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Saint James Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A “Matthew 25” Congregation

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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

September 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 September. 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. 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.



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. We look forward to helping you make this decision!

Connect With Us!

Like us on Facebook: 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

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.”

WE ARE A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION!



Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):

A bold vision and invitation

We are a Matthew 25 church!

Our congregation has accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31–46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one or more of these three areas of focus:

- Building congregational vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed
- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor

To learn more and for ideas on how to get involved and do your vital part as a member of a Matthew 25 church, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

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WORSHIP

Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.

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September Participants:

Worship Leaders:

Reverend Sèkinah Hamlin
Reverend Richard Hughes
Reverend Frank Dew

Worship Elders:

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah
Elder Charles Knox
Elder Jasmine Evans

Music Directors:

Elder 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



September Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of September, 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.

1st Sunday

• Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9

2nd Sunday

• Proverbs 1:20-33

3rd Sunday

• Proverbs 31:10-31

4th Sunday

• Esther 7:1-6, 9-10

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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 or visit 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

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



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR!

REV. PHANTA I. LANSDEN

We have exciting news!

The congregational meeting on August 1st was a huge success.

We want to thank all of our members who attended the Congregational Meeting so that we could make this important decision together.

After over 18 months of praying, discerning and actively searching, Saint James and the Pastor Nominating Committee would like to present to some and introduce to others

our new Senior Pastor, Rev. [Phanta Lansden](#)!

Pastor Lansden is coming to us with a background in Social Work, Congregational Care, Mentorship and Youth and Young Adult Pastoring.

She currently serves as an Associate Pastor in Charlotte.

She and her family will be joining us on September 20th.

If you missed the meeting, please click the link below to view a portion of our Candidate Introduction video.

Glory be to God that she is no longer a candidate!

Join us in welcoming our new Senior Pastor, Rev. Lansden!

Pray for our journey together!!

[Candidate Introduction Video](#)



From Rev. Landsen



I was born and raised in the small town of Morganton, NC with my mother, father, brother, and multiple family pets. My parents raised us in a Christian home where we attended Sunday school, Worship, VBS, and multiple Sunday afternoon “singings.” These “singings” were worship services where my father’s southern gospel quartet, The Gospel Enforcers, would sing along with other gospel groups and sometimes choirs producing a grand musical worship experience. As a woman of deep faith my mother taught me the importance and love for prayer.

Based upon my upbringing I began singing in my church choir at a young age and in a local gospel youth choir when I was a teenager. I also participated in youth groups such as the Buds of Promise and Young Adult Missionary groups. In college, at UNCG, I was part of the Neo Black Society Gospel Choir and after moving to Charlotte, in my mid-twenties, I served as a preacher’s steward, praise team member, gospel choir member and fitness instructor. Through these avenues I discerned a call for ministry.

I grew up in the AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Zion Church and while attending Rockwell AME Zion Church in Charlotte, NC, I began to sense a call for ministry; I was 26 years old. I struggled with the call for many reasons. I didn’t see many women in pastoral roles growing up, and it was taught, in various churches I attended in college and otherwise, that women were not to lead within the church in that way. I always wanted to be a missionary and wear white dresses, hats, and gloves like the other ordained women. I told my minister, “I think I am called to ministry.” He replied, “Okay, I want you to go home, read scripture, and pray for confirmation.” After following my pastor’s instructions, I soon received confirmation and began the journey toward accepting the call. I preached my initial sermon on February 26 2006, at Rockwell AME Zion Church.

In May 2006, I married the love of my life and joined his church, C. N. Jenkins PC. From there, I continued the training for pastoral ministry under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Cannon and the C. N. Jenkins faith community.

God has consistently reminded me to remain faithful to the call on my life and remain attuned to the voice of the Lord in all things. I know God will never lead me astray. God has dispelled the lie that women are not called to lead in the church in Senior Pastor roles and otherwise. God has helped me to see the gifts I have for ministry and leadership. God has helped me to love myself for who God created me to be unapologetically and unashamed to let my light shine. God has helped me to be confident while leading with grace and love and God continues to show me new gifts and a greater capacity to lead in the church and world. I am grateful for what God has done and continues to do in and through me.

