

# The Informer



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

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*"Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!"*

Reverend Sèkinah Hamlin, Temporary Executive Supply Pastor

Reverend Richard Hughes, Preaching Supply Pastor

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

**April 2021 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 April. 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 that reads "Welcome". The lettering is fluid and decorative, with a large initial 'W' that loops around the start of the word.

## **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](http://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**

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## **Virtual Order of Worship:**

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## **April Participants:**

### **Worship Leaders:**

Reverend Sèkinah Hamlin  
Reverend Richard Hughes  
Reverend Frank Dew

### **Worship Elders:**

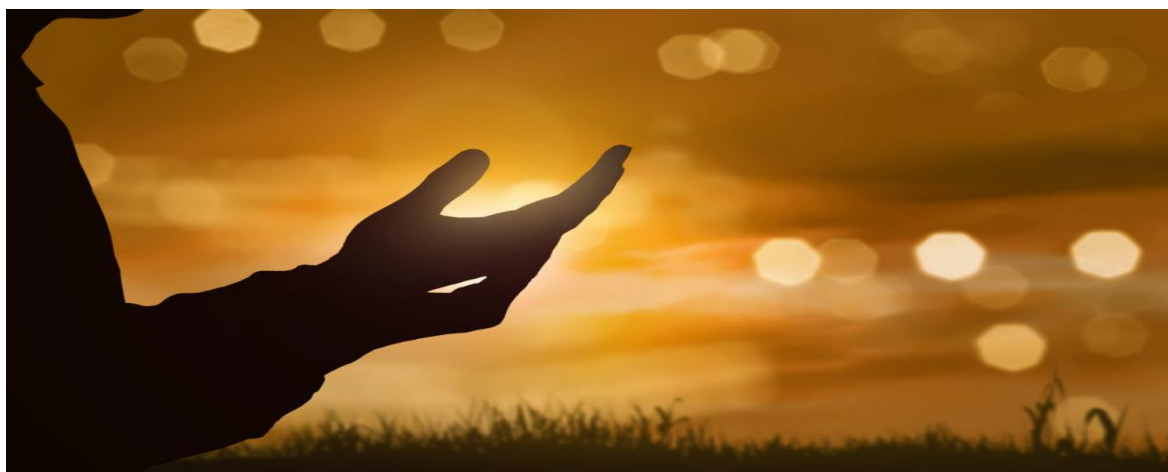
Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah  
Elder Charles Knox

### **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



# April Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of April, 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 10:34-43

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

• Acts 4:32-35

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

• Acts 3:12-19

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• Acts 4:5-12

## **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)

**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)





# Happy Birthday to our members born in April!!



William Doggett, Jr.

Lolita Watkins

Russell Burris

Tyrone Evans

Yvonne Patterson

Lauren Watson

Drucilla Pittman

Mia Graves

Katherine Moore

Sebastian Tipton

Erica Cole

Eugenia Turner

Otelia Spinks

Taylor McCain

Kaye Ziglar

Nicholas Purcell

Adnee Bradford

Devin Robinson

April Edwards

Vina McLean



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

Join the members of the **Monday Morning Bible Study** class for an AT-HOME-STUDY of the book of PROVERBS. This study will allow us to glean the wisdom God wants us to know and use. Study this book of the Bible to find a truth to learn, a promise to claim, a command to obey and a prayer to echo. JOIN US!!

**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. Our February virtual meeting will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 3 pm. Join Zoom Meeting by clicking here: [The Grace Brown Circle Meeting](#) with Passcode: 263759. For those calling in, please dial: 929-205-6099 with Meeting ID: 854 9942 7436 and Passcode: 263759 ~Donna Spinks & Kathy Moore, Co-Mods.

The Roxie McNair Circle is honoring the Stay-At-Home and the physical distancing. More details to come later. ~Elder Pauline McNair, Moderator

The Sara Barber Circle will meet April 18, 2021 at 3:00 pm via zoom. Please note that the date is the third Sunday instead of the regular first Sunday date. Lesson eight entitled, God Laments from the study guide, Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament, will be led by Sarah Lewers. Scripture: Hosea 11:1-9; Luke 19:41-44 (Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 13:34-35) Visitors who would like to visit or join should contact Linda Adams at 336-509-0420. ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle has ended our lessons until September. More information will be shared at a later date. This has been an unusual year for everyone. Please stay safe. Thank you. ~Demetra Barnwell, Moderator





## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings (continued)*

The Marie Florance Presbyterettes will meet on Sunday, April 18th at 1:00 PM on Zoom. Kierson Taylor will lead lesson 7, *Creation Laments* and Margaret Carr will lead Lesson 8, *God's Laments*. We invite any St. James women who are not members of a Circle to visit our Circle meeting. Please contact our Circle Moderation Ina Siler for more information.. Please use the Zoom link below or paste into your browser.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84538491968?pwd=TGoZSWlFMctLYTZDYWVRUoV5SndzZz09>

Meeting ID: 845 3849 1968

Passcode: 840525

In March, we hosted a surprise birthday celebration for our Circle sister, Portia Griffin. Portia has played a critical role in planning all of our Circle birthday surprises. It was exciting to be able to surprise her!



## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings (continued)*

**The Older Adult Ministry** continues to address the issues of the aging population in a positive and pro-active manner. Many thanks to the church members: Lolita Watkins, Charles Knox, Rev. Hamlin, Donna Spinks and JaTonda Thompson who planned and assisted with the COVID-19 vaccine project!

The ministry will celebrate Older Adult Ministry May 2-7, 2021. Details will be shared at a later date. All Super Seniors and interested church members are invited to join us. Please contact Mrs. Marie Martin for more information. ~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

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

#### **PWC Monthly Gathering**

The monthly PW gathering will take place on Sunday, March 14th at 2:00 pm via Zoom. We will use our standard Zoom link published on the website and in the weekly e-Blast. Follow this link to join the meeting: [PWC Meeting](#) Password: 727127

#### **PWC CT (Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Coordinating Team) Meeting**

Circle Moderators along with PWC officers will meet briefly on Saturday, March 13th at 11 am via Zoom. Moderators, please follow this link to join the meeting: [PWC CT Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 817 4972 9144 Passcode: 558437

#### **Presbyterian Men**

The Presbyterian Men's Ministry would like to express our thanks for the congregational support of our Fish and Chicken Fundraisers and to all men that actively participated in the ministry during 2020. During the challenges of this pandemic, we have continued to seek ways to Touch Lives through Jesus Christ and minister inside and outside the walls.

We have missed the in-person meetings and wonderful fellowship breakfasts, prepared by Deacon Wilomenia Rankin. However, the Men have continued to actively participate on Boards of the church, the Pastor Nominating Committee, Congregational Care, Message and a Meal, supporting Saint James as a Matthew 25 Congregation by participating with the work of the Social Justice Ministry and through Community Service projects, such as donations to Urban Ministry, Blessed Table Food Pantry and to Families with special needs.

All men of the church are requested to donate \$35 for 2021 annual dues. Payments may be made to Gary Williams, Treasurer or in the regular offering. Make checks payable to Saint James Presbyterian Church, PayPal or CashApp (\$sjpcnc) 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: "May Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Friday, April 23, 2021 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 Updating**

Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Did you know that you can send update your contact information anytime? Our contact information form is always available online. 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. Your information will remain confidential.



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

**Congregational 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 Congregational Care ministry.

Congregational Care functions as a pastoral care arm of ministry. The purpose of the Congregational 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 Congregational 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 an Elder, 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 Congregational 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 [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). The office will notify your Congregational 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 Congregational Care Team has been thoroughly trained, and is eager to serve, so do not hesitate to share your need.

### **Congregational Care List 2021**

<b><u>Elders</u></b>	<b><u>Members of the Congregation</u></b>
Jasmine Evans	A
Bob Powell	B
Carrie Ledbetter	C
Ursula Robinson	D, E
Sandra Wallington	F, G
Karen Watts-Yehudah	H, I
Andrea Russell	J, K, L
Mildred Powell	M
Charles Knox	N, O, P
Chuck Wallington	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

We continue to review applications, interview candidates and listen to sermons as we search for the pastor that God wants for Saint James. We ask you to continue to pray for our committee as we search for our new pastor. As always, we welcome your questions and your ideas. Our members are listed below.

