



Family News

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

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St. John's Virtual
Worship at Home
on May 10, 2020

Join us for an online
worship experience at
10:30am on Facebook,
YouTube, and the
website.

Worship resources will
be distributed for
guidance.

Deacon Nominations for 2020-21

Leadership Task Force Request

The Leadership Task Force is seeking deacon nominations for the 2020-2021 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 at least 4 administrative deacons, 4 ministry deacons and 8 pastoral deacons.

If you would like to nominate a candidate, please alert Mallory Brown at mbrown@sjcharlotte.org. Please secure your candidate's permission prior to nominating them, and if possible indicate which panel your candidate prefers.

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[Website Link](http://stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)



Have you signed up for Realm yet?

See the next page for more information
and check your email for the invitation to
join Realm, a new way to connect with
one another and give online!

Search Task Force Update

Progress in Search for Minister for Youth and Young Adults

While the COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges over the past few weeks, it has also helped us to explore new mediums and ways to find community and collaboration with one another. The Search Task Force has continued its work of evaluating candidates for the position of Minister for Youth and Young Adults by conducting videoconference meetings and interviews. Over the past two months, we have conducted multiple rounds of interviews, reviewed writing samples, and contacted references for a select number of qualified candidates. It has been an amazing experience seeing the diverse and talented pool of applicants our church has attracted as a beacon of hope, love and inclusion in the Charlotte community. Thanks to your prayerful support, forward thinking leadership, and diligent stewardship of the congregation we have been able to continue conversations with the strongest candidates while other churches have put their hiring processes on hold. As we narrow our focus on a final candidate, our group is excited at the prospect of presenting to you our recommendation for filling the position and beginning a new journey with our youth and young adult ministries.

Contact the Staff

A List of Cell Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

- Dennis Foust- 704-359-7234; dfoust@sjcharlotte.org
- Lee Gray- 704-451-1309; lgray@sjcharlotte.org
- Allison Benfield- 828-448-8412; abenfield@sjcharlotte.org
- Kevin Gray- 803-524-0287; kgray@sjcharlotte.org
- Mallory Brown- 704-477-3349; mbrown@sjcharlotte.org
- Jacquelyn McAbee- 434-579-1177; jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org

Updating to Realm

Connect with SJBC and Give Online!

We have transitioned to a new system to communicate and connect with church members and church guests. This new system is called "Realm," created by ACS. Prior to this transition, we used a program called "On Demand" through ACS that kept records of members and guests and enabled us to communicate with the congregation. Realm does this as well but allows for more capabilities, **including online giving and text-to-give features that we did not have before.**

Many of you have used the "Church Life" app on your phone to locate member contact information. This app is no longer usable since it was a part of our old system. Therefore, you can delete it from your phone.

Luckily, Realm has a similar app called "Realm Connect" that allows you to look up member contact information, similar to Church Life. This new app we are now using also allows you to give towards your pledge to the Financial Ministry Plan directly through the app with a credit/debit card or a bank account. There is also a text-to-give option, described in the attached document and in the next column.

Online giving is important to have, especially during these times apart due to COVID-19. **However, if you do not want to do online giving, you do not have to. This is only an option for those that choose to participate.**

We are excited about this new system and look forward to introducing you all to its features, which go beyond what is described above. **You should have received an invitation to join Realm. If you did not, please email Mallory Brown to get an invite.** Once you are invited, you will create your own log-in username and password and then you will be able to download and log-in to the "Realm Connect" app on your phone. If you do not have a smartphone, you can still access the system on your computer, as long as you have internet access.

We have created the attached document with directions for how to access Realm, begin online giving, and navigate the app. Please read these directions and follow them as soon as you receive your invitation to join Realm.

If you have any questions, please contact Mallory Brown at mbrown@sjcharlotte.org.

Give Online through Realm

New Options Available!

Online giving is now available at St. John's! If you have set up your account in Realm, you can log-in and give through your account. If you have not joined the St. John's online community in Realm yet, you can still give online by visiting this link: <https://onrealm.org/StJohnsBaptistC/-/give/now> OR use your cell phone to access our text-to-give feature.



At this time, you can contribute to one of the following funds:

1. Budget
2. Endowment
3. State & Community Missions
4. Hunger
5. Memorials

The text-to-give feature only accepts budget gifts at this time. To access text-to-give from your phone, follow these easy steps:

1. Text 73256 (this is the phone number you are texting)
2. Add text message **SJGIVE** and send
3. You will receive a reply. Click on the link in the reply to be directed to the Realm site.
4. You will be prompted to enter an amount, select type from drop-down menu (BUDGET), and enter account information. (Account information may be saved for future gifts)

If you have questions about online giving, please contact Jacquelyn McAbee and jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org.

Prayer Concerns, Notes, & Sympathy

Emily Batts, Byron Bullard, Mary Chilton (mother of Amy Chilton), Carol Drye, Teri Franklin, Don Furr, Camille Green, Polly Hull, Maddie and Domhnall Minogue, Gene Poole, Elma Thomas, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott); Parker Jackson, military; Chip Wilson, assigned to the Pentagon for COVID-19

Congratulations to Maddie and Domhnall Minogue on the birth of their son, Cian, on May 1. Cian is the grandson of Nancy Fuller and the great-grandson of Betty Fuller.

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of April 29-May 5: \$37,863
Income through May 5: \$426,153
Annual 2020 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,175,000

Thank you for your continued financial faithfulness!

You can donate online or mail your financial gifts to:

St. John's Baptist Church
Attn. Jacquelyn McAbee
300 Hawthorne Lane
Charlotte, NC 28204.

State and Community Missions Offering Update:

2020 Goal: \$5,000
Received to Date: 4,365

This offering closed on April 30.