REV. LANSDEN'S RESUME'

Education

- 2001 Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from UNCG.
- 2016 Graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary
- 2021 Enrolled at Union Presbyterian Seminary working toward a Doctorate in Ministry.

Work Experience

- 2014 Outreach Director at Mulberry Presbyterian Church (Charlotte, NC)
- 2016-2017 Temporary Supply Pastor at New Friendship Presbyterian Church (Huntersville, NC)
- 2017 Ordained and installed as the Associate Pastor for Youth, Young Adults and Discipleship at C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church (Charlotte, NC).

Awards

- 2016 Helen Dean Preaching Award,
- 2016 James and Elizabeth Applebee Book Award
- 2021 Katie G. Cannon scholarship recipient

Other Experiences

- Montreat Youth Conference Small Group Leader
- Keynote Speaker for Superwoman Syndrome Conference 2019
- Multiple Revival Preacher opportunities
- Multiple Woman's Day Preacher opportunities
- Board Member for the Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation Union Presbyterian Seminary
- Self-Care Retreat Co-Leader for Union Presbyterian Seminary
- AFAA Certified Group Fitness Instructor
- Infant Toddler Family Specialist
- Co-Moderator for CPM Charlotte Presbytery
- Commissioner for the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic representing Charlotte Presbytery
- Presbytery Appointed Moderator for The Avenue Church
- Student Pastor Mentor and Coach
- Supervised Interns
- Facilitated Youth Leader and Young Adult Leader training
- *Seek the Welfare: Faith, Community, Sustainability, and New Vision!* Cohort through Duke Divinity School
- Launched Phanta Lansden Ministries, LLC



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Honoring Our Pastors

In an effort to honor our team pastors for their service to us, this church and to God, we are inviting everyone to send gifts of appreciation to the church. We will receive cards and financial donations through Monday, September 20. Make checks payable to Saint James with "Pastor Gift" in the memo line.



**PLEASE NOTE:
THERE WILL NOT BE AN IN-PERSON SERVICE ON
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021.**

There will be a Congregational Meeting on September 12, 2021 immediately following the online service.

This meeting will speak towards re-opening the church.
We will continue to have online service throughout that time.
Please make sure to join us for this important meeting.

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WHEN CAN WE RETURN TO WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY?

From Dr. Vanessa Haygood

This is the question we have all been waiting to have answered since we left in-person worship in March of 2020! The Coronavirus pandemic changed our lives quickly, and was fierce in its sweeping effect through the entire African American community and other communities of color. It savagely exposed the underbelly of the effects of systemic racism and disparate access to medical care. It collided with vivid demonstrations of brutalities under which African Americans and other people of color have existed at the hands of those who took an oath to “protect and serve”.

The politicization of the pandemic widened the divisions between groups on either side of the political landscape in our country. The presidential election was held in the midst of the chaos of the pandemic. Still, it revealed the fervent desire of Americans to be involved in choosing a President who takes seriously the unsightly picture of what America’s policies have wrought for a large percentages of its citizens, as they worked in spite of the pandemic to vote in historic numbers. At the same time, some kept it political by refusing to use safe and tested mask wearing and social distancing to curb the spread of the virus.

In spite of the efforts against public health measures like mask wearing, a safe and effective vaccine became available in record time, and in December of 2020, there seemed to be a ray of hope that the pandemic could indeed be controlled. Counter arguments that disregarded medical facts and spread rumors that the vaccine was harmful and should not be trusted were used to dampen the public’s enthusiasm for using this evidence based weapon against the virus. The failure of the majority of Americans to quickly take advantage of increasingly available vaccines allowed a mutation in the coronavirus known as the Delta variant to change the course in our fight against this virus.

We now find ourselves in Guilford County with barely half our vaccine-eligible residents fully vaccinated. Our hospitals are again being overwhelmed with very sick COVID 19 patients causing them to delay non-COVID care such as routine preventative screenings and elective, but needed surgeries and procedures. Our children are trying to return to school, some for the first time in over a year with teachers and administrators concerned that outbreaks among students will shutter our schools again.

