



# 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 20

### Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W.  
Foust, PhD

### Message

*Will Our Children  
Have ACTIVE FAITH?*

### Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:4-9,  
20-25 &  
Mark 9:33-37,  
10:13-16

## Children's Sunday at St. John's

THIS Sunday, October 20, 2019

Join us for Children's Sunday **this Sunday morning at 10:30am**. Our elementary schoolers will be our worship leaders by offering prayers, reading Scripture, offering a song, and helping to collect the offering. The PreK/K children will be our ushers for the morning, welcoming our church family into the sanctuary by passing out bulletins and offering a smile. This is always a joyful Sunday and we are so thankful for the willingness of our children to lead. If you have questions or have a child participating and are unsure of the time to be here or where to meet, please contact Allison Benfield at [abenfield@sjohns.org](mailto:abenfield@sjohns.org).

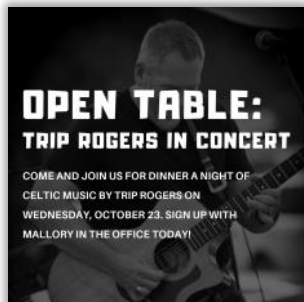


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## Open Table: Celtic Music Night

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 Thistledown 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 is Greek chicken, green beans, roasted potatoes, and brownies.** Sign up with Mallory or here: <https://forms.gle/zsZB4dHytuBzjKDn6>

## One More Week Until CROP Walk!

CROP Walk is THIS Sunday at 2:30pm

Donate to a St. John's individual walker today by clicking this link:

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

*Write all checks to Church World Service, NOT St. John's.*

## SPONSOR A WALKER TODAY!

### A Riff of Love Concert

An Evening with Greg Jarrell & Friends

This **Sunday, October 20 at 6:00pm** at **Covenant Presbyterian Church**, Greg Jarrell joins with Dawn Anthony and other professional musicians to bring to life the music and stories from his recent book, *A Riff of Love*. This 90-minute program features music, readings, singing, and visual art to inspire justice and belonging in the world. This event is free and open to the public.



## Messages from St. John's Staff

### THE CHILDREN OF ST. JOHN'S

Like you, I love the children of St. John's. We include children in our church's life and ministries. We do not ask them to serve as professional ministers or deacons, or chair resource teams. Yet, we ask them to be involved in God's mission, give a financial offering, attend Formation Groups in Sunday School Ministry, learn music and sing as worship leaders, etc. Why?

We care about the long-term future of our children. We encourage our children to do well in school and manage time well. We drive our children to soccer, baseball, dance, gymnastics, volleyball, basketball, football, golf, tennis, swimming, softball, practice and music and drama lessons. We teach our children to add, subtract, read, write, make decisions, be organized, say "please" and "thank you," do homework, clean their rooms, eat a good diet, fulfill commitments, exercise, learn about money, do chores, finish tasks, etc. We allow our children to make our lives busy because we care about the long-term future of our children.

Yet, no matter how busy life becomes or how much we protect our children, we know they will endure heartaches, problems, challenges, and deaths of family members, friends and pets. Throughout my ministry, I have been with many families during tragedies, crises, griefs and major life transitions. There is a distinct difference between children, youth and adults in families that value involvement in congregational life. Children involved in faith formation through relational experiences in a theologically healthy congregation handle negative situations much better than those without a spiritual root structure. When families are not involved in any faith community or when they merely view church life participation as another activity like all those listed above (soccer, baseball, dance, etc.), their children are almost always adversely affected by negative situations for the remainder of their lives.

This coming Sunday, a child will call us to worship. Children will lead us in prayer. Our offerings will be collected by some children assisting our deacons. Our children will offer a song unto the Lord and participate in a Prayer of Installation & Blessing. These children will be brought to their Faith Formation groups during the Sunday School Ministry hour and to worship by parents, grandparents and neighbors who are committed to providing a theological root structure for these growing lives.

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

#### Upcoming Events for Youth

**Sunday, October 20**

CROP Walk Day

**Sunday, October 27**

Scarowinds

**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

We invest in the participation of our children in St. John's because nobody on their death bed says, "I wish I had gone to more basketball practices."

Shalom,  
Dennis

## Write an Advent Devotional!

St. John's Advent Devotionals Coming Soon

**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](mailto: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](mailto:kgray@sjcharlotte.org))

**AND** Mallory Brown

([mbrown@sjcharlotte.org](mailto: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 20

**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 Hour. They'll be learning about how Moses was saved as a baby. They'll also enjoy time for art and play. They will joy us in the Sanctuary for Children's Sunday

**Grades 1-5:** These classes will be getting ready to lead worship during the Formation Hour. Please report to the Sanctuary promptly at 9:15am. In order for the children to feel comfortable with their roles as worship leaders, we need to make sure we have plenty of time to get ready. We will sit together during worship. So, no need to pick up your child.

