



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,
October 13**

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W.
Foust, PhD

Message

Stewardship:
Missionary Harvest
Seeds

Scripture

2 Corinthians
9:1-15 & Matthew
13:24-30, 36-40

Craft & Bake Sale

THIS Sunday, October 13 from 11:30am-1:00pm

The 2019 Craft & Bake sale will be this Sunday, October 13 from 11:30am-1:00pm in Lasater Hall. If you want to donate items to sell, someone will be in Lasater Hall from 10:00am-12:00pm on Friday, October 11. Baked goods can be brought on Sunday, October 13 starting at 9:00am. All proceeds will go to national CBF's hurricane relief, partnering with Baptist World Alliance.

If you have questions, please contact Ruth Jackson

(rjackson4220@gmail.com) or Tricia Miller

(pmiller251984@att.net).



St. John's Basketball Leagues for Youth and Children

Register Today!

Registration starts now for St. John's members and members of our partner congregations. Returning non-member players may register starting October 9, and general registration starts October 16.

Please open the following attachment for all of the details and the forms at this link: <https://stjohnsbaptistchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-SJBC-B-ball-Forms.pdf> Then mail in 3 things 1) your check 2) your registration form and 3) your release form to Lee Gray.

St. John's Baptist Church

Attn: Lee Gray

300 Hawthorne Lane

Charlotte, NC 28204



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Children's Sunday

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Join us for Children's Sunday during worship on Sunday, October 20, at 10:30am. Our children (preschool-5th grade) will lead us in various aspects of worship including scripture readings, calling us to worship, singing, and more. This is always a wonderful day of worship at St. John's. The picture to the right is from last year's Children's Sunday.



Messages from St. John's Staff

WHY

"Mama, why are trees green?"
"Daddy, why is the sky blue?"

From an early age, we learn to ask 'Why?'

In the life and ministries of St. John's, we do many things. In recent weeks, I wrote a series of Family News articles on 'what' St. John's is doing through worship, servant leadership, administration, communications, messaging, outreach, missions and community impact, congregational care, pastoral care, community of faith, spiritual formation, prayerfulness, finances and facilities. But why? Not, 'why did I write the Family News article series;' but, 'WHY do we do these things the way we do?'

This past Sunday, a yet-to-be-identified child or teenager drew the following picture as their expression of worship on World Communion Sunday. This wonderful art is one reason why we do what we do the way we do. WE ARE CREATING AND NURTURING A CULTURE OF WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING COMPASSION FOR ALL PERSONS. We are offering experiences to all ages with the vision of shaping vocational disciples of Jesus who become actively faithful and faithfully active Ministers in Daily Life in workplace, school and community.



St. John's invests in compassionate ministry increasing the level of compassion in the world. This is WHY we do what we do the way we do.

**Shalom,
Dennis**

News for Youth and Their Families from Lee Gray

Upcoming Events for Youth

Sunday, October 13

We will watch the story of Declan Sullivan and have Breakout Groups at 6:30pm

Sunday, October 20

CROP Walk (It's back on Sunday, and we are working on plans to make it a good day for youth)

June 21-27, 2020

High School Habitat Mission Trip to John's Island, SC. We think we will be able to pre-build in Charlotte beforehand this year!

July 20-25, 2020

University Youth Summer Camp – Maryville College

August 8-11, 2020

Middle School In-Town Local Mission Trip

Advent Devotionals

Are You Interested in Contributing?

As we make our way toward Advent, I would invite all those who find writing as way to express God's graciousness to join me in working on our yearly Advent devotional book. This year, Advent begins on Sunday, December 1. **Therefore, we need to get started on the devotional book today.**

Keep reading for instructions and deadlines.

I want to write a devotional for the book. Who do I contact to let them know I am willing to write?

Kevin Gray at kgray@sjcharlotte.org

How long does my devotional need to be?

No longer than 3-5 paragraphs that are each 4-5 sentences long. When is my devotional due? November 18

To whom do I send it?

Send it to **BOTH** Kevin Gray (kgray@sjcharlotte.org) AND Mallory Brown (mbrown@sjcharlotte.org)

What are the topics for each Advent week?

December 2-7: Hope

December 8-14: Peace

December 15-21: Joy

December 22-24: Love

J. Kevin Gray, Minister for Worship and Music

News for Children and Their Families from Allison Benfield

Sunday, October 13

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 Joseph forgave his brothers. They'll also enjoy time for art and play. Music will be at 9:40.

Grades 1-5: Formation Class is from 9:15-10:00. They'll be learning about Isaac and Rebekah's twins, Jacob and Esau. Music is from 10:00-10:20. 1st-5th Graders will worship with their families. Worship Bags are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

Family Fellowship Event

On Sunday, November 10, we'll enjoy some time just for hanging out together at OMB. Stay tuned for more specific information as we get closer to the day.



Grow with St. John's

Autumn Retreat: Letting Go

Saturday, October 19 @ Ramah Creek Farm

You are invited to Ramah Creek Farm for a retreat on Saturday, October 19 from 9am-2pm called **Letting Go**. The Rev. Sally Brower of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Kathy Bragg of St. John's are offering this time where you can relax in the beauty of Kathy's family farm with varied experiences to help you interact with the them. The cost is just \$20 with lunch included. Proceeds go to the Catawba Land Conservancy. Make checks out to the Catawba Land Conservancy and mail to Rev. Sally Brower, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 164 Fairview Road, Mooresville, NC 28117. Please include your name, mailing address, phone number and email when you mail the check. Retreat is limited 16 people.

