



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 30
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proclaimer
Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Worship Theme
Wisdom of God
Sermon Series
Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active
Living
Sermon Title
Wise or Otherwise
Scripture
James 3:13-4:10

Master Calendar Release

This Sunday, you will receive an annual calendar for October 2018 – August 2019. This resource will introduce you to our theme for the year and our three areas of emphasis. Rather than listing every scheduled event or meeting for the year, this resource highlights some of our primary Sundays and special events planned for the months ahead. In this resource, you will also find our worship themes for each season. This annual calendar will be posted on our website as well. Please use this resource to introduce your neighbors, co-workers and family to St. John's.

The 40th Annual Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk is Saturday, October 13 at Independence Park. Registration is at 8:00AM and the walk begins at 9:00AM. The Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk supports three local agencies: Loaves & Fishes, Second Harvest, and Crisis Assistance. All three help people in Charlotte who are hungry or food insecure. You can be a part of helping end hunger in Charlotte by walking with us.



To register, follow this link:

www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/Account/Register. Make sure you join the St. John's team. The link to donate to our team is: www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/Team/View/87566/St-Johns-Baptist-

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World Communion Sunday & Lunch with Lubo

On Sunday, October 7th, we will acknowledge our unity with the 2.2 billion Christians in today's world. For us, World Communion Sunday will involve welcoming our South Sudanese Worship Community in worship leadership with us. We will also present our Global Mission Offering to James Lubo Majak, one of the Lost Boys of South Sudan who was found and adopted into the life and ministry of St. John's in

2001. Lubo responded to God's calling in his life returning to Nyarweng, South Sudan to begin a community school. Following worship, we will gather in Broach Hall for a lunch and a report from Lubo.

If you have not already indicated your intention to come to lunch, contact Mallory in the church office at mbrown@sjcharlotte.org or call 704-333-5428 by October 5 at 12:30PM.

There's a Spirit in the Air

From Dennis

Last night, I walked into a full bell choir room as they were rehearsing to lead us in worship by presenting their gifts to God. Then, I walked down the hall where our Chancel Choir was beginning their rehearsal as well.

Many of us had just been in Broach Hall for a fun night filled with laughter, good food, fellowship, learning, ministry and prayer. St. John's folks were present representing every decade among our membership (except those 90+).

In the past few weeks, I have met with our Heritage Resource Team planning for future celebrations; Membership Resource Team planning for future opportunities to welcome guests and new members; Mission Resource Team reviewing ways our church is touching lives in service locally and globally; Pastoral Deacon Panel discussing ways to relate compassionate care to our members; Ministries Deacon Panel planning details and creative initiatives regarding the many ministries of St. John's; Administrative Deacon Panel reviewing the various ways St. John's expresses health and vitality in areas such as finance, personnel, stewardship, house and grounds, technology, etc. I have also been involved in several staff meetings and conversations with members who are beginning new roles of leadership as we begin a new church year.

In every gathering and conversation, there is a spirit in the air. The spirit is positive, forward-looking and hopeful. The spirit reflects the character of The Holy Spirit of God.

This spirit is also evident as we begin having conversations with our architect, Bill Monroe, related to a Master Plan for our facilities. Our administrative assistant, Mallory Brown, is now setting up appointments with Bill Monroe for October 1 – 5. If you would like to share your visions of how we can improve our facilities, please contact Mallory in the church office and she will help you find an appointment. Some general sessions for group feedback will also be announced soon. You are a wonderful people!

Shalom,
Dennis

Youth News from Lee

Upcoming Events & News

The youth are on regular schedule this Sunday 5PM-7Pm with a lesson on Jacob at the beginning and small groups after that.

If you have not already done so, don't forget to sign up for Youth Dinners this fall and spring. Here is the signup genius to sign-up for dinner: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4eaaae2fa13-sjbc>

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 – **Unidiversity Summer Camp** in Knoxville, TN

From Allison

Sunday, September 30

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 Abraham trusted God.

Grades 1-3: From 9:15-10 they will have Formation Class where they will learn about how God called a boy named Samuel. From 10-10:20 they will have Grace Notes with Miss Anna. 1st-3rd Graders will worship with their families.

Grades 4-5: From 9:15-10 they will have Formation Class where they will learn about how God called a boy named Samuel. From 10-10:20 they will have Grace Notes with Miss Anna. They will join their families for worship.

Parent Seminar

On October 7 during the Sunday School hour, we will gather and talk about these questions and other ways you as parents/caregivers can be supportive of your children as they learn to worship. I'll have some tips prepared for you, and there will be plenty of time for you to share your questions and concerns. As we brainstorm and talk together, we'll become better worship coaches for our children.

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.



The PreK/K class learned about Noah's Ark on Sunday. They were very engaged in their learning.

