



Family News

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St. John's Worship in Eastertide

Sunday, May 19
Fifth Sunday in Easter

Proclaimer

The Rev. Joe Trull, ThD

Message:

*The Road that Leads
to Nowhere*

Scriptures

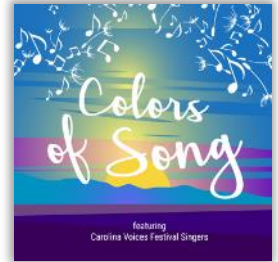
Luke 24:13-16

Coming Up at St. John's

Carolina Voices: Colors of Song

Saturday, May 18 at 7PM in the Sanctuary featuring Carolina Voices

"I would like to personally invite you to the Festival Singers' Colors of Song concert to be held next Saturday, May 18, at 7:00 in the St. John's sanctuary. I am honored to be singing with this excellent group of musicians, led by Donna Hill. We have been working hard since February to prepare a variety of music for this program. In Colors of Song, the Festival Singers will feature Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Serenade to Music*. The evening will also explore the sound of color with the music of composers Eric Whitacre and Irving Berlin as well as "Sunday" from *Sunday in the Park with George* by Stephen Sondheim. Join us for an evening filled with a musical rainbow. Tickets available at carolinatix.org or at the door." - **Jacquelyn McAbee**



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Welcoming Rev. Joe Trull, ThD to the St. John's Pulpit Sunday, May 19 at St. John's

This Sunday, one of our members, Rev. Joe Trull, ThD, will proclaim a message called "The Road that Leads to Nowhere" based on Luke 24:13-16. Dr. Trull joined St. John's last summer and is married to Mary Rickenbaker. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University (BA), Southwestern Theological Seminary (MDiv & ThD). He has served as pastor to seven churches throughout the years as well as held various university professor positions at Carson-Newman and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in the areas of sociology and Christian ethics, as well as adjunctive faculty positions at two seminaries in Texas. He was an editor for *Christian Ethics Today* from 2000-2011 and has published many books. We are glad to welcome him to the pulpit this Sunday.

Charlotte Knights Game

Friday, June 7 at 7:04PM

Instead of Open Table in May, join St. John's for a Charlotte Knight's game vs. Louisville on Friday, June 7! The game begins at 7:04pm. We have a block of 50 tickets so claim yours now. Each ticket is \$14 and that includes a \$2 discount on merchandise or food at the stadium. The last day to sign up is May 26. **Call or email Mallory today in the office to reserve your spot.**



Messages from Your St. John's Staff

FUTURE CHURCH, PART 2:

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression." This true statement is also true of congregational facilities. On Sunday, May 5th, many of you heard reports from our Staffing for Our Future Task Force and our Architectural Review Task Force. Last Sunday, I reviewed some of the initiatives being taken by our Staffing Our Future Task Force and our Personnel Resource Team. This week, I want to review what our Architectural Review Task Force has been initiating in conversation with individual members, groups, staff, our House & Grounds Resource Team, our Safety and Security Task Force and our Interiors Task Force.

Each discussion has focused on ways to make our facilities more hospitable and better oriented for ministry in the 21st century. In conversations with architects, several facility visions and priorities have been addressed including:

1. Improved Safety and Security: More than 40 weeks a year, we have close to 300 preschoolers, staff and parents coming and going from our buildings. More than 120 young children are learning and experiencing compassionate nurture in our preschool space. We must make this space secure.

2. Better Wayfinding, Access and Welcome Space: We have 28 entrances/exits into our four buildings. Although we have one entrance marked, "Main Entrance," it is on the backside of our facilities and when you enter, you find no person or easy pathway to information. We must improve our 'wayfinding' signage both exterior and interior. We also have a need to create easier access to the Sanctuary and offices. In addition, we need a welcoming entrance area which is welcoming by providing a 'Commons' area for organic fellowship prior to and following large and small events.

3. Enhanced Presentation to the Public: Our exterior presentation to the passerby needs a boost. Although our buildings were state of the art when they were constructed, our buildings present a dated first impression. Our Sanctuary building was dedicated in 1926; our Chapel building was opened in 1953; our Education/Recreation building opened in the 1970s; and our Broach Hall building opened 30 years ago.

4. General Deferred Maintenance: Our architects have identified approximately \$1.5 million worth of deferred maintenance needs related to HVAC systems, electrical and plumbing systems, fire code issues, safety concerns, etc.

All of these create a need for a Master Plan. Most likely, we cannot achieve each of these priorities at once. Yet, we need a plan which is visionary and practical based on reality. Beloved, our congregational facilities are positioned in a prime spot at Center City of our growing metro area. We have a wonderful heritage; yet, we also have a meaningful present and a promising future. We have an opportunity to enter our second century with enhanced and improved facilities as we continue to express our worship to The Living God and continue the ministries of Christ's Church.

St. John's, I am excited about our future. Thank you for your investments of commitment to strengthen the ministry resources we offer to this city.

**Shalom,
Dennis**

News for Children and Their Families from Allison Benfield

Sunday, May 19

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 taught us to love God and love others. They'll also enjoy time for art and play.
- **Grades 1-5:** Formation Class is from 9:15-10:00. The 1st-3rd Graders will be learning about some of the special things that happen in worship like Communion, Baptism, and Ordination. The 4th-5th Graders will learn about how Jesus gave the disciples a job to do. Grace Notes is from 10:00-10:20. 1st-5th Graders will worship with their families.

