

# The Informer



*Saint James* Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

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*“Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!”*

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Reverend Richard Hughes, Preaching Supply Pastor

Reverend Frank Dew, Pastoral Leadership for Administering Sacraments and Session Moderator

**May 2020 Edition**

## **Welcome To Saint James Presbyterian Church!**

The members of the Saint James Presbyterian Church are pleased to have you worship with us during the month of May. We ask that you kindly fill out our electronic visitor's card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9>. You can also contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). We would like to have a record of your visit and a way to keep you updated on what is happening here at Saint James. Your information will remain confidential.

A large, elegant, blue cursive script word "Welcome" centered on the page.

## **Are you interested in joining Saint James?**

We welcome you to join Saint James Presbyterian Church and are committed to helping you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. You may become a member of the Saint James Presbyterian Church in one of the following ways: (1) You can fill out our electronic visitors card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9> and we will reach out to you. (2) You can contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). We look forward to helping you make this decision!

## **Connect With Us!**

Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stjamespresby](https://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby)

Follow us on Twitter: [@stjames\\_gsonc](https://twitter.com/stjames_gsonc)

Follow us on Instagram: [@saintjamespresbync](https://www.instagram.com/saintjamespresbync)

Visit our Website: [www.stjamespresby.org](http://www.stjamespresby.org)

## **Our Purpose Statement:**

“The purpose of Saint James Presbyterian Church is to touch lives through Jesus Christ by providing joyful worship, life changing teaching, warm community, and dynamic, meaningful ministries that serve to bring a new generation of believers to Christ and to nurture those who are already growing in faith.”

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# **WORSHIP**

*Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.*

## **Virtual Order of Worship:**

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Call to Worship  
Praise & Worship  
Opening Prayer  
Offering  
Offertory Prayer  
Sermonic Selection  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon  
Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
Holy Communion on First Sundays  
Benediction & Amen  
Virtual “HALLWAY” Hangout

## **May Participants:**

### **Worship Leaders:**

Reverend Sèkinah Hamlin  
Reverend Richard Hughes  
Reverend Frank Dew

### **Worship Elder:**

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah  
Elder Charles Knox

### **Music Directors:**

Ms. Jasmine Evans, New Generation  
Praise Team & Inspirational Ensemble  
Ms. Valerie D. Johnson, Chancel Choir &  
Combined Choir

### **Musicians:**

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist &  
Keyboardist  
Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



# May Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of May, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by reading the scheduled lectionary texts each week.

The texts are listed below. Before you read each text, practice a few minutes of centering prayer to clear your mind. Pray for clarity and focus. While reading, physically or mentally take notes so that you can summarize what the scripture is saying. Finally, go back and pick out any themes or recurring ideas that may be relevant to your personal life, Saint James or the church at large. Close your reading time with a Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's word and revelation.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

• Acts 2:42-47

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

• Acts 7:55-60

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

• Acts 17:22-31

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• Acts 1:6-14

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• Acts 2:1-21

## **WORSHIP** *Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.*

In the interest and concern for your safety during the COVID-19 epidemic, online and conference call services will be conducted until further notice. All physical group gatherings have been transferred to another medium or postponed. We are asking all members and friends to join us via conference call, Zoom, or Facebook Live on Sundays at 10 a.m.

To join us online at Zoom for our Sunday Service:

Click the link here -----> <https://zoom.us/j/742365808>

To join us on our conference call,

dial in to: 929-205-6099

Enter Meeting ID: 742 365 808#

(This Meeting ID is just for our Sunday Service and virtual sanctuary hangout)

You can also join us on our Facebook page:

Click the link here -----> [www.facebook.com/stjamespresby](http://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby)

or visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Go to the search bar and type in "St. James Presbyterian Church"

Click on the picture of our logo!

Visit our website to sign up for email updates.