Creating a Long-Range Facilities Plan

Last year, the Investing in the Future Task Force listened to the congregation for ideas related to the future of St. John's. The process resulted in several ideas and one of the most repeated messages was 'Let's update our facilities and create a master plan.' The church set aside Bill Hartsell to assemble a group of members to guide this effort and appropriated up to \$50,000 to establish a contract with an architect who could guide us in development of such a long-range facilities plan. Bill Hartsell (retired architect) chose the following members to work with him as an Architectural Review and Master Plan Development Task Force: Kathy Spence (builder), Kevin Turner (architect), Bobbie Sherrill (realtor) and Don Hinson (electrical contractor and chair of our House and Grounds Committee). After written presentations by five firms and three in-person interviews, Bill Monroe, Founder and President of WGM Design, Inc. was chosen to serve as our church's architect in this Master Plan Development. Bill Monroe will begin conversations with members next Monday, October 1st and you can make your appointments through the church office by contacting our administrative assistant, Mallory Brown.

Craft and Bake Sale

Sunday October 21 from 9:00am-12:30pm in Lasater Hall. The Craft & Needle Ministry needs your help to donate handmade crafts and baked goods! All proceeds go to hunger relief. Contact Ruth Jackson or the church office to volunteer or for more information.



Metropolitan Music Celebration

Sunday September 30, 2018 at 6:00pm Metropolitan Music Ministries (MMM) has cordially invited St. John's community to the 33rd annual celebration of music in worship on Sunday, September 30 at 6:00pm at Providence Baptist Church. Pre-concert music begins at 5:30pm. will be a reception following the service.

A Note About HeadStart

From Allison



In addition to our Weekday School, St. John's is also a site for the Bethlehem Center's Head Start program. There are 4 classrooms on the Preschool Hallway that are used by Head Start. This year, there are 72 children and 13 staff members in our building as part of the program each day from 9am-3:30pm.

Head Start provides preschool and school-readiness to children from low-income families that would not otherwise be able to afford to send their children to preschool. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are provided each day for the children, along with love and care from their teachers who help them get ready to succeed in school and in life. Providing a safe and clean facility for Head Start is one of the ways we are doing God's work in the world. We have been told countless times by the Bethlehem Center staff that this is the nicest site they have in the city.

Each day, the children in the Head Start program are busy playing, learning, and having fun. It always brightens my day to look out the window and see them playing on the playground. The teachers are wonderful, and I enjoy watching them playing games with the children in their class when they are outside.

One way you can support Head Start at St. John's is by volunteering to read during their read-aloud time. I can tell you from personal experience that it is so much fun and is a real bright spot in your day. If you would like to read to one of the Head Start classes, please contact the site director, Paris Ham, at pham@bethlehemcenter.org.

Undie Sundays

We will be collecting new underwear to be distributed to our Room in the Inn program, Hope Chapel and Charlotte Rescue Mission. **Items needed are athletic socks, boxer shorts, and t-shirts. Sizes most needed are medium and large.** On each of the Sundays in October, containers will be at both the Main Entrance and Broach Hall.



Photo taken at the Joint Deacon's Meeting on Saturday, September 22 with Friendship Missionary Baptist, Reeder Memorial Baptist and Providence Baptist

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Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

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

Sunday, September 30

Deacons: Jane Newman, Morgan Newman, Robby Ray, Shannon Rodden, Greg Rodden, Judy Sanford, Gail Sifford, Henry Snyder, Laura Sorrell, Kathy Spence

Tellers: Tom Blackmon, Matt Collins

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner and Bobby Furr; 5th St.-Al Bridge, and 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 Sept 17-23: \$17,428
 Income through Sept 23: \$702,174
 Annual 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal:
 \$1,135,000

Ministers on Call:

September 24-30: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234
 October 1-7: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
 October 8-14: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412

2018 Global Mission Offering
 The Nyarweng Primary School, South Sudan
 Goal \$15,000—Received \$14,760
 We have nearly reached our goal!

Health Care for All: Dollars and Sense

On behalf of Dr. George Bohmfalk, retired neurosurgeon, you are invited to an event at Caldwell Presbyterian Church at 1906 5th Street in Belk Hall on **Monday October 29 from 7:00-8:30pm**. During this time, you will be able to learn about health care systems and health care policies. If you would like to attend, please contact Zach Thomas at rzachthomas3@gmail.com or 704-340-0085 to reserve your spot. Reservations must be made by October 26 with Zach Thomas.



The church adopted the distinguishing congregational emphasis—the “Servant Church” in 1967. Dr. Broach says that St. John’s is no longer a neighborhood church and thus must carve out a new approach to ministry to its city.



If you are interested in supporting the Weekday School, you can link your VIC Card to the school (#5879), contribute to something on their Amazon wish list (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/132RQR3KW1E7/?ref=cm_go_nav_hz), or contact Allison to get connected with volunteer opportunities.

Calendar for September 30 - October 7

Sunday, September 30

8:00..... Small Group Leader Meeting (Conference Room)
 9:15..... Sunday School (Classrooms)
 10:30..... Worship (Sanctuary)
 5:00..... Sunday Night Live Youth (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor, Chapel)

Monday, October 1

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

Tuesday, October 2

5:30..... Mecklenburg Radiology (Lasater Hall)
 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)
 4:00..... Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
 5:15..... SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
 6:15..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)

Wednesday, October 3

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

Thursday, October 4

9:00..... Unity Coalition (Lounge)
 2:30..... WDS Staff Training (Lounge)
 6:00..... Memory Center (Broach Hall)
 7:30..... CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, October 5

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

Saturday, October 6

7:00..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
 10:00..... Communion Task Force (Conference Room)

Complete calendar online:
www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org