



Family News

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St. John's Worship this Week on Sunday, July 21

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Theme

Ten Commandments Window

Message

The Way of the Lord

Scriptures

Exodus 19:16-20; 20:1-21 &
 John 14:8-11

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What's Happening at St. John's?

Deacon Nominees for 2019-2020

Church Conference to Elect on July 28

This week, we are presenting the biographies and photos of 9 of the 18 new deacon nominees. We are excited about all of the new candidates for this upcoming year in the life of St. John's. **On the next two pages**, you will find information on the following: Kim Allen, Jeff Almond, Treva Bridges, Marc Cardella, Alan Dietz, Paula Foust, Nancy Fuller, Deacon Jones, and James Laney. Next week, information about the following deacon nominees will be included: Kevin Benton, Ryan Crowder, Ashley Maready, Durning Moore, Donna Morris, Casey Perkins, David Sherrill, Mindy Vergakis, and Sally Young. Also, check out the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for information about our new deacons in the next few weeks.

We will elect these new deacons on July 28 during a church conference in worship.

Building Sabbath Weeks

July 29-August 16

Our annual "building sabbath" is scheduled for the weeks of July 29-August 2 (1st floor), August 5-9 (2nd floor), and August 12-16 (3rd floor & outside). This is a time when our custodians are hard at work performing extra cleaning and maintenance tasks. Weekday and evening meetings at the church may be cancelled, rescheduled, or moved so that needed maintenance can be completed. Some entrances may be closed for a few hours or more. Please contact Jacquelyn McAbee, Church Administrator, if you have custodial or maintenance needs during these weeks. Thank you for being flexible during this time!

A Message from the Chair of Deacons: Todd Stillerman

After several months of diligent study and discussion with the congregation, the Staffing Our Future task force has recommended that St. John's begin a search for new ministry staff. The new staff member(s) would augment the excellent work of our existing staff and have primary responsibility for (a) the care and support of young adults and (b) leadership of our youth ministry. Jordan Benton will lead this task force. Given the expected responsibilities for the new staff, the Staffing Our Future task force further recommended that the search task force include representative young adults, youth parents and youth from the congregation. The following have been appointed for this task force:

- Jordan Benton (chair)
- Natalie Erdman
- Steven Follis
- Clara Howell
- Matt Comer
- Meredith Sorrell
- Lindsay Wilson
- Sam Vavra
- Elizabeth Rodden

The search task force will begin work immediately. Jordan and the task force will undoubtedly need your participation and feedback as they approach this exciting search. Be on the lookout for announcements regarding opportunities for you to contribute to the search process. **On Sunday, July 28, we will hold a church conference at the conclusion of an abbreviated worship service.** At this conference, we will elect deacons for the coming church year, recognize the new search task force and hear a final report from the Staffing Our Future task force.

Deacon Nominees for 2019-2020



Kim Allen-Ministry Panel

How many years have you been a member of St. John's? 45 years

What are your current areas of service and activities? Mission Resource Team (MRT), Women of the Church (WOC), Weekday School board member and incoming chair, Heritage Task Force, Interiors Task Force, represent SJBC on the board of the Counseling Center at Charlotte, Farside Sunday School class, and nursery volunteer

What are your past areas of service and activities? Chair of Ministries Deacon panel,

President of WOC, Youth Sunday School teacher, Ministries and Pastoral Deacon, Interim Steering Team Task Force member, Leadership Task Force, and member of Women on Missions

What is your vision for St. John's? My vision for St. John's is to continue to be a respected and vibrant part of the Charlotte community of faith. We have a long and proud history of doing what we feel is best for our congregation and the faithful around us even when it's not been easy or popular. God Loves Everyone!



Jeff Almond-Pastoral Panel

How many years have you been a member of St. John's? 26 years

What are your current areas of service and activities? Member of the McLeod-Brown Sunday School Class

What are your past areas of service and activities? Deacon on all three panels, Youth Sunday school teacher, Chair of Minister Search Committee

Describe your spiritual journey. I am a lifelong Baptist and thought I had it figured out. Through study, self-reflection, and the help of others along my journey, I learned I don't have it figured out. I am still working on it but am on the right track and have confidence I am going in the right direction.

What is your vision for St. John's? I want us to be known as a congregation who uses Jesus as our example to love God, others, and ourselves. We are known for making a difference in the lives of others and this world for the better!



Treva Bridges-Pastoral Panel

How many years have you been a member of St. John's? More than 40 years

What are your current areas of service and activities? Greeter, Hunger Team, Nursery Volunteer, Monday Book Club, Reading Between the Lines Bible Study

What are your past areas of service and activities? Care Committee, Communion Task Force, Weekday School teacher, and Associate Deacon

Describe your spiritual journey. I am a lifelong Baptist raised in a small NC mountain town and attended Sunday School, BTU, GA's, VBS and summer camps annually, and I grew up knowing Jesus as my Savior.

What is your vision for St. John's? I look forward to growing and sharing my faith through St. John's worship and service.