[www.stjamespresby.org](http://www.stjamespresby.org)

### **Pastoral Prayer will be held every Wednesday at 6:00 A.M.**

Please join us on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82137485253?pwd=NoR3STFrZU1XSDVxcG4zYkprTm84QTo9>

Password: 959138 (no pound sign required to join online)

or dial in to: 929-205-6099

Enter Meeting ID: 821-3748-5253#

A participant ID is not required!

Just press pound (#) when the system asks for a Participant ID.

Enter Password: 959138 followed by the pound sign (#)

**Did you miss any services?** Our Zoom services are now on YouTube! You can find all of our Sunday and Special Services on our YouTube page. All of our Bible Studies are continually added as well! Please click the link to enjoy any one of our services that you may have missed. Click the link below to watch:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoVErWxoPIgu-48o\\_ig2V2A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoVErWxoPIgu-48o_ig2V2A)

## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

Monday Bible Study with Rev. Frank Dew  
"Becoming Acquainted with the Radical Jesus"

Mondays, April 20 - June 22  
7 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Join us online with Zoom

Click the link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95942997141?pwd=cGk1ZHRoUjMoaTJwdy9SMERVSitFUTo9>

Meeting ID: 959 4299 7141 Password: 420966

or join us by dialing: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 959 4299 7141# Password: 420966#

VISIT [WWW.STJAMESPRESBY.ORG](http://WWW.STJAMESPRESBY.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**The John Erwin Sunday School Class** is honoring the Stay-at-Home, physical distancing order.

### **Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles**

Grace Brown Circle will be honoring Stay-at-Home and Physical Distancing practices during this time. Details on our meeting will be forthcoming. ~Donna Spinks & Kathy Moore, Co-Mods.

The Roxie McNair Circle is honoring the Stay-At-Home and the physical distancing. We are currently looking forward to our May 15, 2020 gathering. Specific details to come later. ~Elder Pauline McNair, Moderator

The Marie Florance Presbytettes met virtually on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 PM. Look for details about the meeting in the April letter. We studied lesson 9 entitled ***Words of Love: Don't Fixate on What You Don't Have.*** Until we decide how we will study the lesson, I want to present another option. if you have access to a computer, the PW YouTube Channel presents a bible study for Lesson 9. You can find the lesson at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVd8T9Oyico>. ~Ina Siler, Moderator

The Sara Barber Circle will meet virtually as scheduled on May 3rd. The moderator will be in contact with members with further logistics for lesson eight entitled, *Words of Love: Speak Truthfully*. Scripture: Exodus 20:16, Deuteronomy 5:20 and Matthew 25:36-37. ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle have ended meetings until September. More information will be shared at a later date. Thank you ~Mrs. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator.

The Older Adult Ministry continues to plan for the Older Adult Sunday Celebration that has been postponed due to COVID-19. This day is designated by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. as Older Adult Sunday. It is a way to honor and thank older adults for their work and contribution to Saint James. The Older Adult Ministry continues to address the issues of the aging population in a positive and pro-active manner. All Super Seniors are invited to join us. ~Mrs. Marie Martin, Moderator



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### **Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC)**

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) have postponed all meetings. Please look for updates from Co-moderators Annetrice Johnson and Jasmine Evans in the near future.

### **Presbyterian Men**

The Presbyterian Men's Monthly Breakfast Meeting and Bible Study has been postponed but more information is forthcoming. All men of the church are members of Presbyterian Men's Ministry and your support and your presence is needed as we seek to Touch Lives through Jesus Christ and minister both inside and outside the walls.

Make your personal commitment by joining one of our focused ministry teams:

- Youth Ministry Team: Michael Witherspoon, Bob Powell, and Gary Halley
- Fundraising Ministry: Gary Williams, Jimmy Propst, and Marvin Watkins
- Social Justice Ministry: Jerry Young, Bob Powell and Freddie Click, Sr.
- Community Service Ministry (Feeding the Hungry and Homeless): Charles Burns and James Neal, Jr.
- Men's Weekend: Charles Knox and Charles Burns
- Congregational Outing: Charles Knox
- Bible Study: Oscar Reid.

The 2020 Bible Study will be - The Revelation to John, "Strength for the Struggle".