Attention Faith Journey Book Study!

Books Available for Pick Up in Mallory's Office

The Faith Journey Book Study's new books are available for pick up and payment in Mallory's office. The cost of both books is \$32.00. A list of names of those who ordered is paired with the books. Please check off your name when you pick up and pay for your books. Questions? Contact Loretta Brown.

October Book Club Meeting

Tuesday, October 22 @ 12pm

The Terrific Tuesday Book Club will meet again on October 22 at 12PM in the Library to discuss Michelle Obama's memoir, *Becoming*, that was released in 2018. Bring a lunch to share in the lounge after the discussion. Start reading today! Anyone is welcome to join the book club.



October Open Table

Wednesday, October 23

It's already time to think about signing up for October's Open Table! On Wednesday, October 23 at 5:50pm, we will

have dinner and enjoy a concert of Celtic Music from Trip Rogers, formerly part of the Thistle-down Tinkers that we have had here before. We hope you will come to eat, listen to music, and bring a friend for this great evening! Menu TBA. Sign up with Mallory or here: <https://forms.gle/zsZB4dHytuBzjKDn6>

OPEN TABLE:
TRIP ROGERS IN CONCERT

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 and during the week on Mallory's desk.



Reach Out with St. John's

CROP Walk 2019

Sign Up for CROP Walk on Sunday, October 20 at 2:30pm

If you want to sign up now, please go to this link to do so:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/stjohnsbaptistchurch>

Undie Sundays Are Back!

Collecting New Underwear in October

We will be collecting new underwear to be distributed to our Room in the Inn program, Hope Chapel and Charlotte Rescue Mission for all of October. **Items needed are athletic socks, boxer shorts, and t-shirts. Sizes most needed are medium and large.** On each of the Sundays this month, containers will be at both the Main Entrance and Broach Hall entrance for you to place your donations inside.



Charlotte Family Housing Jubilee Store

December 7 and 8 at SJBC

We are excited to have Charlotte Family Housing's Jubilee Store happening at St. John's again this year, which provides a way for their clients to shop for children's Christmas gifts at discounted prices. Volunteers will be needed on the store afternoons (Saturday and Sunday) for hospitality (welcoming, directing and general support), shopper assistants, kitchen support and gift wrapping. Starting in November, you will be able to purchase requested gifts and assist with gift collection, inventory and pricing. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping with this great event!



Link Your VIC Card!

Support the Weekday School with Your VIC Card

If you are interested in supporting the St. John's Weekday School, you can link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to the school (#5879). You have to re-link your VIC Card every year in order for this to be effective.



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Ministers

Every participant in God's Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

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

Support NAMI by Walking!

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

NAMI is an organization that seeks to "protect the dignity of and improve the quality of life for individuals and their families living with the effects of severe and persistent mental health conditions through advocacy, education, and support." They have an office space here at St. John's and host support groups here for family members of those with mental illness on a monthly basis.

Brotherhood of the Biscuit

Friday, October 18 @ 6:30am

Brotherhood of the Biscuit meets again on Friday, October 18 at 6:30am in the Lounge. All are welcome to come, have a biscuit, and join the fellowship.



Calendar for October 13-19

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Sunday, October 13

8:00am.....Church Council (Conference Room)
9:15am..... Sunday School (Classrooms)
10:30am..... Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:30am..... Godly Play (Room 221)
10:30am..... Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
11:30am..... Craft & Bake Sale (Lasater Hall)
5:00pm..... Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor)

Monday, October 14

8:00am..... Cadence Education (Broach Hall)
11:45am..... Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
12:30pm..... Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
5:00pm..... CROP (Lounge)
5:45pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, October 15

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 (Gym)
6:15pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)

Wednesday, October 16

6:30am..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
9:30am..... Yoga (Room 114)
10:00am..... Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
1:00pm..... Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
5:30pm..... WOC Board Meeting (Lounge)
6:00pm..... AA (Room 114)
6:00pm..... Handbells (Handbell Room)
7:15pm..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, October 17

5:30pm..... WDS Board Meeting (Lounge)
7:30pm..... CBFNC College Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, October 18

6:30am..... Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
5:30pm..... Serve at Men's Shelter (Uptown)
8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, October 19

7:00am..... Benton Basketball (Gym)

Prayer Concerns & Sympathy

Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Carol Drye, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military

Sunday, October 13

Deacons: Casey Perkins, Greg Rodden, Judy Sanford, David Sherrill, Gail Sifford, Henry Snyder, Laura Sorrell, Anne Sutton, Keith Towery, Kathy Turner

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

Tellers: Tim Gibson & Morgan Newman

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

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of September 30-October 6: \$15,211
Income through October 6: \$826,132
Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

Ministers on Call:

October 7-13: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
October 14-20: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234

Become a Heart Math Tutor!

Join St. John's members in mentoring and tutoring elementary students this year! Heart Math Tutoring provides a tutor-friendly curriculum and training and support from an on-site coordinator. To date, 98% of students have met program growth goals set with guidance from UNCC and CMS. Consider volunteering for 30 minutes or 1 hour per week at one of the 23 locations and times listed at:

www.hearttutoring.org/become-a-volunteer.