More to the point for us as a congregation, we yearn to see our fellow parishioners, to see our new pastor in person, to hear our beloved music and to witness the artistry of our gifted dance ministries. On the other hand we do not want to sacrifice the health and safety of our congregation for this goal.

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It is important to understand that there is no truly “risk free” way of being in this pandemic. Every contact we have with the outside world involves some risk. Our best chance to minimize the risk of illness is be fully vaccinated ourselves, to wear masks when we are indoors with people whose vaccine status we do not know, and to maintain distance in public spaces. Remember, as many as 50% of those you come in contact with outside your home will not have been vaccinated. Those who have been vaccinated can still be infected with the virus, though they are unlikely to have severe symptoms or need to go to the hospital. Those who have not been vaccinated are at much higher risk of becoming infected, and if infection occurs, of becoming severely ill, requiring hospitalization and dying.

The other disturbing conclusion one can draw from the events of the past 8 months is that in Guilford County, if an individual is unvaccinated now, they don't want to be vaccinated. We are prayerful that the recent full, unconditional FDA approval of the Pfizer COVID vaccine may ease a few minds and may slightly increase our vaccination numbers. If more employers require vaccination as a condition of employment, that may also help. What is clear is that complete control of the virus will require vaccination or immunity from infection of 70-90% of residents.

As we ponder return to the sanctuary, knowledge is our best tool. This link will allow you to follow what is going on in our community and the state with respect to infections, hospitalizations and death. <https://www.conehealth.com/covid-19-information/>

Based on the above information, the session is not recommending return to the sanctuary in September. We are recommending that we review the status of infections, hospitalizations and vaccination rates to make a month to month decision about return to the sanctuary for group service. An informational congregational gathering will be held on September 12 immediately after virtual church service to give updates and answer additional questions.



Vax Up **OR** **Mask Up**

**If you are NOT fully vaccinated,
you still need to wear a mask inside.**

Find your COVID-19 vaccine at YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov.

Happy Birthday to our members born in September!!



Terence Burris
Charles E. Knox
Clarence Jolly, Jr.
Daisy D. Boone
Frank E. McCain, Jr.
Hyla B. Cundiff
Jamilliah Halley
John R. Thompson
Nancy Rives
Oscar Reid
Sharon C. Smiley
Chris Young



Please remember to send us your birthdays to include each month!

Send your info to office@stjamespresby.org

DISCIPLESHIP *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

The Monday Morning Bible Study information will be forthcoming. JOIN US!! God's blessings to each of you and continue to stay safe!

The John Erwin Sunday School Class continues to honor the stay at home, physical distancing order. We have continued to study The Present Word Bible Series. If you do not have a copy and would like to join us, all Super Seniors are invited. Call the church office for more information. Each day is a blessing. Aging brings gifts. We want to recognize and acknowledge the special gifts that each member brings.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles

Grace Brown Circle will begin lessons for the 2021-2022 season this month. For those who are interested in joining, please contact the church office for more details.

~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 September 19, 2021 at 3:00 pm via zoom. Please note that the date is the third Sunday instead of the regular first Sunday date. Lesson one entitled, Family Trees from the study guide, What My Grandmothers Taught Me, will be led by Linda Adams. Scripture: Matthew 1. Visitors who would like to visit or join should contact Linda Adams at 336-509-0420. ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle began our year with a picture in our church parking lot on August 28, 2021. The Least Coin Offering was collected, and members received their study guide titled WHAT MY GRANDMOTHERS TAUGHT ME: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. We will participate in the Presbyterian Women in the Congregation meeting on Zoom, September 12, and look forward to beginning our first lesson in October. More information will be forthcoming. Thank you.~Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