Additionally the Men are committed to continuing our ministry with Waldo C. Falkener Elementary School and collaborating with ministries of the general church.

**SAVE THE DATES: Details will follow!!**

- Thursday July 23rd - Annual Youth and Congregational Outing With The Greensboro Grasshoppers
- Sunday July 26th – Men's Sunday

All men of the church are requested to donate annual dues of \$65. Payments may be made to Gary Williams, Treasurer or in the regular offering. Make checks payable to Saint James Presbyterian Church with Presbyterian Men on the memo line.

Elder Charles Knox, President



## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information*

### **Monthly Informer Article Deadline**

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "June Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, May 19, 2020 by 12:00 noon.

### **The Informer is going green and social!**

The Informer can now be emailed to you directly. In addition, the monthly Informer is always available on our website. Please sign up for our email subscription on the church website. If you're already signed up, The Informer will be coming to you each month.

### **Car Wash Gift Cards For Sale!**

Does your car need a little TLC? Purchase a \$20.00 Autobell Car Wash Gift Card today! These cards are a great way to invest in Saint James and to keep your ride sparkling in the spring sun. The Autobell Car Wash Gift Card is also an excellent card filler or gift to someone who loves a clean car. Contact the Church Office, Vanessa Haygood or Timisha Corpening to purchase your card today!

### **Update on Printing through the Office**

Finally! Implementation of copy codes and limits has been updated. There will be cost for printing in the church office. Every ministry will receive a printing allotment for the year. Prints over the allotted amount will be billed to each ministry. Contact the office with any questions or code requests.

Yearly Allotment per Ministry: Black & White Copies: 300, Color Copies: 175

Printing Charges: Black & White: \$0.01 per letter-sized impression

Color: \$0.08 per letter-sized impression

Tabloid: Each 11x17 impression counts as two letter-size impressions.

### **Contact Information Update**

The office needs your help! In the effort to keep our Saint James database updated, we have begun updating contact information for all members. Completed forms can be mailed back to the church. Your information will remain confidential. Contact information update forms will also be mailed with your contribution statements. To fill out the form online, please click: <https://forms.gle/bncJhjh5d4gwHafUA> You can also visit our website and click on the link to be taken to the Contact Information Update form. If you would like a physical form, please call the church office and one will be mailed to you.

### **Personnel**

The Personnel Committee would like to take this opportunity to welcome Shae Maxwell to the St. James Presbyterian Church family of Specialized Staff. Ms. Maxwell will be providing leadership in the area of technology as we continue in our journey in providing Sunday service and other ministries online.

## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information (continued)*

**Shepherd's Care Ministry!** Congregational Care is an integral part of the ministry of Saint James Presbyterian Church. In an effort to respond to the call to care for one another, our new supply pastor along with the Session, Stephen Ministry, Deacons and Office Staff have developed the new Shepherd's Care ministry.

Shepherd's Care functions as a pastoral care arm of ministry. The purpose of the Shepherds Care ministry is to care for our congregation by providing presence through visits and prayer during times of medical procedures, health crisis, transitions, and illness.

Our supply pastor is the primary provider for end of life care, bereavement and funerals. Our Shepherds Care team provides presence for ongoing care concerns. The foundation for this ministry is in scripture. Just as Moses was admonished to appoint elders to assist with the care of God's flock (Exodus 18); and just as the early church provided people to care for widows as the apostles gave themselves to prayer and the teaching of the word (Acts 2), our church stands in a biblical tradition to commission people of faith to provide for the care of God's people.

So how does it work? To help ensure that everyone has a Shepherd, including those on the Forget Me Not List, our congregation is divided into groups based on the first letter of your last name. Each group has been assigned a Shepherds care team member as seen below. If there is a need for prayer, notice of a medical procedure or surgery, notice of a current or past hardship, members can call the church office at 336-273-6658 or email [care@stjamespresby.org](mailto:care@stjamespresby.org). The office will notify your Shepherds Care Provider immediately.