Marc Cardella-Administrative Panel

How many years have you been a member of St. John's? 9 years

What are your current areas of service and activities? Adventure Class, Men's Basketball, Youth Basketball Coach

Describe your spiritual journey. I was raised in Evangelical churches. When Colleen and I married being part of a community church was really important to us. She was raised Episcopal.

We visited on a Youth Sunday and have been hooked ever since.

What is your vision for St. John's? Sharing the community and hospitality of St. John's is my vision. St. John's is our family and I would like to remind people that connection is extremely important.



Alan Dietz-Pastoral Panel

How many years have you been a member of St. John's? 5 years

What are your current areas of service and activities? Building Committee

What are your past areas of service and activities? Greeter, Substitute Sunday school teacher, Scripture reader

Describe your spiritual journey. I have been in church all my life. The church I grew up attending, Spring Branch Baptist, in Nichols, SC, and was built in the 1830s

by my great-great-great Granddaddy and uncles. I was baptized in 1988 when I was 10, the same day as my sister, April. My dad, Dan, Grandpa Howard, and Uncle Johnny have all served as deacons at Spring Branch. My mom, Teresa, played piano there. My Grandma Elizabeth is the godliest woman I know and has guided me greatly through the years. My Grandma Mary and Grandpa Clinton devoutly attended Mt Pisgah Baptist Church. When I was around 20 or so I was the Sunday school Superintendent at Spring Branch.

What is your vision for St. John's? My vision for St. John's is to help continue the strong children's and youth ministries. I also believe we should continue making the Bible a big part of our church studies. And, I'm not sure about the security plans St. John's has in case of an emergency, but I would like to help in formulating a plan should we have an unforeseen, tragic event occur. With our proximity to Uptown, I believe that is something we have to be honest about and take seriously.



Paula Foust-Pastoral Panel

How many years have you been a member of St. John's? 8 years

What are your current areas of service and activities? I am a member of the McLeod-Brown class and help with the leadership in the Genesis class. I am also a member of the Chancel Choir.

What are your past areas of service and activities? In the past, I taught a caregiver support class, was the founding teacher of the Cheers class, and served as a nursery volunteer.

Describe your spiritual journey. My spiritual journey began at birth as the sixth child born into the home of a Baptist pastor. As a teenager my spiritual journey became more personal to me. After I was elected President of a National girl's mission organization, I awakened to God's leadership in my life. Participating in the Baptist World Alliance Youth Congress, in Portland Oregon, in 1974, further clarified God's direction for my journey. When Dennis and I met in 1975, I was aware that God was answering my prayers and our journey of mutual ministry began. Through the years of serving congregations, raising children, furthering my education and serving in community leadership, I have been a social worker and director of nonprofits specializing in care for the elderly and those living in poverty. To be blessed by this invitation to serve as a Deacon in the life and ministry of St. John's affirms that my journey is not yet finished.



Nancy Fuller-Pastoral Panel

How many years have you been a member of St. John's? I formally joined St. John's about 55 years ago, but I have been a part of the St. John's family since early childhood.

What are your current areas of service and activities? Backpack Ministry, Memorial Garden Task Force, Substitute Sunday School teacher, Handbells

What are your past areas of service and activities? Choir, Sunday School Teacher, GA Leader, Deacon,

Leadership Committee, Bible School, Weekday School teacher and director

Describe your spiritual journey. I was raised within the compassionate and loving arms of my St. John's Family. What a great way to start my spiritual journey. I have since had events that have shaken my belief in myself and in my faith, but I have always returned to my core strength of my faith and confidence in God.

What is your vision for St. John's? I hope that St. John's will continue to be a home and strong base for many more members to come. My vision is that we will always an open and affirming church that accepts people from all different walks and backgrounds and reaches out to those who want to become a part of our church family.



Deacon Jones-Pastoral Panel

How many years have you been a member of St. John's? 3 years

What are your current areas of service and activities? Safety and Security Task Force, Chancel Choir

Describe your spiritual journey. I joined Second Calvary Baptist when I was 13 and was baptized at that church. I also attended Central Church of God. We were attracted to St. John's because of its inclusive nature, and I will assist

anyway that I can.

What is your vision for St. John's? I want us to continue being a part of a servant church and learn to love those that I disagree with.



James Laney-Administrative Panel

How many years have you been a member of St. John's? 32 years

What are your current areas of service and activities? Chancel Choir, Room in the Inn and Men's Shelter volunteer, Teller, CROP Walk planning team, Endowment Resource Team

What are your past areas of service and activities? Second Century Endowment Campaign, Deacon Chair

Describe your spiritual journey. As a child, my family was active at church every week, so my belief system was based more on habit than personal spirituality. As an adult, I have been able to participate in classes, studies and workshops to enhance my understanding and belief. I am glad St. John's provides so many opportunities for growth and study.

What is your vision for St. John's? I think St. John's is well situated to continue to be relevant and provide an important source of support and spiritual awareness to our community for another 100 years.

