



# Family News

A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active  
St. John's Baptist Church · 300 Hawthorne Lane · Charlotte, North Carolina

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## What's Happening at St. John's?

**St. John's  
Worship  
this Week on  
Sunday,  
August 18**

**Proclaimer**  
Rev. Dennis W.  
Foust, PhD  
**Message**  
Keep On Keeping  
On/ P.O.P.

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## God Loves Everyone!

Charlotte Pride Festival this Weekend in Uptown Charlotte



Here are some important details you need to know regarding this weekend's Pride Festival and Parade:

### Pride Festival:

The Charlotte Pride Festival take place in Uptown Charlotte from 12-7pm on Saturday, August 17 and 12-6pm on Sunday, August 18. The St. John's booth (Booth #235) is located on Tryon Street between MLK Blvd. and the Levine Ave. of the Arts (look between the ACLU and Queen City Nerve). Volunteers and ministry staff should report to the booth at their appointed times. Everyone is invited to visit the booth during the festival!

### Pride Parade:

The Charlotte Pride Parade marches down Tryon from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the Square at Trade St. from 1-2:30pm on Sunday, August 18. Anyone who wants to march with the St. John's group should gather just outside the Hal Marshall Center (at the corner of Tryon and Phifer Ave.) no later than 12:45pm. We are parade entry #803 (out of 823, so we are bringing up the rear of the parade).

### How can I get a t-shirt?

St. John's Pride T-shirts will be available for \$10 at the Festival booth, or you can call Mallory in the church office to arrange for pickup earlier this week (prior to Saturday).

**You may call or text Todd Stillerman (704-763-6611) or Mattie Stillerman (704-362-6743) with any questions.**

## School Uniform Drive

Now Through August 25 @ Main Entrance

The first of August marks the beginning of our uniform donation drive for Highland Renaissance Academy. **These uniforms will be collected at the Main Entrance on a rack from now until August 25.**

### Needs include:

- Girls khaki or navy pants:** Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18
- Boys khaki or navy pants:** Sizes 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
- Short-sleeved polo shirts:** ALL Sizes - White and navy
- Long-sleeved polo shirts:** ALL Sizes - White and navy

**GREATEST NEED IS FOR SMALLER SIZES.**



## Messages from St. John's Staff and Friends

### TRANSITIONING BEYOND SUMMER

Children, youth, teachers, administrators and staff are returning to schools in the next few days. You are in our prayers as you begin a new year. Parents, we also pray with you as your schedules transition into these changing rhythms and you enforce bedtime. In the past few days, I have communicated with a few parents who have taken their students to college and university campuses. We also pray for these exciting experiences which nurture directions for life.

During the next two weeks, we will transition beyond a wonderful summer of congregational ministries. Hopefully, you have seen the good pictures telling stories of recent weeks. Our children enjoyed Camp St. John's and our youth participated in Unidiversity Camp in Tennessee and served many needs in Charlotte. Please check the St. John's Baptist Church Facebook page for pictures that tell their stories.

**YOUTH AUCTION SERMONS:** This past spring, Joe Trull and Ashley Hogewood expressed tremendous generosity during our Youth Mission Auction by bidding on a Sunday message. As their bidding soared, the decision was made that each man should be able to express their gifts in this way. The bids settled at \$550 each. So, in recent weeks, I have explored

conversations with Joe and Ashley and am preparing messages on subjects they have requested.

This coming Sunday, I will offer a message entitled, "Keep On Keeping On or P.O.P." (P.O.P. stands for Persist On Persisting.) This message will honor the memory and commitment of The Rev. Dr. Eddie Rickenbaker, the late husband of Mary Rickenbaker and long-time friend of The Rev. Dr. Joe Trull. My message will remind us how one actively faithful person can leave a great deal of influence behind. How did Eddie find strength to persevere even through years of living with Parkinson's Disease?

On Sunday, August 25th, I will present a message entitled, "God Within the Shadows." We will sing the challenging hymn, 'Once to Every Soul and Nation,' and explore how you can express your personal faith in the public square. As Baptists, we are devoted to the principle of Religious Freedom. Yet, although Church and State are separate and are not to control one another, they do impact one another. As an attorney, Ashley has always been involved in community leadership and desires to help others live as actively faithful ministers in daily life.

Another good year is ahead just beyond summer.