If there is an end of life situation, the supply pastor is the primary provider. All information is private unless permission is given to share with the entire church during prayer and/or through the forget me not list. The Shepherd's Care Team has been thoroughly trained, and is eager to serve, so do not hesitate to share your need.

### **Shepherd's Care List 2020**

| <b><u>Elders</u></b>  | <b><u>Members of the Congregation</u></b> |
|-----------------------|---|
| Tyrone Collins        | A   |
| Bob Powell            | B   |
| Carrie Ledbetter      | C   |
| Sharon Gaskin         | D, E                                      |
| Sharon Smiley         | F, G                                      |
| Karen Watts-Yehudah   | H, I                                      |
| Andrea Russell        | J, K, L                                   |
| Oscar Reid, Jr.       | M   |
| Charles Knox          | N, O, P                                   |
| Timisha Corpening     | Q, R                                      |
| Paula Latham          | S   |
| Linda McSwain-Randall | T, U, V                                   |
| Donna Spinks          | W, X, Y, Z                                |

## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information (continued)*

### **Pastor Nominating Committee**

Your Pastor Nominating Committee continues its work even during the COVID-19 pandemic. In early March, the Salem Presbytery approved our Ministry Information Form (MIF) which is our job announcement. We were authorized to begin our search. In mid-March, we received our first group of job applications from the church's employment website. At the same time, we started conducting our own search by contacting Presbyterian pastors, seminaries and targeted churches for referrals. To date, we have received 20 Personal Information Forms (PIFs) which are job applications and one referral.

We established a process for reviewing candidates because the PIFs are long and comprehensive. When we review PIFs, we check to see if the candidate has the leadership qualities and work experience that we identified as critical for the job. We also review videos of their sermons to get a sense of their preaching and communication style. If the candidate meets the basic criteria, we schedule a Zoom meeting with 3 of our PNC members to learn more about them. Each team reports back to the larger group and together we decide which candidates will get an interview with the entire team. We have been engaged in this process for the past 5 weeks and will continue as candidates come forward.

We are committed to keeping you informed about our process. A copy of the Ministry Information Form is posted on the Saint James website. There is a link on the main page. This allows you to see what our church is looking for in our next pastor. There will be a limited number of copies in the office. Contact our Administrative Coordinator, JaTonda to get a copy. Also, please consider asking a family member or friend to download the Ministry Information Form from the website at [www.stjamespresby.org](http://www.stjamespresby.org).

Working through the search process has been an exciting and educational experience for us. We welcome your questions and comments. Thank you for continuing to pray for our committee.

Linda Adams  
Jasmine Evans  
Marie Martin  
Gretchen Robinson  
Karen Watts-Yehudah

Freddie Click  
Cynthia Latham  
Donald Miller  
Ina Siler

## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information (continued)*

### **Bulletin Boards**

Thanks to all of the Ministries at St. James Presbyterian Church for each Bulletin Board representing what your ministry is doing. It is important that your Ministry board keep our church abreast of what you are doing in your ministry. It also helps members and visitors to take a quick glance at what your ministry is all about. We share and hope you will continue to benefit from our bulletin boards to the point you would like to join one that interests you most. Please contact me with any questions. May God bless you!

~Willie M. Meachem “Peggy”

## **EVANGELISM** *Neighborhood blasts, New Members & Inquirers Class*

### **New Members and Inquirers Class!**

If you missed the last New Members and Inquirers Class or are interested in learning more about Saint James, contact the church office 336-273-6558 to sign up for the next class. We are looking forward to sharing more about who we are and what we believe!



# SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY

Purpose Statement: The purpose of our ministry is to **educate, empower**, and to encourage our congregation and community to become more actively engaged or **advocate** in policy-making decisions which affect the quality of our lives.

