



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 Worship in Eastertide

Sunday, April 28

Second Sunday in Easter

Worship Theme:

God Transforms Doubt Into Belief

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Message:

Living Honestly with Your

Doubts and Beliefs

Scriptures

John 20:19-31

Join Us for Church Conference

Church Conference and Lunch

Sunday, May 5 After Worship in Broach Hall with Lunch from Hawthorne's

Join us in Broach Hall on May 5 after worship for Church Conference. We will announce and discuss important items and want everyone to be there. A lunch from Hawthorne's including hearty salads, garlic breadsticks, and cookies will be provided for \$5/person. Sign up with Mallory today for lunch. **Childcare is available for free!**

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Young Voices of the Carolinas Spring Concert: A Gateway Experience

Saturday, April 27 at St. John's

Come and support the Young Voices of the Carolinas on Saturday, April 27 at 5PM in the Sanctuary. This select group of young people, ranging in age from 8-18, practices at St. John's several times a week and is directed by Sandy Holland. We hope you will come, invite a friend, and enjoy a night of music. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://yvotc.org/>.

Youth Banquet

Sunday, April 28 with Hollywood Theme

All youth are invited to the annual youth banquet this Sunday at 5PM in Broach Hall and the gym. This will be our last regular meeting until next school year. Come dressed as your favorite Hollywood star or movie character. There will be a variety of awards given out as well as an award for best costume.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

June 10-14 at St. John's

It is almost VBS time, which means we need volunteers! Help us minister to children and families in the community by giving of your time to make VBS awesome. VBS is June 10-14 from 9am-noon each day, but volunteer shifts are much shorter than that 3 hours! We are in need of Greeters to welcome children and families each morning (8:40am-9:10am), Guild Assistants to help our Guild Leaders (10:30am-11:45am), and Pick Up Monitors to make sure parents/adult sign their children out each day (11:45am-12:15pm). To sign up, please visit our online sign up or contact Allison at abenfield@sjcharlotte.org.

Here's the link for the sign up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FADA62EA4FF2-2019>

Messages from Your St. John's Staff

What Do You Think About the Resurrection?

Last Sunday, St. John's, you celebrated the story of Jesus' resurrection with authentic joy. I affirm you for being a worshipping people. Many people 'go' to worship, 'attend' worship, or 'participate in' worship. You, however, express worship to The Giver of Life.

I am exceedingly grateful to Kevin Gray, Noel Lance, our Chancel Choir and other worship prompters of this past Sunday. And the sounds of praise offered unto God by all those who sang The Hallelujah Chorus commissioning us to be the Scattered Church in the world was resplendently transcendent.

God's resurrection of Jesus Christ redefines every other day. The worst moments of our lives – and each of us has challenging experiences and dark days – are somehow different when we allow God's resurrection of Jesus to enter our thoughts. The miracle of The Living God, Who is Light of lights, is that Jesus' rising from death and the grave redeems all our thoughts.

On the Sundays between now and Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, we will be thinking together about God's resurrection of Jesus and how this event can redeem our thinking. This coming Sunday, we will allow the honest thinking of Didymus/Thomas to interact with our cogitations, deliberations, questions and doubts.

Thinking about thinking, everyone thinks; it is human nature to think. Yet, much of our thinking can be biased, distorted, uninformed, partial or completely and blindly prejudiced. When we think there are many elements of thinking involved: points of view, frames of reference, perspectives, orientations, paradigms, assumptions, presuppositions, axioms, concepts, cultural frameworks, social mores, linguistic structures, political systems, purposes, goals, objectives, questions, problems, issues, data, facts, observations, experiences, evidence, reasons, interpretations, inferences, conclusions, solutions, definitions, laws, models, theories, principles, implications and consequences. Therefore, we need to develop ways of thinking – individually and collaboratively – which cultivate capacities to promote effective communication overcoming our tendencies toward egocentrism and sociocentrism.