Summer Sunday School: June-August

- **Nursery and PreK/K Classes:** We will be on our normal schedule for June and August. In July, we will only offer Worship Care from 10:15am-11:30am.
- **Grades 1-5:** These classes will combine for the summer. On June 2 and 9, I need 2 parents/adults to volunteer to be the extra adults in the classroom. I will be teaching, all you would need to do is show up ready to help out. Please respond to this email if you are willing to help. It is important for us to have at least 2 adults in the room for the safety of your children and the volunteers.
- There will be no Sunday School in July, our regular teaching teams will cover the remainder of June and August. We'll be doing a 6 week study on The Lord's Prayer.

VBS June 10-14

- There are still spots left for VBS with St. Martin's and St. John's but they are going quickly! To register, [click here](#). Anyone ages 4 through rising 6th grade is welcome to attend! Contact Allison for questions. **Registration closes June 3!**

News for Youth and Their Families from Lee Gray

Sunday, June 2

- Senior Recognition Sunday in worship

June 10-14

- **Youth needed to help with VBS**
- Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/fEVzwhqj2HydEoy23>

June 15-22

- High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

July 22-27

- Unidiversity Summer Camp in Merryville, TN

August 10-13

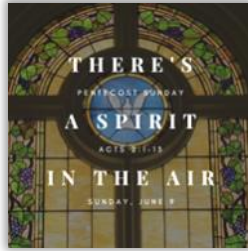
- Middle School Local Mission Trip

Worship with St. John's

Pentecost Worship Service

Sunday, June 9 @ 10:30am for Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

- 1 Worship Celebration
- 3 Communities of Faith
- 8 to 12 Languages
- Join us for this celebration of worship!



Thank you to Tyler Benton, Aluel Nyuon, and David Benton for helping lead in worship this past Sunday through song.

Serve with St. John's

Nominations for Diaconate

Now Accepting Nominations. Who Can You Nominate?

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.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

We need a few more folks!

Thanks to you all, we only need a handful of volunteers for VBS. 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 need the following:

- 1 Guild Assistant on Tuesday, June 11 to help our Guild Leaders (10:30am-11:45am)
- Pick Up Monitors on Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14 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>

Grow with St. John's

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. More details to come as the time draws closer.



CBF Gathering and Coffee Hour

Friday, June 7 in the Lounge


Greetings! Paul Baxley, new CBF Global Executive Coordinator, will be traveling throughout the state to meet with our CBFNC family in early June. Paul is looking forward to meeting with CBF friends, sharing his initial impressions and vision for CBF in the coming years.



Paul will be near you on Friday, June 7 at St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte at 10:30 am. This meeting will be in the Lounge. All who are able are encouraged to attend.

Let's show Paul a warm NC welcome on June 7!

Larry Hovis
CBFNC Executive Coordinator



Instagram

St. John's is now on Instagram! Follow @stjohnsbaptist today!

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Ministers

Every participant in God's Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

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Graded Choirs Director.....Anna Ball
Organist.....Noel Lance
nlance@sjcharlotte.org
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm, Friday 8:30am-12:00 noon

Take Note

Brotherhood of the Biscuit

A Monthly Gathering

Brotherhood of the Biscuit will meet again Friday, May 17 at 6:30AM in the Lounge. All are welcome to join!



New Heritage Booklets Available

Pick Up Your Copy of the 2019 Heritage Booklet in the Office

Additional, revised copies of the 2019 Heritage Booklet from Heritage Sunday is available in the office today! This book highlights and celebrates the youth ministries of St. John's over the years. If you would like one but are unable to pick one up, please let Mallory in the office know.

Need to Update Your Information?

If you have moved to a new address, changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please let Mallory know so that we can have the most up to date information. Thank you!
mbrown@sjcharlotte.org | 704-333-5428, ext. 11

Prayer Concerns

Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Carol Drye, Teri Franklin, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military

Peggy Harrison, long-time administrative assistant at St. John's, in her time of surgery and healing; her address is 1334 McDowell Farms Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217 if you would like to send her a note

Sunday, May 19

Deacons: Jason Benton, Jordan Benton, Leslie Bragg, Teri Franklin, Charlie Harper, Clara Howell, Libby LeVie, Jeff LeVie, Gary McFarland, Christa Lynch

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner and Bobby Furr; 5th St./NartheX-Al Bridges; Broach Hall-Ed Outen; Elevator-Marvin Carter

Tellers: Margaret Falls & Linda Kerley

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

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of May 6-12: \$10,124

Income through May 12: \$399,314

Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

Ministers on Call:

May 13-19: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287

May 20-26: Lee Gray 704-451-1309

May 27-June 2: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234

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.

Calendar for May 19-25, 2019

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Sunday, May 19

9:15am Sunday School & Worship 101 (Classrooms)
10:30am Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
1:00pm South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
1:00pm Eliz. Community CPR Class (Lounge)

Monday, May 20

11:30am Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
12:30pm Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
6:30pm Leadership Task Force (Lounge)
8:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, May 21

7:00am Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
9:30am HeadStart (Broach Hall)
10:00am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
11:00am Bible Workbench (Room 209)
1:00pm Safety & Security Task Force (Lounge)
4:00pm Property Meeting (Lounge)
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 22

6:30am Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
9:30am Yoga Class (Room 114)
10:00am Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy (Lasater Hall)
6:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30pm Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)

Thursday, May 23

7:30pm CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, May 24

8:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, May 25

7:00am Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
9:30am Kids' Basketball (Gym)
10:00am Communion Task Force (Conference Room)