



Family News

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St. John's Baptist Church · 300 Hawthorne Lane · Charlotte, North Carolina

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St. John's at Worship in Lent

Sunday, March 24

Third Sunday in Lent

Worship Theme:

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Message:

Amazing Grace is More

Than a Song

Scriptures

Luke 13:1-8

Open Table

Wednesday, March 27 at 5:50PM in Broach Hall

Join us for dinner in Broach Hall next Wednesday, March 27 from 5:50-7:00pm. The menu is as follows: BBQ chicken, macaroni and cheese, salad, rolls, and dessert. This is a great way to get to know others and share a wonderfully prepared meal together. Dinner costs are \$5/child under 12 and \$10/adult with a maximum of \$30/family. Click the link below to sign up or call/email Mallory in the office!

<https://goo.gl/forms/GvE1sXI1VNhFZPuk1>
mbrown@sjcharlotte.org



Easter Calla Lily Orders

Order by Sunday, April 7



Easter Lilies are a long-standing tradition and are loved by many — except those who are allergic and miss Easter Sunday at church or sit uncomfortably while breathing the pollen-laden air. This year, we are offering an alternative, Calla Lilies, to reduce the pollen and help everyone enjoy this glorious Sunday of worship. Like Easter Lilies, Callas can be planted in your yard and come back again next year. They will be in 1-gallon pots and heavier than the pots we have used in the past; so, please keep this in mind. The cost this year will be \$18, and order forms are available below and in the church office. Proceeds from the Easter flowers are used to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. We usually purchase less than ordered to have extra funds for Christmas decorations, so please be sure to indicate on your order form if you do not plan to take your Calla Lily after the Easter service.

Calla Lillies must be reserved and paid for no later than Sunday, April 7.

Easter Calla Lilies Order Form

Note: Your purchase helps provide funds for our Advent & Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary.

I will give ____ lilies at **\$18 each**.

____ in memory of _____

____ in honor of _____

Donor name and telephone: _____

____ I wish to pick up my lilies.

____ I do not wish to pick up my lilies.

Last date to order lilies is **Sunday, April 7**. Turn form in to Mallory in the office.

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Youth Mission Auction Report

From Lee Gray



Thank you to everyone who helped make this past Sunday a special day in the life of our church. Many hours of preparation by Fredda Kimball and Linda Crowder helped us to truly appreciate the heritage of the youth program here at St. John's. Honoring Marvin Carter, Bill Claytor, and Bill

Finger was an appropriate thing to do as it reminds all of us that good memories and learning experiences take place because individuals have dedicated their time, heart, and effort. It was appropriate that a worship service highlighting our youth led into the Youth Mission Auction.

The youth mission auction was a great success in many ways. We took in over \$38,000 and are excited that the net will be above \$36,000. While I realize that the record-setting bottom line will get people's attention, the auction was certainly also a success in that our entire congregation came together in support of our youth learning to be servants out in the world. The fellowship in Broach Hall was genuinely warm and fun, and generous attitudes and bids were on full display. Of course a tremendously successful event like this year's youth auction takes a tremendous amount of preparation and planning. Special thanks go to our Co-Chairs Lia Benton and Sara Vavra. You may have seen some of the videos done by Sara about Youth Missions on St. John's Facebook and Instagram feeds, but there countless other ways our co-chairs laid the groundwork for a successful auction. Another reason our profit was high was that, in addition to MC Sorrell and Chuck Jones who both prepared and donated their time and the delicious Barbeque. We are grateful to other generous donors in our congregation.



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Thanks go to our well-dressed and lively auctioneers Marc Cardella and Ryan Crowder and for Phil Vavra serving as our master of ceremonies. And of course we are extremely grateful to our generous congregation. The youth and I are looking forward to the upcoming Puerto Rico and Habitat trips for high school youth and local mission trips for middle school youth. We are still open to taking donations if you did not get a chance to donate to the auction on Sunday. Send a check made to "St. John's" with "Youth Missions" in the memo line to:



St. John's Baptist Church, Attn – Lee Gray, 300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte NC 28204

Message from the Heritage Room

Thanks to everyone who contributed their memories and stories for the Celebrating Youth Heritage Booklet for 2019. We still need the rest of your memories, too! If you have a story, please share with Mallory in the office. Some sent remembrances that arrived too late to include in the booklet. They will be kept and printed at a future date. If you did not pick up a booklet, they are available in the church office. Please make sure you see the visual Heritage displays by Linda Crowder outside the church office and in the Broach Hall and Main Entrance lobbies.