During these weeks between our celebration of God's rising of Jesus and followers of Jesus experiencing spiritual awakening on Pentecost, we do well to consider the words of Jewish Law affirmed by Jesus and recorded in Mark's Gospel, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your MIND."

**Shalom,
Dennis**

News for Youth and Their Families

from Lee Gray

Sunday, April 28

- **Youth Banquet**
- The theme is "**HOLLYWOOD.**"
- **Come dressed as your favorite movie character or Hollywood Star.** There will be a variety of awards given out as well as best costume awards. This will be the last Youth evening event of the spring.

Sunday, June 2

- **Senior Recognition Sunday**

June 10-14

- **Youth needed to help with VBS**
- Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/fEVzwghj2HydEoy23>

June 15-22

- **High School Mission Trip** to Puerto Rico

July 22-27

- **University Summer Camp** in Merryville, TN

August 10-13

- **Middle School Local Mission Trip**

News for Children and Their Families

from Allison Benfield

Sunday, April 28

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 two of Jesus' followers met him on the road. They'll also enjoy time for art and play.
- **Grades 1-5:** Formation Class is from 9:15-10:00. They'll be learning about how two of Jesus' followers met him on the road to Emmaus. Grace Notes is from 10:00-10:20. 1st-5th Graders will worship with their families.

Sunday, May 12

Grace Notes Sing in Worship

- Grace Notes will lead us in worship through song on May 12. Please put this date on your calendars so that you can be here!

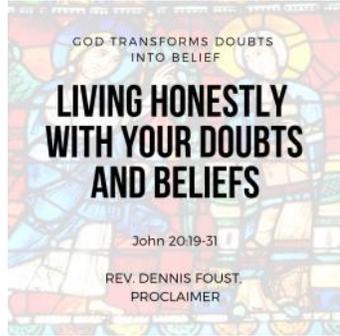
VBS June 10-14

- There are still spots left for VBS with St. Martin's and St. John's. To register, [click here](#). Anyone ages 4 through rising 6th grade is welcome to attend! Contact Allison for questions.

Worship with St. John's

Eastertide Continues

Join us for worship on April 28 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. The message is titled, "Living Honestly with Your Doubts and Beliefs," based on John 20:19-31. During the next few weeks, we will consider how God transforms, enlightens, and calls us to live in the power of resurrection.



Easter Sunday at St. John's

Easter Sunday at St. John's was filled with joy as we celebrated the risen Christ surrounded by friends, old and new. Thank you to all who purchased flowers to make our space even more beautiful than it already is. Christ is risen, indeed!

Serve with St. John's

MT25 News

The Relatives and Counseling Center at Charlotte

Through allocations from our church budget, St. John's supports organizations in Charlotte whose work aligns with our MT25 missions of addressing hunger, education, children and families, homelessness, peace building and health?

One of these organizations is The Relatives. This organization provides immediate support for youth in crisis, aligning with our missions of homelessness. They were founded in 1974 and focus on programs that assist homeless youth and youth in crisis. If you want to learn more about The Relatives visit www.therelatives.org. To learn more about the National Safe Place program, visit <https://www.nationalsafeplace.org/>.



Another organization we support is the Counseling Center at Charlotte. The Counseling Center at Charlotte exists to help persons who find themselves having difficulty in dealing with life situations. Any of us may find ourselves feeling lost or confused, overwhelmed by our circumstances. Their experienced therapists help provide safe space to heal and grow in working with individuals, couples, and families. They foster understanding, healing, and renewal in a faith-based context. For more information visit <https://www.counselingcenteratcharlotte.com/>.

2019-2020 Deacon Nominations

Now Accepting Nominations for SJBC Diaconate

The Leadership Task Force is seeking deacon nominations for the 2019-2020 church year. Our diaconate is the primary lay leadership body of St. John's Baptist Church. Members of the congregation are elected to determine, initiate, and support the various ministries of the church with each of three panels overseeing a different part of our greater whole.

