



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, February 10

Fifth Sunday of the Epiphany

Worship Theme:

Tell of the God Who Creates

New Community

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon

When Home is No

Longer Home

Scriptures

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 &

Luke 4:21-30

I Love Sunday School Ministry

Sunday, February 10

Three ways to observe 'I Love Sunday School Ministry' this Sunday:

- Express gratitude for your teachers and/or those who teach your children and youth;
- Use a few minutes of your class time to discuss what Sunday School means to you; and
- Share something you learned in Sunday School and how you still rely on that truth today.

Some reasons why St. John'sians love Sunday School Ministry:

- Some of my most trusted friends are in my Sunday School group;
- My Sunday School class carried me through two difficult times in my life;
- Sunday School is where I have learned so much about my relationship with God;
- Sunday School allows me to ask honest questions and search for answers;
- As a child and teenager, Sunday School was where I learned about the Bible, but as an adult, Sunday School is where I am learning about my relationship with God;
- We have great conversations in our class;
- The donuts;
- My Sunday School friends are my prayer partners;
- I learn a lot by teaching the children;
- Sunday School is where I started feeling like I belonged to St. John's;
- I especially like to hear what my children have learned in Sunday School; and
- Our teachers are always prepared to lead us to consider challenging issues of faith.



What are your reasons for loving the Sunday School Ministry?

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2019 Financial Ministry Plan Q & A

Sunday, February 10 in the Chapel

Gather in the Chapel at 9:15am during Sunday School to ask any questions you have about the 2019 Financial Ministry Plan.

Important Church Conference & Lunch

Sunday, February 17 in Broach Hall

On Sunday, February 17, in Broach Hall, following worship, we will convene for Church Conference. Lunch will be served at \$5/person and \$20 max per family. The purposes of this congregational meeting will be to vote on the 2019 Financial Ministry Plan Budget, hear an update from our Architectural Design Task Force and participate with our Staffing Our Future Task Force in an open conversation about visions.



Open Table

Wednesday, February 27

@ 5:50 in Broach Hall

Our next Open Table is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27. The theme is Mardi Gras! We will gather in Broach Hall at 5:50 and dismiss by 7:00 pm. Meal costs are \$6/child and \$10/adult with a maximum cost of \$30/family. Contact Mallory or sign up at this link today: <https://goo.gl/forms/zQ53ySW9ZZzLjwdm2>

Partnership as Faith Communities from Dennis

Imagine your young daughter needs open heart surgery and you live in Sierra Leone where medical care is limited. You are the director of Youth Leadership Development for Baptists in your country trying to offer a vision for young people after a long civil war where they have been trained to distrust and kill. You form relationships with Baptist World Alliance and some Baptists in Norway provide for your daughter to have surgery in Oslo.

As you seek resources to help you develop young people into peacemakers rather than soldiers, you come across The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA). The Executive Director of BPFNA, LeDayne Polaski and her husband Tom, become your sponsors to the United States so your daughter can have quality medical care and your family lives with the Polaskis for your first year in the USA.

Your calling to ministry stirs within you as you become aware of other immigrants from Sierra Leone living in Charlotte. The North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship offers to help you begin a new faith community seeking to reach out to and serve these people from your home country. Because you know the people from Sierra Leone represent a variety of faith traditions, you choose to name the new church, Together In Christ International Ministries so as to be inclusive. You find a place to meet for worship, but over time the owner of that space begins charging you an unfair amount.

Now, imagine that a conversation with St. John's Baptist Church emerges and they desire to enter a relational partnership with you. In addition to worship space, the senior minister offers you the opportunity for mentorship and church leaders offer your children and youth opportunities for involvement in education ministries.

Please gather with us in the sanctuary of St. John's this Sunday as we take the next step in this partnership between St. John's and Together In Christ International Ministries.

**Shalom,
Dennis**

P.S. This past week, I also met with Moses, Joseph and Mator, leaders of the South Sudanese worship community. We plan to build a strong relationship between all three faith communities as we journey in actively faithful faithfully active ways.

Youth Sunday 2019



News for Youth and Their Families from Lee

February 10, 17, 24

- Youth will be on the regular 5:00 – 7:30 pm Sunday Evening Schedule

Sunday, March 3

- Hornets Basketball game at 1:00pm after worship for all basketball teams and all SJBC youth, more details coming soon

Sunday, March 17

- Youth Mission Auction in Broach Hall after worship; all youth should plan to attend as we will be raising money for youth mission trips

Welcome New Members!



Molly Bedrock joined February 3 by transfer of letter. She is married to Micah "Benji" Furlong and is an engineer.



Emma Goodrich joined February 3 by profession of faith. She is a junior at Myers Park High School.