The Marie Florance Presbytettes will meet Sunday, September 19 at 1:00 PM on Zoom. This first meeting will include a brief overview of our new bible study and a discussion about our summer activities. We invite women of St. James who are not members of a Circle to visit our Circle meeting. Please contact our Circle Moderator Ina Siler for more information. Please use the Zoom link below or cut and paste the link in your browser.
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83396608882?pwd=NjNKOWxOMDAxdVMvaEd3dEs2Not3Zz09>

To join the meeting by telephone, please dial the number below and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Dial In: 1 929 205 6099 US

Meeting ID: 833 9660 8882 | Passcode: 829521

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

The Older Adult Ministry

Members of this ministry were able to celebrate Older Adult Sunday on May 02, 2021. Thanks to the Worship Committee. This ministry will continue to address the issues and concerns of the aging population in a positive and pro-active manner. This is just a reminder:

1.) If you have not gotten yourself a Real ID, please place this on your to-do list, voting is essential.

2.) In order to stay healthy, it is important to keep your vaccines current - tetanus and shingles.

All super seniors are invited to join us.

~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC)

PWC Monthly Gathering

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation will meet on Sunday, September 12 at 2pm via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 861 8511 4493

Dial In: +1 929 205 6099

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

The CT will meet on Saturday, September 11 at 11am via Zoom. All Moderators and PW Officers are encouraged to attend.

Dial in: 1 929 205 6099 US

MeetingID: 89494659783

Passcode: 820820

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men thank you for your support during our Fundraising Event on July 24, 2021.

We will resume our Zoom meetings in September! Please stay tuned for further information!

~Elder Charles Knox, President | 336.549.4599 | cknox3011@gmail.com



ADMINISTRATION *Church Business & Officer Information*

Monthly Informer Article Deadline

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: office@stjamespresby.org. Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "October Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, September 28, 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. 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

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Members of the Congregation</u>
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, S
Linda McSwain-Randall	T, U, V
Donna Spinks	W, X, Y, Z

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY

To register, please copy and paste this web address in your browser

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpB6BZXmFDxu2uFZsGnDI87HtHMoRISEnq7aM4JY-AbtXFjw/viewform>.

You may also access this registration form by using the QR Code on the flyer. Open up your camera app on your smartphone device. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera. This action will prompt the website to generate in your smartphone's browser.

THE SAINT JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY
AND THE BELOVED COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENT:

CENTER AND DEFEND: Culturally Responsive Education A CALL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION

**September 16, 2021 |
7PM**

FREE and open to the public!

Jasmine Getrouw-Moore and Tinisha Shaw of the education equity group Freedom Hill Coalition of the Piedmont-Triad will facilitate a discussion on culturally responsive education with leading equity education advocates. The discussion will highlight the importance of culturally responsive education, the coordinated attacks against culturally responsive education, and how the community of Brown and Black women can organize to center and defend culturally responsive education for equitable learning outcomes for our children.



Dr. Dena Keeling



Dr. Lauryn Mascareñaz



James Ford

Register here:



Jasmine Getrouw-Moore
Freedom Hill Coalition of the
Piedmont-Triad



Tinisha Shaw
Freedom Hill Coalition of the
Piedmont-Triad



FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP *Young Adult and College Ministry*

Faith Point Fellowship returns on Thursday, September 9th at 7:00 PM on Zoom. We will welcome Pastoral Intern Jasmine Evans as Faith Point's new Pastor. College students and young adults are invited to be part of dynamic and relevant conversations where all topics are on the table to discuss!

Do you have questions about the scriptures, Jesus Christ, or your faith.

Do you wonder why God allows certain things to happen?

Do you want to improve your prayer life?

Faith Point is a safe, judgment free space for you to get answers to your questions. Join us on Zoom by clicking the link below. You can also cut and paste the link to your browser.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89500071442?pwd=ZVFucGUoZXZZbWdycoFMdS9Ia29pdzo9>



Elder Jasmine K. Evans, MDiv

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. *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

John 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

Willie "Peggy" Meachem

1302 Ross Ave. 27406

Harold McLean

200 Sandbar Circle Apt 1A, 27406

Annis Sensabaugh

Blumenthal Jewish Nursing Center,

3724 Wireless Dr., Rm. 213, 27455

Erica Ward (niece of Elder Nancy Rives)

81 Dogwood Trail Dr. Stockbridge, GA 30281



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

Thank you...