Proclaimer Schedule and Details for Summer 2019

Sunday, July 21: Dr. Foust

Ten Commandments Window

Message Title: *The Way of the Lord*

Scriptures: Exodus 19:16-20; 20:1-21 and John 14:8-11

Sunday, July 28: Dr. Foust

Golden Lamp-Stand Window

Message Title: *Let There Be Light*

Scriptures: Exodus 25:31-40 and Matthew 5:14-16

Sunday, August 4: Rev. Dr. Daynette Snead

Sunday, August 11: Rev. Dr. Larry Hovis

Serve with St. John's

2019 Global Mission Offering

Goal: \$16,000

Contributions to Date: \$5,264

From now through August 31 we will be focusing on our 2019 Global Mission Offering. For this year the Mission Resource Team has set a goal of \$16,000, with \$1000 going to aid those impacted by the Sierra Leone fire in West Africa and \$15,000 going to the Nyarweng School in South Sudan. Please consider giving today! This offering will be collected through August 31.

Grow with St. John's

Terrific Tuesday Book Club

Join us on August 6 @ 12PM at the Harkey's house.

All interested readers, please come to Betty Harkey's home at 2044 Ferncliff Road, on Tuesday, August 6 at 12PM. Bring your favorite salad to share. At this meeting, we will make plans for the coming year regarding book choices and such. Bring a list of books you would like us to consider. If you have questions, email Betty at harkeybg@gmail.com or call her at 704-366-5901. Invite a friend to join us!

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.



Worship with St. John's



Summer Formation at St. John's @ 9:15 in Broach Hall

July 21, 28, & August 4: Poverty and Building a Sustainable Charlotte

Charlotte is the 3rd fastest growing population in the United States with a booming hospitality industry, growing skyline, and exploding population. However, the chances for folks living in poverty to rise out of poverty are decreasing. Leaders from Charlotte Family Housing, Foundation for the Carolinas and others will be with us these Sundays as we learn and choose which actions to take as we strengthen as God's actively faithful people.

Pride Parade 2019

August 17-18 in Uptown

Save the date for this year's Pride Festival and Parade in Charlotte! St. John's is participating again this year! Stay tuned for more details and plan to join us for the weekend's festivities! We will have a booth at the festival on Saturday.



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Every participant in God's Servant Church

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

Road Closures Announcement

The intersection of Hawthorne Lane and 7th Street will close to thru traffic on Monday, July 15, and will re-open on Monday, August 12, 2019. This closure is necessary for track installation as part of CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 construction.

Please continue to patronize Hawthorne's Pizza and other businesses affected by the construction. Hawthorne's will offer a discount to anyone at St. John's with the presentation of a church bulletin on Sundays at lunch. We also will be in prayer for all construction workers on this project and their safety during this time.

Join the SJBC Men's Softball League!

Come out to play or support SJBC Men's Softball at Providence Baptist this summer! Contact Dan Redding at dpredding2@gmail.com if you are interested or want to play. They always need players.

All games are at Providence Baptist.



Schedule:

- Thursday, July 18 @ 6:00PM
- Tuesday, July 23 @ 6:00PM
- Thursday, July 25 @ 6:00PM
- Tuesday, July 30 @ 6:00PM

Prayer Concerns & Sympathy

Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Carol Drye, Melissa Nash, Linda Nash, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military; Construction workers working on the street outside of our building (they requested to be added to our list as pressure builds closer to their deadline)

Sunday, July 21

Deacons: Chuck Howard, Carol Injaychock, Libby LeVie, Jeff LeVie, Christa Lynch, Gary McFarland, Cindy McIntyre, Tricia Miller, Melissa Millette, Jane Newman
Greeters: Main-Carol & Tom Injaychock; 5th St./Narthex-Betty Thompson; Broach Hall-Ashley Hogewood; Elevator-Marvin Carter
Tellers: Susan King & James Laney
Ushers: Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Susan King

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of July 8-14: \$24,684
 Income through July 14: \$602,454
 Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

Ministers on Call:

- July 15-21: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
- July 22-28: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234
- July 29-August 4: Lee Gray 704-451-1309
- August 5-11: Allison Benfield 828-524-0287



Do you have a parking sticker? If you do not, please get one from Mallory in the office today!

Calendar for July 21-27

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Sunday, July 21

- 9:15am Sunday School (Broach Hall and Classrooms)
- 10:30am Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
- 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 2:00pm South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)

Monday, July 22

- All Week Unidiversity Camp Begins
- All Week Camp St. John's Begins
- 12:30pm Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
- 6:30pm Leadership Task Force (Lounge)
- 8:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, July 23

- 7:00am Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
- 10:00am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 5:00pm CROP (Lounge)
- 5:15pm SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00pm Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, July 24

- 6:30am Benton Basketball (Gym)
- 9:30am Yoga (Room 114)
- 10:00am Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
- 11:30am Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
- 6:00pm Spiritual Growth Team (Lounge)
- 6:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)
- 7:30pm Sherrill Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, July 25

- All Day Freedom School Closing Program (Broach Hall)

Friday, July 26

- All Day Freedom School Clean Up Day
- 8:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, July 27

- 7:00am Benton Basketball (Gym)
- 3:00pm South Sudanese (Broach Hall)