What we have done so far:

1. Community Bus Tour and discussion with city officials about the MLK neighborhood held on December 14, 2019
2. Reviewed Presbyterian Church USA website on our church becoming a Matthew 25 congregation
3. Three members attended a workshop on gentrification presented by Advance Carolina
4. Three members completed Voter Protector training offered by Democracy North Carolina to learn how to report voting irregularities or problems in the upcoming election cycle
5. One member attended a workshop on voting requirements and what's on the ballot updates sponsored by Democracy North Carolina
6. Members have attended public meetings regarding the new police chief, Guilford County Schools Board public discussion which focused on school discipline and student suspension, neighborhood historic preservation project for Benbow Park community, and local issues sharing by the Greensboro Pulpit Forum

Sponsorship/Collaboration:

1. SJPC Social Justice Advocacy Ministry hosted a Community Drop-In on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 for Benbow Park residents to come to the church to share about the houses built in their neighborhood by architect W. Edward “Blue” Jenkins. This information gathering event will help support local efforts to gain historic preservation status for homes built by our church member many years ago. Elder Robert “Bob” Powell from our ministry is very involved in this project.
2. The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry led the Saint James congregation effort for “Souls to the Polls” on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at Barber Park by encouraging church members to vote, providing transportation and educating church members by distributing 100 voting guides on state candidates. Website information was also provided to assist church members in learning about candidates from our state seeking federal offices.

## **FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP** *Young Adult and College Ministry*

Faith Point Fellowship will suspend weekly bible study and worship from May through August. Check our Facebook page for information on virtual hangouts and community service opportunities during the summer months.



### **Want to stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship?**

Text FPF to 55469 to receive words of inspiration and regular updates or visit our website at [faithpointfellowship.org](http://faithpointfellowship.org). We are also on social media @FaithPointFellowship

## **FORGET ME NOT LIST - COLLEGE STUDENTS**

|                      |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Emmale Burris        | Guilford Technical Community College |
| Terence Burris       | NC A&T State University              |
| Christian Butler     | NC A&T State University              |
| Victoria Butler      | Howard University                    |
| Paul Carlton         | NC A&T State University              |
| Marcus Funderburk    | Forsyth Technical Community College  |
| Micah Funderburk     | UNC-Pembroke                         |
| Kayla Gaskin         | Emory University                     |
| Karlton Gaskin       | Columbia University                  |
| Jalen Graves         | UNC-Greensboro                       |
| Mia Graves           | North Carolina Central School of Law |
| Ashley Halley        | Appalachian State University         |
| Brittani Hewitt      | Hampton University                   |
| Franklin McCain, III | NC A&T State University              |
| Brianna Mercer       | East Carolina University             |
| April Newkirk        | Central Piedmont Community College   |
| Messiah Reid         | Guilford Technical Community College |
| Alexis Robinson      | UNC-Chapel Hill                      |
| Idalia Robinson      | Guilford Technical Community College |
| Nodiyah Satterwhite  | NC A&T State University              |
| Isaiah Siler         | Guilford Technical Community College |
| Jacquelyn Sullivan   | Guilford College                     |
| Mikala Thomason      | Nazareth College                     |
| Matthew Watlington   | NC A&T State University              |
| Shelleik Wilson      | Winston-Salem State University       |

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## **FORGET ME NOT LIST** *Remember to pray for those who cannot attend worship*

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Gertrude Avery  | 412 Stewart St., 27401  |
| Stella Carrington (Mother of Trustee Ward)  | Brooklyn, NY  |
| Clarence and Pearl Durham   | 3313 Janet Lane, 27405  |
| Hyla Cundiff  | 2214 New Castle Rd. 27406   |
| Emily Goodman (sister of Trustee Fred Peterman)                                     | 2605 Corinth Dr., 27406   |
| Bob and Luella Graves   | 4400 Lawndale Dr., 27455  |
| John and Vallie Guthrie   | 4504 Southall Dr., 27406  |
| Lynette Hawkins   | Woodson Manor Assisted Living<br>2207 St Joan Place<br>Accokeek, MD 20607 |
| Brenda Isaac  | 707 N Elm St., High Point, NC 27262                                       |
| Brenda Jackson (daughter of Maxine Covington)                                       | 1209 Humboldt Avenue North<br>Minneapolis, MN 55411                       |
| Cecelia Jones   | 2500 Ridge Point Circle<br>Pleasant Garden, NC 27313                      |
| Doris Morrison  | Richland Place Senior Living,<br>3823 Lawndale Dr., Rm. 207, 27455        |
| Annis Sensabaugh  | Blumenthal Jewish Nursing Center,<br>3724 Wireless Dr., Rm. 213, 27455    |
| Virgil A. Spaulding (brother of Valarie S. Little)<br>(brother of Vernon Spaulding) | 2960 Milford Courts SW, Marietta, GA 30008                                |
| Erica Ward (granddaughter of Janie Reid)  | 141 Vinings Dr. McDonough, GA 30253                                       |