The members of your PNC are:

Linda Adams

Freddie Click

Jasmine Evans

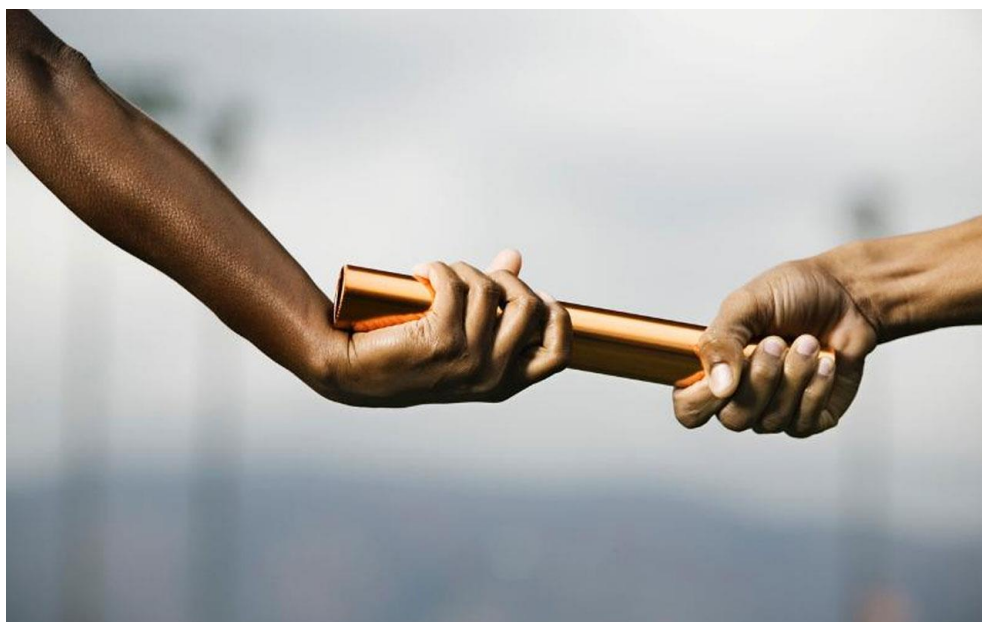
Marie Martin

Gretchen Robinson

Karen Watts-Yehudah

Cynthia Latham - Co-Chair

Ina Siler - Co-Chair



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

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

During this time of COVID-19, to keep you and our members' safe, our New Members Class is not being held. If you missed the last New Members and Inquirers Class or are interested in learning more about Saint James, contact the church office at 336-273-6558. Our dedicated Elders will reach out to you. We are looking forward to sharing more about who we are and what we believe!



# Congratulations, Graduates!!

## Sarah Grace Lewers

Sarah Grace Lewers is completing the graduation requirements this spring semester for a second Master of Science degree in Information Technology. She graduated with a Master of Science in Technology Management degree in May, 2017. Her undergraduate degree is in Chemical Engineering. Thanks to the Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and Women in the College of Science and Technology (WIST) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. [www.ncat.edu](http://www.ncat.edu)

At Saint James Presbyterian Church, she participates in the Presbyterian Women Bible study circles (Sara Barber and Marie Florance Presbytettes), A.D.O.R.E. (Adult Dancers of Religious Expression), and Advocates for STEM in the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry.

Her parents are Reverend Calvin Lewers and Mrs. Vera Lewers that currently Pastor the Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church in Concord, NC. Their 49th Wedding anniversary is this April. The ministry is celebrating its 153<sup>rd</sup> year of Worship and Service. [www.cedargrovespresbyterian.org](http://www.cedargrovespresbyterian.org)

Sarah is the youngest daughter and her two sisters are Mrs. Shava Lewers-Meadows and Mrs. LaToya Lewers-Shoffner. Her future goals are to continue in a STEM career path and graduate research in a Ph.D. program. Special thanks to Mr. DeAngelo Jones and Exodus Fellowship of Greensboro, NC. [www.exodusfellowship.com](http://www.exodusfellowship.com)  
Blessed and Happy Easter to all!



*The Chancellor, Faculty and Graduating Class  
of  
North Carolina A & T State University  
announce that  
Sarah Grace Lewers  
is a candidate for the degree of  
Master of Science in Information Technology  
with a specialization in  
Computer Systems Technology  
Virtual Celebration  
Saturday, December twelfth  
Two thousand twenty  
Twelve o'clock noon  
Greensboro, North Carolina*



# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY**

Saint James Presbyterian Church & UNC-Greensboro

Local Black Church History Project

Saint James Presbyterian Church will participate in a local Black Church History Project sponsored by UNC-Greensboro Special Collections & University Archives division in conjunction with Dr. Tara T. Green. Dr. Green teaches at UNC-Greensboro in the African American and African Diaspora Studies program and is recognized as the Linda Carlisle Excellence Professor for her scholarship and service in her field of study.