**Shalom,  
Dennis**

### News for Youth and Their Families from Lee Gray

#### Pictures from this year's Middle School In-Town Mission Trip, August 10-13



Visit our Facebook page for more pictures from this summer with our youth and children:

<https://www.facebook.com/sjbccharlotte/?ref=bookmarks>

### News for Children and Their Families from Allison Benfield

#### Promotion Sunday

**August 25 is Promotion Sunday!** We'll gather in Broach Hall at 9:00am for some light breakfast treats, we'll say goodbye to the 6th Graders and present them with their Bibles and send them to youth group, children will promote into their new classes for the year, and we'll have a parent meeting to talk about the upcoming year. In worship, as is tradition at St. John's, the 2nd Graders will receive their Bibles. Please plan on being here for this important Sunday so we can begin our year the right way!

#### Summer Sunday School

**Nursery and PreK/K Classes:** We will resume our normal schedule of Sunday School and Worship Care this Sunday.

**Grades 1-5:** These classes will combine for the summer and we'll have class all through August.

## Grow with St. John's

### Training for Immigration Court Observers August 24 from 10AM-12:30PM at First UMC

On June 23rd, as part of our focus on welcoming the stranger, we heard about the Advocates for Immigrant Rights (AIR) Court Observer Project. This project trains interested individuals to serve as citizen observers in the Charlotte Immigration Court. Stories from these court observers, as well as feedback from immigration attorneys, are showing that the presence of these observers is fostering due process, fairness and consistency in the courtroom. The observer simply sits, observes and makes notes, and it makes a positive difference. Time involvement is one morning or afternoon per month (3-4 hours). A training for new volunteers will be on Saturday, August 24th from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon St., Charlotte. If you have questions about the training, contact Beverly Hester @ [beverlyhester@earthlink.net](mailto:beverlyhester@earthlink.net), email questions to [AIR.4.Charlotte@gmail.com](mailto:AIR.4.Charlotte@gmail.com) or visit the AIR website at: [www.AIR4Charlotte.org](http://www.AIR4Charlotte.org) You can also sign up for the training on the website.

### Queen Esther & the Journey to the Authentic Self Women of the Church Retreat, November 1-3, 2019

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 for the weekend. The book of Esther will be our guide on retreat as we seek to live more fully into our authentic selves and listen for how we are called "...for such a time as this."



**When?** November 1-3, 2019, starting Friday at dinner through Sunday at breakfast

**Where?** Blowing Rock Conference Center, 1818 Goforth Road, Blowing Rock, NC 28605

#### Pricing?

- \* \$168.00 Triple Occupancy
- \* \$185.00 Double Occupancy
- \* \$248.00 Single Occupancy
- \* Please contact Jaquelyn McAbee in the office for confidential scholarship assistance. [jmcabee@sicharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sicharlotte.org)
- \* **New this year-Price includes all meals at conference center!**

**Registration Deadline is September 15!** Contact Donna Scott at 919-280-9204 or [djs58@nc.rr.com](mailto:djs58@nc.rr.com) for questions or concerns. **If you want to register, please contact Mallory in the office for a registration form or pick one up in the office in person today!**

## Save the Date for the NAMI Walk

Saturday, October 26, 2019 @ Reedy Creek Park in Charlotte



If you are interested in joining this walk for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, please register at: [www.namiwalks.org/charlotte](http://www.namiwalks.org/charlotte).



Save the date for the Annual Women of the Church Luncheon on Sunday, September 15 in Broach Hall!

## Serve with St. John's

### Global Missions 2019

**2019 Goal: \$16,000**

**Contributions to Date: \$13,881**

From now through August 31 we are focusing on our 2019 Global Mission Offering. So far, we have received well over half of our goal for this season! This year, \$1000 is going to aid those impacted by the Sierra Leone fire in West Africa and \$15,000 is going to the Nyarweng School in South Sudan. Please consider giving today! This offering will be collected through August 31.

### Baptist Peace Fellowship Hosting

Host a guest in your home for BPFNA in September

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America is seeking your assistance. Our Fall board meeting will be held this September in Charlotte, and as we are "of North America," board members will be coming in from across the United States as well as Mexico and Canada. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to host an out-of-town board member (or two) from Wednesday, September 25 – Saturday, September 28. There are nine people who need housing in total.



Please contact Allison Paksoy at [allison@bpfna.org](mailto:allison@bpfna.org) or 704-301-9447 if interested or for more information. Thank you in advance!