# **FELLOWSHIP** *Expressions of gratitude, celebrations and church functions!*

## **Thank you...**

To the Reverends Hamlin, Hughes, Dew and the Saint James Presbyterian Church Family. Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and other expressions that we received during the passing of our beloved husband and father, Thomas Barnwell. We are very appreciative of your heart warming messages which helped us during a very difficult time. May God's blessings continue to sustain each of us. ~Demetra & Leigh Barnwell & Family.

To my Saint James Presbyterian Church Family. Thank you for the calls, cards, meals, love and support during the time of Paul's passing. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered. ~Your sister in Christ, Nancy Rives & Family

Saint James Presbyterian Church Family, whatever your day may hold, the Lord will hold you. ~With Love, Dora Greenlee

Thank you for Sunday services - They mean a lot during this time. God is faithful... We must remain so. Thank you for being my church family. ~Katherine Moore

**Congratulations** to the son of Mrs. Willie "Peggy" Meachem on being featured in Time Magazine's March issue. Mr. A. Fulton Meachem Jr. who heads Charlotte's public housing agency, speaks on Housing Voucher Programs and how they can hurt rather than help low income families. Please go to Time.com and search for "A. Fulton Meachem Jr." or click this link to enjoy the article!: --→ <https://time.com/5783945/housing-vouchers-discrimination/>



## **OUTREACH MINISTRY** *We are busy serving the community- Join Us!*

Message and a Meal continues to provide a hot and nutritious meal every Sunday at 3 P.M. Meals are now served in to-go containers. Although we are not able to fellowship together over a meal with the community amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we are grateful for the opportunity to be able to serve takeout meals to those in need.

### **Message and A Meal April 2020**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Guests</b> | <b>Volunteers</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 4/5/2020    | 97            | 3                 |
| 4/12/2020   | 113           | 3                 |
| 4/19/2020   | 105           | 3                 |
| 4/26/2020   | 105           | 3                 |

### **March 2020 Health & Spiritual Messages**

Topics of discussion during March included information about influenza, National Women's Day, and best practices to keep safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Let us continue to pray for our neighbors and take all necessary precautions to remain safe and healthy.**

**The Stephen Ministry** welcomes three newly trained Stephen Ministers to our congregation -- Paula Graves, Karen Watts-Yehudah and Christina Yongue. We solicit your prayers and encouragement as these ladies use their God-given talents and skill sets to provide Christian care to members of our church and community.



## **OUTREACH MINISTRY** *We are busy serving the community- Join Us!*

**The May Ministry of the Month is the Special Olympics.** With the help of your donations, Special Olympics is able to reach one more athlete, so that they too may enjoy the wonderful gifts of opportunity, inclusion, health, achievement and JOY through Special Olympics! Your gift will help fund athletic uniforms, awards, sports training and competition facilities, coaches' education, transportation and much more. No athlete or family is ever asked to pay a fee of any kind to participate in Special Olympics. Your gift helps carry the flame of hope for participating athletes.