The church project with UNC-Greensboro will consist of four areas including photographing of the external and internal church facility, scanning of church documents housed in Wynn Library, scanning of photographs throughout the church, connecting with the historic resources of the church housed in the archives of the Presbyterian Church USA for inclusion in this project, and a community scanning opportunity for church members to be announced after the church returns to in person worship.

This project is slated to begin the first week of July and will continue through the fall of 2021.

We are thankful for the many years of work in preserving our rich church history provided by Mrs. Pauline McNair and Mrs. Marie Martin as this opportunity to share our history would not be possible without them.

Please contact Elders Andrea Russell and Jerry Young or Lolita Watkins for further questions or information.

## Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Next Meeting

Are you looking for a new way to become involved in your church and community? Do you have a passion for social justice? Are you interested in sharing your ideas on how our church moves forward on becoming a Matthew 25 congregation focusing on eradicating poverty, dismantling racism, and revitalizing congregational vitality?

If your answers to the above questions are "Yes", please plan on attending our next Social Justice Advocacy Ministry meeting. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at 11:00 am. This will be a Zoom meeting.

You may contact the church office at (336)-273-6658 and share your name and e-mail address with JaTonda Thompson or call Lolita Watkins at (336)-540-9627.

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

***Soul Food Conversations Soul Food Conversations*** - Join us for our 30 minute bible study on Facebook Live, Thursday, April 15th at 7:00 PM. We also will host a Soul Food Conversation discussion group on Zoom, Thursday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM. Please click on the Zoom link below or put it into your browser to join the discussion group.  
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86884873490?pwd=L1F5QjVrcoNMNWd5YjJ5NTZubk5DUTo9>

Meeting ID: 868 8487 3490  
Passcode: 732712

***Thirsty Thursday Worship*** - Our worship service will be held on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Shemiah Curry will be preaching. We invite all young adults and those who are young at heart to join this dynamic worship experience. Please click on the link below or put it into your browser to join the worship service.  
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86884873490?pwd=L1F5QjVrcoNMNWd5YjJ5NTZubk5DUTo9>

Meeting ID: 868 8487 3490  
Passcode: 732712



## LEADERSHIP TEAM



JASMINE EVANS,  
MC



SHEMIAH CURRY,  
MC



JAYLA WHITE,  
INTERN



RYCAL BLOUNT,  
INTERN

### **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
April Newkirk	Central Piedmont Community College
Messiah Reid	Guilford Technical Community College
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*

Shaquille & Sheryl Davis	3938 Eastland Avenue 27401
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 Graves	4400 Lawndale Dr., 27455
John and Vallie Guthrie	4504 Southall Dr., 27406
Lynette Hawkins	1212 Swan Creek Rd. Fort Washington, MD 20744
Brenda Jackson (daughter of Maxine Covington)	1209 Humboldt Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55411
Annis Sensabaugh	Blumenthal Jewish Nursing Center, 3724 Wireless Dr., Rm. 213, 27455
Erica Ward (niece of Elder Nancy Rives)	141 Vinings Dr. McDonough, GA 30253





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

### **Thank you...**

Thank you to my St. James family for all of your cards, notes and phone calls over the past months. It means so much to me that you remember me. I wish I could write a thank you note to each of you. I hope you know how much I love you and think about you. God bless every single one of you! ~Mrs. Hyla Cundiff

Rev. Hamlin and the Saint James Presbyterian Church Family,  
Thank you for your words of comfort during the unexpected passing of my brother, James Arthur. He was the patriarch of our family and will be solely missed. Your cards, emails, texts and phone calls helped to make this time more bearable. May God bless you all.  
~Linda Adams

Dear Saint James Family, Many thanks for your acts of kindness and prayers as I deal with the passing of my dear friend, Elder Julia Ruth Richmond. Her selfless contributions to the church and its ministries serve as an ever present reminder of her love and faithful dedication to St. James. Always. ~Lindell Mills

Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you for thinking of our family during this difficult time. Thank you for the wonderful flower arrangement. ~Eric, Natalie & Khloe Gipson



# **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.

Thank you to those who participated in our Congregational Survey regarding the Message & A Meal program. We appreciate your input.