#### Family Fellowship Event

On Sunday, November 10, we'll enjoy some time just for hanging out together at OMB. We will meet there at 12pm. Feel free to change clothes before heading out there. They have great food but there might also be food trucks!



## Grow with St. John's

### 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.



### 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.

### 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.



### 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 at 300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, 28204.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Christmas Gathering for Senior Adults**  
**Wednesday, December 11, 2019**  
**11:30am-1:30pm in Broach Hall**



## Reach Out with St. John's

### Undie Sundays

Collecting New Underwear in October

We are still collecting new underwear to be distributed to our Room in the Inn program, Hope Chapel and Charlotte Rescue Mission. **Items needed are athletic socks, boxer shorts, and t-shirts. Sizes most needed are medium and large.** Collection containers are at both the Main Entrance and Broach Hall entrances.

### Be Made Well

Seeking Wholeness of Life

The Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation at Union Pres. Seminary welcomes Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner for the a seminar on social justice and healthcare on Sunday, October 20 at 6:30pm at Sharon Pres. Church. The seminar is called "Be Made Well: Seeking Wholeness of Life." The Rev. Dr. Lindner is a historian, researcher, pastor, and popular public speaker. Much of her career has embodied the best ecumenical leadership, justice, and unity in ministry at the National Council of Churches, serving as Deputy General Secretary for Unity and Relationships. The event is free.

Register online at [www.regonline.com/elindner](http://www.regonline.com/elindner).

### Young Voices of the Carolinas Concert: Music of the Masters

The fall concert for the Young Voices of the Carolinas is Saturday, November 2 from 5:00-6:30pm here at St. John's in the Sanctuary! Tickets at \$10/adult and \$8/students and seniors. Buy tickets online at [yvotc.org](http://yvotc.org) or at the door. This will feature all 80 singers in the choir singing Bach, Schubert, Handel and contemporary composers Lloyd Weber and Leonard Bernstein.

### 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 Mallory in the church office if you are interested in helping with this great event!



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Every participant in God's Servant Church

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 Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted  
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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](http://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.

**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.

**Calendar for October 20-26**

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

**Sunday, October 20**

9:15am..... Sunday School (Classrooms)  
 10:30am..... Children's Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 10:30am..... Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)  
 11:30am..... CROP Walk Lunch (Lounge)  
 2:00pm..... South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)  
 2:30pm..... CROP Walk (Offsite)  
 5:00pm..... Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor)

**Monday, October 21**

8:00am..... Novant Health Class (Broach Hall)  
 11:45am..... Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)  
 12:30pm..... Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)  
 5:30pm..... Basketball Clinics (Gym)  
 5:45pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)  
 6:00pm..... Joy SS Class (Lounge)  
 8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

**Tuesday, October 22**

7:00am..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)  
 10:00am..... Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
 11:00am..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)  
 12:00pm..... Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library & Lounge)  
 5:15pm..... SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)  
 5:30pm..... Right Moves for Youth (Broach Hall)  
 6:15pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)

**Wednesday, October 23**

6:30am..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 9:30am..... Yoga (Room 114)  
 5:00pm..... Stewardship Resource Team (Conference Room)  
 5:50pm..... Open Table (Broach Hall)  
 6:00pm..... AA (Room 114)  
 7:00pm..... Handbells (Handbell Room)  
 7:15pm..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, October 24**

7:30pm..... CBFNC College Ministry (Lounge)

**Friday, October 25**

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

**Saturday, October 26**

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

**Prayer Concerns & Sympathy**

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

**Sunday, October 20**

Deacons: Kim Allen, Jeff Almond, Kevin Benton, Leslie Bragg, Treva Bridges, Nancy Fuller, Deacon Jones, Nancy Wilson, Lindsay Wilson, Sally Young

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner & Ken Hungate; 5th St./Narthex -Treva Bridges; Broach Hall-Ashley Hogewood; Elevator-Marvin Carter

Tellers: Matt Collins and Tom Blackmon

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

**Financial Ministry Plan Report:**

Week of October 7-13: \$17,691  
 Income through October 13: \$843,824  
 Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

**Ministers on Call:**

October 14-20: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234  
 October 21-27: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412



The Craft & Bake Sale was a great success! Thank you to all who contributed and purchased crafts and goodies! They raised over \$2,000 for hurricane relief!



Check out more pictures on Facebook and Instagram!