### Get Ready for the Craft and Bake Sale!

Start Your Crafting for the Sale on October 13 in Lasater Hall

Though it might seem early, it's time to start preparing for the annual Craft and Bake Sale at St. John's on Sunday, October 13! If you are a crafter and have goods you would like to contribute to the sale, go ahead and start knitting, painting, gluing, or whatever medium of choice you prefer. Stay tuned for more details as the date gets closer.



Do you have a parking sticker? If you do not, please get one from Mallory in the office today! They are available for pick up on Sundays on Mallory's desk.

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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



**Download the Charlotte Pride mobile app for Apple or Android to keep track of this weekend's festivities and locations! It is a free download in the Google Play and App Stores.**

**Volunteers Needed in the Memorial Garden!**



Did you know that St. John's has a Memorial Garden? Do you know where it is? Do you know about the policies related to the use of the garden? Our Memorial Garden flanks both sides of the long walk which goes out from the Children's Building toward Hawthorne Lane. The garden was established in 1997 with a garden plan which was professionally installed

at the time and, of course, has been slightly altered, as all gardens change over the course of 20 years. A brochure explaining the use and policies and history is available in the church office. All should feel welcomed to walk through, sit, and enjoy this garden at any time.

The Memorial Garden is cared for by volunteers in the church who find it a meaningful volunteer experience. Currently, the Task Force is in need of volunteers to care for and tend the garden! If you have an interest, enjoy gardening, and are glad that we have such a garden right here on our own grounds, we invite you to please notify the Leadership Committee through Donna Scott at 919-280-9204, Kathy Bragg at 704-896-7444, or Wanny Hogewood at 704-966-4140. We need you. Sometimes the work is difficult but it is primarily fun and inspiring!!! Please call to volunteer today!

**Prayer Concerns & Sympathy**

Byron Bullard, Carol Drye, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military; Construction workers working on the street outside of our building

**Sunday, August 18**

**Deacons:** David Allen, Linda Balentine, Jason Benton, Jordan Benton, Leslie Bragg, Minh Callaway, Teri Franklin, Charlie Harper, Clara Howell, Bert Green  
**Greeters:** Main-Ed Turner & Chuck Jones; 5th St./Narthex -Treva Bridges; Broach Hall-Ashely Hogewood; Elevator-Marvin Carter  
**Tellers:** Marvin Carter & Jeff LeVie  
**Ushers:** Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Susan King

**Financial Ministry Plan Report:**

Week of August 5-11: \$8,163  
 Income through August 11: \$690,884  
 Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

**Ministers on Call:**

August 12-18: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287  
 August 19-25: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234

**Calendar for August 18-23**

Complete calendar online: [www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)

**Sunday, August 18**

9:15am ..... Sunday School (Classrooms)  
 10:30am ..... Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)  
 10:30am .....Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
 12:00pm ..... Pride Parade (Uptown)  
 2:00pm .....South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)

**Monday, August 19**

8:00am ..... Head Start Training (Classrooms & Broach Hall)  
 8:00am .....Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)  
 8:30am .....Weekday School Staff Meeting (Lounge)  
 12:30pm ..... Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)  
 6:00pm ..... Joy Sunday School Class (Lounge)  
 8:00pm ..... AA (Lasater Hall)

**Tuesday, August 20**

7:00am ..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)  
 8:00am .....Head Start Training (Classrooms and Broach Hall)  
 10:00am ..... Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
 5:00pm .....CROP (Lasater Hall)  
 5:15pm .....SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)

**Wednesday, August 21**

6:30am .....Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 8:00am .....Head Start Training (Classrooms and Broach Hall)  
 9:30am ..... Yoga (Room 114)  
 10:00am ..... Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)  
 5:30pm ..... Charlotte Family Housing (Lasater Hall)  
 6:00pm ..... AA (Lasater Hall)  
 6:00pm ..... WOC Board Meeting (Lounge)  
 7:15pm ..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 7:30pm ..... Sherrill Basketball (Gym)

**Thursday, August 22**

8:00am ..... Head Start Training (Classrooms & Broach Hall)

**Friday, August 23**

8:00pm ..... AA (Lasater Hall)

**Saturday, August 24**

7:00am ..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 9:30am ..... Kids' Basketball (Gym)

**Note to Sunday School Classes**

The current Sunday School quarter is nearly over. Please remember to take your used Sunday School literature and devotional materials to the Collection Room (corner room near Lasater Hall). These materials will be picked up by Tom and Martha Bryson to be re-used by one or more congregations who cannot afford to purchase new literature each quarter.