### **Message and A Meal March 2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
3/7/2021	110	3
3/14/2021	110	3
3/21/2021	112	3
3/28/2021	116	4



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

### **The Guilford County Senior Resource Center is the Ministry of the Month!**

The Guilford County Senior Resource Center is our Ministry Partner for the month of April, and our monthly focus is older adults. Specifically, Saint James provides the agency with volunteers for its Senior Wheels program to transport seniors, age 55 and older who are ambulatory, to and from their medical appointments. Volunteers only serve once a month. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Senior Wheels, please contact Elder Oscar Reid.

### **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 Elder Oscar Reid.

**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.

### **Continued Free Meal Distribution**

Guilford County Schools is continuing to provide Grab & Go meals Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until noon at 41 schools for children under the age of 18. Find the locations here:

[Meal Distribution Listing](#)

**Stephen Ministry,** a Christ-centered ministry that provides care in alleviating pain and stress of life, remains attentive to the needs of others. Our personal contact via the phone allows us to connect. As we venture day by day through this pandemic, we extend the promises of God and the affirmation of His omni-presence. Our goal is to represent the love, concern and care of Jesus in a confidential way. If we can be of assistance as we journey together, please call a Stephen Leader: Adnee Bradford (336) 202-6989, Yvonne Patterson (336) 375-0122, Cynthia Latham (336) 324-7252

# STEWARDSHIP *Monthly collection*

## Cheerful Giving

“The primary principal in Christian giving, Paul says, is that a decision of the “heart” is the locus of generosity; the act should be done purposely, rather than in a casual or cavalier manner. We are to make up our minds not to give with an attitude of reluctance, that is, not with a sense of sorrow that we give “under compulsion.” Then he explains why such negativity should not attend giving. “For God loveth a cheerful giver.” The root word for Greek *hilaron*, “cheerful,” is *hileos*, which means “propitious.” It connotes a readiness of mind and joyousness that is quick to do what needs to be done. A cheerful giver is one who gives with gladness of heart and with fervor – not with reluctance.”

*\*The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Corp., pg 1301, Reverend Dr. William Augustus Jones, Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:7, Passage: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.*

The Ministries of St. James Presbyterian Church have been working throughout the pandemic season to maintain, and in some areas increase the vitality and visibility of our church in several areas that impact the communities of Greensboro and beyond. As a Matthew 25 congregation, we are committed to making our faith come alive by engaging in activities that serve people who are poor, hungry, imprisoned or disenfranchised in any way. Your “readiness” to give makes this work possible.



March- 2021- Weekly Collections  
 Goal - \$7,497.00 each Sunday/ \$27,917.00 per month

<u>Receipts:</u>	<u>General Operations</u>	
3/7/2021      Worship Service	\$    6,883.00	
3/14/2021    Worship Service	\$    5,920.00	
3/21/2021    Worship Service	\$    3,700.00	
3/28/2021    Worship Service	\$     957.00	
	Worship Service	\$           -
	NSF	\$           -
<b>*** Exceeded Monthly Goal By:</b>	PayPal	\$    3,923.75
\$                (3,415.29)	Cash App	\$    3,117.96
		\$    24,501.71

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Malachi 3:10

## **STEWARDSHIP** *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities. (cont.)*

*Giving Envelopes for 2021 are available in the George Simpkins Room. Please call the Church Office, (336) 273-6658 for hours of operation.*

*Per Capita Apportionment \$25.00 or as you are blessed*

***One Great Hour of Sharing, April 4th***

***The Pentecost Offering April 5<sup>th</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>***

Finally – Let's not forget to contribute to our Emergency Relief Fund!

*Note: Missed a "Special Giving" opportunity? No problem!*

*It's never too late to give!*

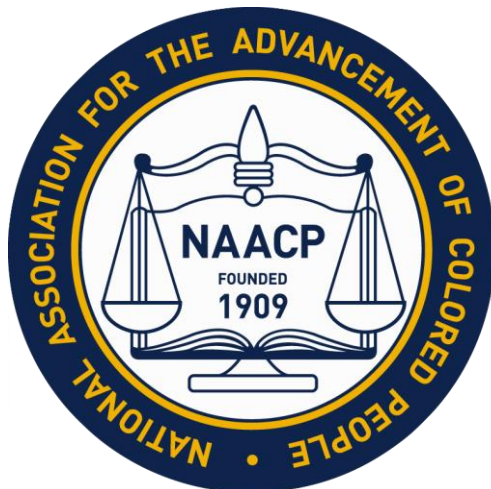
If you are **giving on line** or using **Cash App**, please indicate the nature of your **special giving** where it states **"add special instructions"** or **"add a note"**

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your financial commitment to our church.