### **Tiny House Community Development: We Are... One In The Spirit**

Are you still looking to fulfill a niche? Perhaps, you feel led to help 'the least of these' but don't know where to begin. Well...look no more! There is 'plenty of good room' for you with Tiny House, a ministry that builds safe, affordable housing for the homeless in our community. How can I help, you might ask? The opportunities below are just some of the ways you or your ministry, collectively, can help.—

*Tiny House Volunteer Opportunities:*

**Breakfast 4 Our Friends:** Breakfast is served every Saturday morning between 7:45 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. at Center City Park in downtown Greensboro. Volunteer your time and/or breakfast items for approximately 80-100 people

**Sponsor a Resident's Utilities:** Utilities for a Tiny House averages to \$85.00/month. You can sponsor utilities on either a monthly or yearly basis.

**Donate Appliances:** For one of the six houses currently being built in the Greensboro Tiny House community appliances average to \$1,300.00.

**Make a Tax Deductible Donation To:** Tiny House Greensboro, P. O. Box 20691, Greensboro, NC 27420.

\*For additional information on this ministry, please contact Elders Oscar Reid, Sharon Smiley or Paula Pierce.

**Homeless Committee:** The Homeless Committee wishes to acknowledge with warm appreciation the congregation for the donation of 51 boxes of Quaker Oats for the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY** *We are busy serving the community- Join Us!*

Gillespie Park's Grab & Go site is now open! The meal distribution site will be open Mon-Fri, 11 A.M. to 12 P.M. Families can pick up breakfast and lunch for children ages 0-18. Gillespie Park Elementary 1900 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Greensboro, NC 27406



# **GILLESPIE GRAB & GO**

Gillespie Park's Grab and Go site will open starting Monday, April 20, 2020. The meal distribution site will be open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Families can pick up lunch and breakfast for children ages 0-18.



**Address: Gillespie Park Elementary**  
1900 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Greensboro, NC 27406

# **STEWARDSHIP** *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

I hope that everyone has received the First Quarterly Report. It has been mailed.

Included in this document is your personal giving statement from January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup> and additional information about our church.

*If you have not received yours, please call the church office at 336.273.6658*

**2020 Guide to our "Special Giving" envelopes.**

Per Capita Apportionment - \$25.00 or more during the months of January and February

One Great Hour of Sharing – Free Will Offering due March 8<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>

Pentecost Offering – Free Will Offering due April 13<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>

Peace and Global Witness – Free Will Offering due September 6<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Joy Offering – Free Will Offering due December 6<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>

For those of you who **give on line**, please indicate the nature of your **Special Giving** where it states "add special instructions."

**An additional giving method has been added for your convenience.**

***You can now give from your smart phone! Use Cash App - \$sjpcnc***

The very nature of God is to give. "For God so loved the world; He gave His only begotten son" (John 3:16).

*On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you for your generous giving.*

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| <p><b>April 2020 Weekly Collections</b><br/> <b>Goal \$7,497.00 each Sunday \$32.487.00 per month</b></p> |
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|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 4/5/2019                  | Worship Service | \$ 3,555.00            |
| 4/12/2019                 | Worship Service | \$ 5,548.50            |
| 4/19/2019                 | Worship Service | \$ 3,507.00            |
| 4/26/2019                 | Worship Service | \$ 3,876.00            |
|                           | PayPal          | \$ 3,256.01            |
|                           | Cash App        | \$ 2,035.00            |
| Exceeded Monthly Goal by: | \$ - 6,139.49   | Total:<br>\$ 21,777.51 |

# **In Case You Missed It!** *We are thankful for our Fellowship!*



# **In Case You Missed It!** *We are thankful for our Fellowship!*





# We've Got You COVERED!



*In this battle against Covid-19, the City of Greensboro is partnering with Cone Health to provide free face coverings.*

**FREE face coverings will be available starting on Wednesday, April 29.**

*For a list of locations where the face coverings will be available, visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/COVID-19](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/COVID-19) or call the Contact Center at 336-373-CITY (2489).*



*Face coverings will be made of reusable fabric. The recommendation is to wear the face covering at all times when you're in public.*

*Sponsored by  
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Foundation***

*Available while supplies last. The limit is one face covering per household member.*



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