News from Music Ministries

from Kevin Gray

Opera Guild of Charlotte

Vocal Competition on Saturday

All are invited to attend the Young Artists Vocal Competition of the Opera Guild of Charlotte at St. John's on Saturday, March 23 from 11AM-4PM. Many vocalists will be auditioning and would love your support. This is happening in our Sanctuary, Chapel, and other 2nd floor spaces.



News for Children and Their Families

from Allison Benfield

Sunday, March 24

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 a woman anointed Jesus. They'll also enjoy time for art and play. Please note that during March and April, this class will be working on a special Easter art project. They will need time each week to work on it, so your regular attendance is appreciated.
- Grades 1-5:** Formation Class is from 9:15-10:00. They'll be learning about how a woman anointed Jesus with oil. Music is from 10:00-10:20. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship.

Sunday, April 7

•On April 7, the 1st-5th Graders will be leading us in worship though song. Please try to be here over the next few weeks so that everyone feels comfortable with what they are singing.

News for Youth and Their Families

from Lee Gray

Sundays March 24, 31, and April 7

•Youth have [regular Sunday Evening Schedule](#) from 5:00-7:30pm

Sunday, April 28

- Youth Banquet**
- The theme is "**HOLLYWOOD.**"

Sunday, June 2

- Senior Recognition Sunday**
- Our graduating seniors will be honored in the 10:30 am worship service.

Worship with St. John's

Elizabeth Communities of Faith Services

Meals with a MESSage @ Caldwell Presbyterian

Each Wednesday in Lent, the Elizabeth Communities of Faith will meet at Caldwell Presbyterian at 12PM. Lunch is included each time with a suggested donation of \$5. The dates for each service are as follows:

- Wednesday, March 27
- Wednesday, April 3
- Wednesday, April 10

Face to Face Devotional Readings

Facebook Live Readings by Micah Benji Furlong

Each day during Lent, Micah Benji Furlong does a live reading on Facebook of the day's devotional from *Face to Face with Ourselves: The Cup of Authenticity* that was distributed before Lent began.

If you want to view these readings, find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sjbccharlotte/>.

The devotional books are available upon request in the office or online at:

<http://stjohnsbaptistchurch.org/2019/03/08/lenten-devotionals-2019/>.

We are so thankful to Benji for leading us each morning through each day of our Lenten journey.



Maundy Thursday Worship Service

- April 18, 2019 @ 7:30pm
- Sanctuary

Serve with St. John's

Easter Outfit Collection

Through March 31 @ Main Entrance

St. John's is collecting new or gently used children's outfits *with* socks and underwear, sizes 5-14, for A Child's Place. The collection point for outfits is the main entrance by the gym, pictured to the right. Please have all outfits in by Sunday, March 31.



State and Community Missions Offering

There are two more weeks for the annual State and Community Missions Offering. The receipts of the offering this year will go to Habitat for Humanity and Urban Ministry Center. For many years we have supported both these ministries with our hands on labor through building houses, sponsoring a Room in the Inn site in our facility, serving meals at the Men's Shelter, and making 200 sandwiches a month. Your offering will provide valuable financial assistance for these ministries in their work with the homeless and the hungry.

2019 Goal: \$5000.00
Received to Date: \$1,911.00

Loaves & Fishes Food Drive Success!

"Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! As usual, you responded graciously for the Loaves & Fishes Food Drive. We filled 3 large, deep carts at the pantry and the cereal, laundry detergent, and diapers went straight to the shelves. A big thank you goes to the volunteers who made the project run so smoothly. I hope you enjoyed your time serving."

From Eva Lee & the Mission Resource Team

Meals Needed for Charlotte Family Housing

Can you help?

WHAT is involved? Provide a meal of meat, starch, vegetable, bread, & dessert for up to 20 people, about half of whom are children.

WHO can do this? An individual, a couple, a family, a Sunday School class, or any other group

WHEN? One of these times: April 7, Sunday lunch, deliver by noon; Tuesday April 9 or Thursday, April 11, deliver by 5:30.

For information contact Clara Howell, 704-578-8153 or clarahowell92@gmail.com.

Grow with St. John's

Staffing Discussion Sessions

- Thursday, March 21 at 10:30am in Conference Room
- Sunday, March 24 at 9:15am in Conference Room

Church members are invited to join members of the task force in the conference room for discussions about our staffing goals. There will be no formal presentation – this is just an opportunity for questions, suggestions and open discussion.