# NC COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATES



Schedule your appointment now if you are in Groups 1, 2, 3 or 4!

Eligible members of the public can make appointments online for a vaccine at the federally supported COVID-19 Community Vaccination Center in Greensboro at Four Seasons Town Centre:

- Appointments can be made online by visiting [GSOmassvax.org](https://GSOmassvax.org)
- North Carolina is setting aside half of all vaccination appointments from March 10th through March 14th (7,500 appointments) at the Four Seasons Town Centre site to help ensure individuals from Historically Marginalized Populations are able to access vaccine appointments.

Additional appointments are available through our call center for those who are not able to access the web-based registration tool. Appointments may be scheduled by phone (888-675-4567) through the COVID-19 Help Center. (Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm, Saturday to Sunday from 8am to 4pm).

You can also schedule your vaccination with Walgreens. Please click the link below to schedule.

[Walgreen's Vaccination Scheduling](#)

**For anyone who is having difficulty getting their vaccination scheduled, please contact SJAM Co-Chair Lolita Watkins at 336-540-9627 or Elder Charles Knox at 336-549-4599 so that your name can be submitted on our church list to Senator Gladys Robinson.**

# NC COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATES

You have a spot, take your shot.

A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, independent state and federal public health advisory committees recommend first protecting health care workers caring for patients with COVID-19, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying, and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Keep practicing the 3 W's—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated.

Please follow the links below for more updates, information and scheduling timeframes.

[Vaccine Updates](#)  
[Vaccination Schedule Information](#)  
*(see also infographic below)*

The link below has helpful hints and information:  
[The North Carolina DHHS Vaccination Website](#)

## Covid-19 Vaccinations:

### Your best shot at stopping COVID-19.


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<b>Health care workers fighting COVID-19 &amp; Long-Term Care staff and residents.</b> <span style="float: right; font-weight: normal;">1a</span>	<b>Adults 75 years or older and frontline essential workers.</b> <span style="float: right; font-weight: normal;">1b</span>	<b>Adults at high risk for exposure and at increased risk of severe illness.</b> <span style="float: right; font-weight: normal;">2</span>	<b>Students</b> <span style="float: right; font-weight: normal;">3</span>	<b>Everyone who wants a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination.</b> <span style="float: right; font-weight: normal;">4</span>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health care workers caring for and working directly with patients with COVID-19, including staff responsible for cleaning and maintenance in those areas</li> <li>Health care workers administering vaccine</li> <li>Long-term care staff and residents—people in skilled nursing facilities and in adult, family and group homes</li> </ul>	<p>There is not enough vaccine for everyone in this phase to be vaccinated at the same time. Vaccinations will be available to groups in the following order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Group 1:</b> Anyone 75 years or older, regardless of health status or living situation</li> <li><b>Group 2:</b> Health care workers and frontline essential workers 50 years or older*</li> <li><b>Group 3:</b> Health care workers and frontline essential workers of any age</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: x-small;">* The CDC defines frontline essential workers as first responders (e.g., firefighters and police officers), corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, U.S. Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the education sector (teachers and support staff members) as well as child care workers</p>	<p>Vaccinations will happen by group in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Group 1:</b> Anyone 65-74 years old, regardless of health status or living situation</li> <li><b>Group 2:</b> Anyone 16-64 years old with high-risk medical conditions that increase risk of severe disease from COVID-19 such as cancer, COPD, serious heart conditions, sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes, among others, regardless of living situation</li> <li><b>Group 3:</b> Anyone who is incarcerated or living in other close group living settings who is not already vaccinated due to age, medical condition or job function</li> <li><b>Group 4:</b> Essential workers not yet vaccinated*</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: x-small;">* The CDC defines these as workers in transportation and logistics, water and wastewater, food service, shelter and housing (e.g., construction), finance (e.g., bank tellers), information technology and communications, energy, legal, media, and public safety (e.g., engineers), and public health workers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College and university students</li> <li>K-12 students age 16 and over. Younger children will only be vaccinated when the vaccine is approved for them</li> </ul>	
<p><b>For more information:</b>  <a href="https://www.nc.gov/your-spot-your-shot">YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov</a></p>				



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