Lily Wilkerson joined February 3 by profession of faith. She is a junior at Myers Park High School.

News for Children and Their Families from Allison

Sunday, February 10

Formation and Worship for Children

- Nursery/2s:** This class will be cared for in their room during the Formation and Worship Hours.
- PreK/K:** This class will be cared for in their room during the Formation and Worship Hours. They'll be learning about how Jesus called the Disciples to come and follow him. They'll also enjoy time for art and play.
- Grades 1-5:** Missions 101 is from 9:15-10:00. They'll be learning about our backpack program and how it makes sure children have food to eat on the weekends. Grace Notes is from 10-10:20. 1st-3rd Graders will have Godly Play during the worship hour, and 4th-5th Graders will join their families for worship.

Paul's Journeys: VBS 2019

June 10-14, 2019
9AM-12PM

VBS registration is open to the public and spaces are being filled quickly. Register your children today! To register, [click here](#).

Come to Book Club!

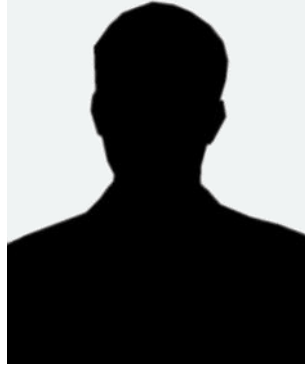
Everyone is invited to join with the St. John's Book Club this month! Come at noon on Tuesday, February 26. Bring a sandwich and stay after for lunch and conversation with our guest, Katherine Stillerman! Let us know that you are planning to come by calling or emailing Mallory.

Katherine Stillerman is a retired educator who turned to writing as a second career. She is author of *Retirement: A Journey not a Destination*, *Hattie's Place*, *In the Fullness of Time*, and *Over the Mountain*. She plans to talk generally about her writing and what drew her into it, then leave time for lots of discussion. Click on her website to learn more about her and her books! <http://www.historicalnovel.com>



Help the Heritage Team on Feb. 17!

The Heritage Team needs your help identifying the location, date, and subject of many photos from the archives. On Sunday, February 17 outside Broach Hall during Church Conference, there will be tables with sticky notes, pens, and the photos. If you know any information about any of the photos, come help identify!



Loaves & Fishes Food Drive 2019

The blue barrels are back in the main and Broach Hall entrances as collection points for the Loaves & Fishes food drive throughout the month of February. Donate items like laundry supplies, baby food and diapers – things that take a big bite out of grocery budgets.

State and Community Missions Offering

St. John's includes in our annual missions budget an allocation of funds to support organizations that are committed to address the needs of the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the sick, and the powerless. To extend our support beyond these allocations we participate in two special annual offerings. Our Global Missions offering takes place during the fall. This coming Sunday we will launch our annual State and Community Missions Offering. Recipients of this year's offering, selected by The Mission Resource Team, are two of the local ministries with which we partner: Habitat for Humanity and Urban Ministries. On Sunday, February 10, Bert Green will share some words about Habitat, and on March 10, Katie Church will be with us to talk about the services provided by Urban Ministries, which include Room in the Inn and the sandwich ministry. For many years, both youth and adults from St. John's have served as volunteers with Habitat to build, along side future homeowners, an affordable house. Through programs sponsored by Urban Ministries we serve directly to address issues of homelessness and hunger. Our offering this year will give essential financial support to both these programs. The special emphasis for the offering, with a goal of \$5000, will conclude on March 31.

Matthew 25: 40 "...Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

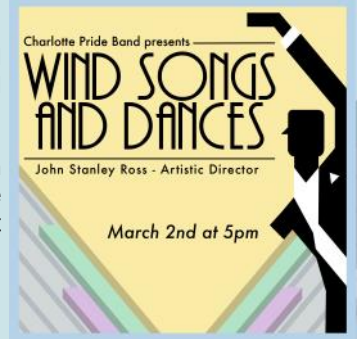
Youth Mission Auction

Sunday, March 17

Come to Broach Hall after worship on Sunday, March 17 to raise funds for two years of youth mission trips—that's four trips! This is an important event for our youth and fun for the whole congregation...so plan to attend! Lunch and reservation information coming soon. Want to donate for the auction? Use the attached [Donation Form](#) or contact Lia Benton (liabenton@outlook.com).

Charlotte Pride Band

The Charlotte Pride Band presents "Wind Songs and Dances" on Saturday, March 2. The concert is in Heaton Hall at Myers Park Baptist Church beginning at 5pm. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the door or online at: <http://www.charlotteprideband.org/tickets/>.