Plans for Future of King's College Campus

Meeting Monday April 1 @ 6:30PM in Broach Hall

Please join us on Monday, April 1, at 6:30pm in Broach Hall for a special report on the exciting plans for the recently vacated King's College building on our block. Some long-time partners of St. John's Baptist Church will share these plans. All are welcome to attend!

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

Take Note

Road Closures

Construction on Hawthorne Until Late July

Starting Monday, March 25, the entrance to the parking lot for St. John's from Hawthorne Lane will be closed off. This will be closed until July 29. During this time, please enter and exit this parking lot from Lamar Avenue or Park Drive. The parking lot entrance from 5th street is still open during this time.

Additionally, we are permitted to use the parking lots at what was previously King's College on Sundays. Although these are chained off, the owner of the property has given us permission to move the barriers and use the lots for our Sunday morning activities. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Women of the Church Retreat 2019

Queen Esther and the Journey to the Authentic Self



Save the date for the Women of the Church Retreat at the Blowing Rock Conference Center from November 1-3, 2019. Our own Janet L. Jones, M.Ed., LPC is our presenter and will use the Book of Esther as the retreat guide. The theme for the retreat is: *Queen Esther and the Journey to the Authentic Self*. We hope all women will consider joining in for this time of reflection and renewal. More details to come as the time draws closer.

Calendar for March 24-30, 2019

Sunday, March 24

- 8:00am.....Stewardship Resource Team (Conference Room)
- 9:15am.....Staffing Our Future Feedback Session (Conference Room)
- 9:15am.....Sunday School (Classrooms)
- 10:30am.....Together in Christ Intl Ministries (Chapel)
- 10:30am.....Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm.....Sunday Night Live for Youth (Chapel, Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor)

Monday, March 25

- 11:30am.....Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
- 12:30pm.....Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
- 5:30pm.....Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
- 8:00pm.....AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, March 26

- 7:00am.....Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
- 10:00am.....Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 11:00am.....Bible Workbench (Room 209)
- 12:00pm.....Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library/Lounge)
- 1:00pm.....Prom Project (Room 104 & 116)
- 5:15pm.....SJB Men's Basketball Group (Gym)
- 6:15pm.....Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
- 7:00pm.....Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, March 27

- 6:30am.....Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
- 9:30am.....Yoga Class (Room 114)
- 12:00pm.....Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Service (Caldwell Presbyterian)
- 1:00pm.....Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
- 1:00pm.....Prom Project (Room 104 & 116)
- 1:30pm.....Learning Charms (Lounge)
- 4:45pm.....Staffing Our Future Task Force (Lounge)
- 5:50pm.....Open Table (Broach Hall)
- 6:00pm.....AA (Lasater Hall)
- 7:00pm.....Handbells (Handbell Room)
- 7:15pm.....Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:30pm.....Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)

Thursday, March 28

- 1:00pm.....Prom Project (Room 104 & 116)
- 7:30pm.....CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, March 29

- 1:00pm.....Prom Project (Room 104 & 116)
- 5:00pm.....Room in the Inn (Lounge/Gym)
- 8:00pm.....AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, March 30

- 7:00am.....Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
- 7:30am.....Prom Project/Girl Talk Foundation (Lounge & Broach Hall)
- 8:30am.....Metropolitan Music Auditions (Chapel, Sanctuary, Choir Room)
- 2:30pm.....Housing Committee (Room 209)

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Prayer Concerns

Betty Hastings, Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas, Pris Tillman, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military

Celebrations

Congratulations to Nicholas Gattis and the Carmel Middle School Band who received a Superior for their competition at Wingate University on March 15, 2019.

Thank You

The Peacock family thanks you all for the many ways you have supported us as we deal with Sarah's passing. You have uplifted and sustained us and we will be forever thankful to each and everyone of you.
 Thanks, Rob Peacock

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Harriet Lasater who died Thursday, March 7. Her memorial service will be held at St. John's on Friday, May 3 at 12:30 in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow in Lasater Hall.

Sunday, March 24

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

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Phil Vavra; 5th St./Narthex-Al Bridges; Broach Hall-Gail Sifford; Elevator-Marvin Carter

Tellers: Tom Blackmon and Matt Collins

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

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of March 11-17: \$29,141
 Income through March 17: \$236,584
 Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

Ministers on Call:

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