Saint James Family,

Thank you individually and collectively for every expression of kindness shown us during this time of transition for Mrs. Helen Bernice Cole Jones and our transition into life without her. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Sincerely, ~The Helen C. Jones Family

Dear Prayer Warriors, Will you pray for greater awareness of Mental Health and how it impacts our communities and families? Blessings, ~Mrs. Willie “Peggy” Meachem

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



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 July 2021

Date	Guests	Volunteers
8/1/2021	118	3
8/8/2021	110	2
8/15/2021	110	2
8/22/2021	118	4
8/29/2021	118	2



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Ministry of the Month: Greater Greensboro Crop Hunger Walk

The 41st annual Crop Hunger Walk for Greater Greensboro Sunday, October 3, 2021.

Contact Elder Oscar Reid for more information. Help stomp out both local and global hunger... one step at a time! More information coming soon.

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.

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



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Helping Older Adults Stay Steady

Staying Steady is a series on fall prevention. The information is from the S.T.E.A.D.I. program of the Centers for Disease Control. S.T.E.A.D.I. stands for Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries. This article covers exercises to improve balance and strength.

Some things in life are a vicious cycle. Remember when you were learning the multiplication tables? They were hard and many of us didn't like them. So we didn't study and practice them. And we got further behind and the tables seemed harder and harder. We knew what we needed to do, but just couldn't make ourselves do it, and the problem got worse. I think many people are in the same situation when it comes to exercise. We know we should exercise in order to have a stronger heart, and more endurance. But we just don't like it, so we don't exercise. And our health doesn't get any better. And we get weaker and weaker. And that weakness increases the risk of falling.

Nobody wants to fall, to get injured, or even die from a fall. There are exercises out there that can keep you from falling. Wouldn't that be a good thing? Exercises that strengthen your legs and improve your balance are best for fall prevention. PACE wants to make sure the exercises you do are safe for you, so make sure you talk with your doctor, nurse practitioner or physical therapist about which exercises to start. Amy Stewart, DPT and Rehabilitation Supervisor for PACE, suggests starting with seated exercises first, until your balance can be checked. Then you can start a set of exercises best for you. Diane Hall, Recreational Therapist, leads a safe and beneficial chair exercise session. Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=on4IyQqrhSM>

Get out of that vicious cycle. Get moving and exercising to prevent falls in the future! Next month Staying Steady will cover how to make your home safer. Until then, you can visit the STEADI website for more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/steady/about.html>

Stay Steady!
PACE of the Triad
The Falls Committee



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For Older Adults who need assistance in the home, PACE of the Triad is still enrolling new participants. PACE provides medical care and support services to older adults. Services may include, but are not limited to, a health aide for those who qualify, medical transportation, medicines, supplies, therapy, respite, and an optional day program. If you or a loved one can benefit from PACE services, contact PACE at 336-550-4046 for a free assessment or more information. A doctor's referral is not needed. PACE of the Triad is located at 1471 E. Cone Blvd. Greensboro in the Roses Shopping Center. Schedule a tour or free consultation today. Call 336-550-4046 or visit the website www.pacetriad.org/help.

ROCKINGHAM AND GUILFORD COUNTY FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Let Us Help YOU *Thrive!*

Are you caring for an older loved one with chronic illness?
Do you feel overwhelmed, especially during the COVID pandemic?
Do you want to receive the latest information on best caregiving practices –
along with relaxing and rejuvenating activities to help *you*?

Our program –THRIVE! – is a free opportunity made possible through CARES Act
grant funding for family caregivers to do just that . . . thrive!

Family caregivers can receive:
FREE highly recommended caregiving books, yoga mats, brain healthy groceries and art
kits as well as 4G-enabled tablets on loan! Virtual activities will accompany the FREE items!

Register Now for books, art kits, and tablets! Yoga mats coming in May!
Brain Healthy groceries coming this summer!



