Last Ballad*. The book club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12PM in the Library.

Stewardship Report

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you." (Deuteronomy 16:17)

I love the season of fall. The vibrant gold and red colors of our area trees. The sounds of football and passion of its fans. Shiny new pencils and notebooks for a new school year. The smell of pumpkin lattes and cinnamon spice of apple cider. Crisp morning walks in the warm glow of sunrise. For as long as I can remember, these and other experiences have characterized what I treasure about fall. Each give me a sense of comfort, wonder and gratitude in God's world and in my community. Fall is also a time of new beginnings, for our children and for us. Opportunities to move into commitments and situations that refresh us and call to us. Opportunities to grow in our understanding of God's love and expectations. Opportunities to be "actively faithful" children of God.



Certainly new beginnings come with great expectation and perhaps the occasional feelings of apprehension. God is with us in both and asks us to be His hands in loving our neighbors through their challenges. At St. John's we do that in so many ways, including our financial

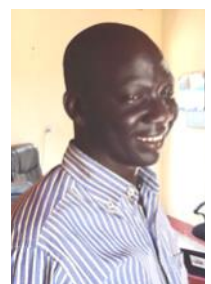
support to the church and its missions. As we enter this vibrant new season of Fall, perhaps we consider re-commitment to God's work at St. John's through our own individual passions and the financial resources that can help bring them to life!

Kim Ray

Stewardship Resource Team
 (photos taken by Carl Phillips)

SAVE THE DATE

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, Nancy Burgess, Bill Finger, Bert Green, McLain Hall, Jane Murray, Gene Poole, Dot Propst, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson & Dee Turner - home

Sympathy

Carol Snyder and family in the death of her brother;
 David Sherrill and family in the death of his mother

Sunday, September 16

Deacons: David Allen, Linda Balentine, Jason Benton, Jordan Benton, Leslie Bragg, Minh Callaway, Allene Cooley, Teri Franklin, Judy Godsey, Charlie Harper

Tellers: Margaret Falls, Linda Kerley

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Carol Injaychock, Tom Injaychock; 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 Sept 3-9: \$6,114
 Income through Sept. 9: \$677,929
 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

Ministers on Call:

September 10-16: Allison 828-448-8412
 September 17-23: Lee Gray 704-451-1309
 September 24-30: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Sunday, October 21
9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Lasater Hall

The Craft & Needle Ministry needs your help to donate hand-made 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.



In 1967, the congregation took the first step in adopting a policy on baptism that did not require rebaptism if the candidate's earlier baptism was an act of obedience following conversion. As a result, the Mecklenburg Baptist Association voted to exclude St. John's and other churches with similar practices.

Joint Deacons' Meeting Reminder

September 22

9:00 am—12:00 pm

(More details coming soon)

Calendar for September 16 - September 22

Sunday, September 16

8:00..... Church Council (Conference Room)
 9:15..... Sunday School (Classrooms)
 10:30..... Worship (Sanctuary)
 1:00..... South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
 5:00..... Sunday Night Live Youth/Parent Meeting (Broach Hall)

Monday, September 17

11:30..... Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
 5:30..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, September 18

7:00..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 9:30..... HeadStart (Broach Hall)
 10:00..... Staff meeting (Conference Room)
 11:00..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)
 1:00..... Soccer Shots/WDS (Gym)
 5:15..... SJBK Men's Basketball (Gym)
 6:00..... Safety & Security Task Force (Lounge)
 6:15..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)

Wednesday, September 19

6:30..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30..... Yoga (Room 114)
 5:30..... Heritage Resource Team (Heritage Room)
 6:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)
 6:00..... Membership Resource Team (Lounge)
 6:00..... Handbells (Handbell Room)
 7:15..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 7:30..... Sherrill Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, September 20

11:00..... Uptown Ladies (Lounge)
 12:30..... Novant (Broach)

Friday, September 21

6:30..... Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
 5:30..... Volunteers Serve Dinner Uptown Men's Shelter (Offsite)
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, September 22

7:00..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:00..... Joint Deacons' Meeting w/ Friendship Missionary & Providence Baptist

Complete calendar online:
www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org