Refugee 101: March 6

If you would like to learn more about the refugee situation in Charlotte and the services offered by Refugee Support Services (RSS) you can register for a free "Refugee 101" session to be held on March 6, 9:30 a.m. at their office, 3601 Central Ave. **We need to register early before the class fills up so call Mallory in the church office if you would like to go by February 15.**

Heritage Sunday 2019

Celebrating Youth Ministries at St. John's

This year Heritage Sunday is celebrated on March 17th. Invite anyone who has been a part of the youth ministry of St. John's to join us for worship this day. We also need pictures of past Youth Sundays, Youth Auctions, and Youth Activities or Trips. We will scan these and return them to you. If you have photos or memories, written or typed, share those with Fredda Kimball, Linda Crowder, or Mallory in the church office. Thank you so much.

Elizabeth 8K Road Race

Saturday, March 23, 2019
@ Independence Park

Join in for an 8K Road Race, 1.5 mile walk/run, or Liz Kids' Fun Run in the Elizabeth neighborhood. Details on how to register are coming soon. For now, save the date and start training!



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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm, Friday 8:30am-12:00 noon

SJ Basketball Game Schedule

Team	Date & Time	Location
6 & Under Co-Ed	February 9 @ 10AM (Fun Day) (2/2-W)	Park Road Baptist
8 & Under Boys	February 9 @ 8:30AM (2/2-L)	St. Stephens Methodist
10 & Under Boys (Cardella)	February 9 @ 11AM (2/2-W)	St. John's
10 & Under Boys (Redding)	February 9 @ 10AM (2/2-L)	St. John's
12 & Under Boys	February 9 @ 12:30PM (2/2-W)	FBC Charlotte
12 & Under Girls	February 9 @ 10:30AM (2/2-L)	Mt. Harmony Baptist
14 & Under Boys	February 9 @ 1:45PM (2/2-L)	Sardis Presby.
15 & Under Girls	February 9 @ 12PM (2/2-W)	Mulberry Baptist
16 & Under Boys	February 9 @ 9:30AM (2/2-L)	Mt. Harmony
18 & Under Girls	February 9 @ 8:30AM & 1:30PM (2/2-W)	8:30AM-Mt. Harmony Baptist 1:30PM-FBC Charlotte

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Larry Batts, Al Bridges, Betty Hastings, Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Parker Jackson, Kathy Mahnesmith, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Jerry Stephens, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner- home

Sympathy

Sympathy to the Peacock family in the death of Sarah on Saturday, February 2. The funeral service will be held at 1:30PM in the Sanctuary on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Sympathy to Bryan Thorn in the death of his brother, Rex. The burial service is Friday, February 8.

Thank You

Elma Thomas extends her deepest thanks for the wonderful Christmas cards she received at the end of last year.

Sunday, February 10

Deacons: Clara Howell, Chuck Howard, Carol Injaychock, Libby LeVie, Jeff LeVie, Christa Lynch, Gary McFarland, Cindy McIntyre, Tricia Miller, Melissa Millette

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Scott Kerley; 5th St./Narthex-Al Bridges; Broach Hall-Ed Outen; Elevator-Marvin Carter

Tellers: Tim Gibson & Morgan Newman

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

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of Jan. 28-Feb. 3: \$16,318
 Income through February 3: \$84,776

Ministers on Call:

February 4-10: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234
 February 11-17: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412
 February 18-24: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287



Brotherhood of the Biscuit
will meet again Friday,
February 15 at 6:30AM
in the Lounge. All are welcome.

Calendar for February 10-16

Sunday, February 10

9:15am..... Listening Session (Chapel)
 9:15am..... Sunday School & Missions 101 (Classrooms)
 10:30am..... Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:30am..... Godly Play (Room 221)
 11:30am..... Joy Class (Lounge)
 5:00pm..... Youth Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor, Chapel)

Monday, February 11

11:45am..... Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
 5:30pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, February 12

7:00am..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 10:00am..... Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
 11:00am..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)
 12:00pm..... Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
 5:15pm..... SJBC Men's Basketball Group (Gym)
 6:00pm..... Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Support Groups (Rooms 114 & 116)
 6:15pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 7:30pm..... Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)

Wednesday, February 13

6:30am..... Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
 9:30am..... Yoga Class (Room 114)
 10:00am..... HeadStart (Lounge)
 6:00pm..... Handbells (Handbell Room)
 6:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)
 6:00pm..... Mission Resource Team (Conference Room)
 7:15pm..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 8:15pm..... Team United/AAU Basketball Team (Gym)

Thursday, February 14

10:00am..... Craft & Needle Ministry (Room 209)
 12:00pm..... Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy (Broach Hall)
 7:30pm..... CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, February 15

6:30am..... Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
 5:00pm..... Room in the Inn (Lounge/Gym)
 8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, February 16

7:00am..... Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
 10:00am..... Basketball (Gym)

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org