The administrative panel is responsible for the business and management, including finance, personnel, house & grounds and technology. The ministry panel is responsible for programming and education, including outreach, missions, spiritual formation and worship. The pastoral panel is responsible for congregational care and relationship building.

For this cycle, the church will elect 4 administrative deacons, 4 ministry deacons and 9 pastoral deacons. If you would like to nominate a candidate, **please alert Mallory in the church office**. Please secure your candidate's permission prior to nominating them, and if possible indicate which panel your candidate prefers.

Grow with St. John's

Young Voices of the Carolinas Spring Concert

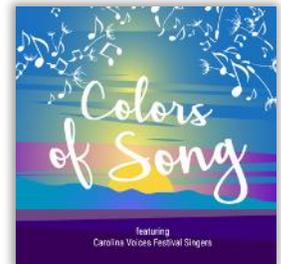
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Colors of Song Concert

May 18 at 7PM in the Sanctuary

In this concert, the singers will explore the sound of color with music of composers including Eric Whitacre and Irving Berlin. Join us for an evening filled with a musical rainbow. Tickets are \$20 and on sale now at carolinatix.org, 704-372-1000, OR at the door.



Pride Parade 2019

August 17-18

Save the date for this year's Pride Festival and Parade in Charlotte! Stay tuned for more details and plan to join us downtown for Sunday's parade.

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

Prayer Concerns

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

Sympathy

Sympathy to Michael Farnsworth and family in the death of his aunt, Dorothy McBlain, of Dallas, TX on Saturday, April 20

Memorial Service

Services for Harriet Lasater will be held on Friday, May 3 at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary at St. John's. A reception will follow after the service in Lasater Hall.

Sunday, April 28

Deacons: David Allen, Judy Sanford, Jason Benton, Jordan Benton, Leslie Bragg, Minh Callaway, Allene Cooley, Teri Franklin, Charlie Harper, Clara Howell

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner and Phil Vavra; 5th St./Narthex-Betty Thompson; Broach Hall-Ashley Hogewood; 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 April 15-21: \$18,862
Income through April 21: \$327,858
Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

Ministers on Call:

April 22-28: Lee Gray 704-451-1309
April 29-May 5: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234

Take Note

Visit the Charlotte Museum of History

May 7 @ 2PM with Women of the Church

Women of the Church are going to the Charlotte Museum of History on May 7, and our tour guide will be our own Janet Wade! Please join us at 2 p.m. on that day for a look at the history of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Cost is \$10 per person, and everyone is welcome. **Sign up by calling Mallory in the church office by April 30.**

Painting Inside the Main Entrance

Starting April 23

Please be aware that the entire Main Entrance, from the first floor to the third floor, will be painted starting Tuesday, April 23. Be careful as you enter and exit these areas as there may be wet or drying paint on the walls. We are excited for this area to be revitalized as we enter the summer months.



Calendar for April 28-May 4, 2019

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Sunday, April 28

9:15am Sunday School (Classrooms)
10:30am Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00pm Youth Banquet (Broach Hall and Gym)

Monday, April 29

8:00am Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
11:30am Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
12:30pm Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
5:30pm Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
6:00pm Joy Class Meeting (Lounge)
8:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, April 30

7:00am Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
10:00am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
11:00am Bible Workbench (Room 209)
5:15pm SJBC Men's Basketball Group (Gym)
6:15pm Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
7:00pm Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, May 1

6:30am Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
9:30am Yoga Class (Room 114)
10:00am Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
6:00pm Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
6:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)
6:00pm Handbells (Handbell Room)
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30pm Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)

Thursday, May 2

9:00am Unity Coalition (Lounge)
7:30pm CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, May 3

10:30am Metrolina Assoc. for the Blind Yoga (Room 114)
12:30pm Harriet Lasater Memorial Service (Sanctuary and Lasater)
8:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, May 4

7:00am Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
2:00pm Housing Committee (Room 209)