Well-Spring
SOLUTIONS



Register Now: www.Well-SpringSolutions.org/Thrive
or call: (336) 274-3559



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Sallie Mae Fund's Completing the Dream Scholarship Program helps outstanding students from minority and other historically underserved communities complete their post-secondary education.

Students in their final year who are facing financial challenges may apply to receive a one-time scholarship of up to \$2,500 to help complete their post-secondary education program. Starting August 5th, scholarship applications for AY 2021-22 will be accepted on a rolling basis until 12/31/21 or until scholarship dollars have been awarded.

Here is the link: <https://www.salliemae.com/>

STEWARDSHIP *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

Have you gotten behind in your personal giving plan and need help catching up? The Stewardship Committee is here to help. Simply call the church office (336) 273-6658 and a member of our team will contact you.

Per Capita Apportionment \$25.00 or as you are blessed

The Pentecost Offering April 5th through May 23rd

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.

July Totals:

			July- 2021- Weekly Collections	
			Goal - \$7,497.00 each Sunday/ \$27,917.00 per month	
			<u>Receipts:</u>	General Operations
			7/4/2021	Worship Service \$ 6,115.00
			7/11/2021	Worship Service \$ 4,300.00
			7/18/2021	Worship Service \$ 2,100.00
			7/25/2021	Worship Service \$ 5,420.00
				Worship Service \$ -
				NSF \$ -
				PayPal \$ 2,162.80
				Cash App \$ 1,785.00
				\$ 21,882.80
*** Exceeded Monthly Goal By:				
\$ (6,034.20)				
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				

August Totals:

			August- 2021- Weekly Collections	
			Goal - \$7,497.00 each Sunday/ \$27,917.00 per month	
			<u>Receipts:</u>	General Operations
			8/1/2021	Worship Service \$ 4,305.00
			8/8/2021	Worship Service \$ 7,155.00
			8/15/2021	Worship Service \$ 2,555.00
			8/22/2021	Worship Service \$ 2,495.00
			8/29/2021	Worship Service \$ 1,245.00
				NSF \$ (12.00)
				PayPal \$ 1,545.00
				Cash App \$ 3,315.19
				\$ 22,603.19
*** Exceeded Monthly Goal By:				
\$ (5,313.81)				
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				

Spread the Word: Emergency Rental Assistance



Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, billions of dollars in federal rental assistance is reaching renters behind on housing costs, as well as landlords who have struggled during the pandemic. These programs are run locally, and right now emergency rental assistance is available across the country.

The federal government is continuing an all-out push and issuing a call to action to Members of Congress, state and local officials, companies, advocates, nonprofits, the faith community, and more to conduct an all-out push to make sure tenants and landlords take advantage of federal rental assistance to help cover rent, utilities, and other housing costs and keep people in their homes.

Please spread the word about emergency rental assistance. Help is available for renters who are having trouble paying rent, utilities or other housing costs as well as for landlords who have tenants in this situation. State and local programs are distributing billions of dollars in rental assistance.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) recently developed a new “Rental Assistance Finder” tool for renters and landlords to find information on rental assistance in their area. The tool is now live at: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/renthelp>

The CFPB’s site also includes resources to help renters and landlords understand other resources to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.

For additional information about the Emergency Rental Assistance program, [visit the unified federal housing assistance portal hosted by the CFPB.](#)

Black Faith Community Vaccine Toolkit

Over the past year, COVID-19 has torn through our communities, forcing us into isolation and disrupting one of the foundations of Black American culture: coming together to worship in the house of the Lord. However, there is hope on the horizon! With the advent of COVID-19 vaccines, a future where we can get back to gathering is within our sights.

The [Get Vaccinated! Black Faith Community Toolkit](#) includes information about the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine, along with frequently asked questions and sample social media posts to help empower you as clergy to speak confidently to your congregations and communities about the vaccine. Let's get back to gathering!



GET VACCINATED BLACK FAITH COMMUNITY TOOLKIT



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NC COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATES



Schedule your appointment now!

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
- 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.

*IMPORTANT RESOURCES WILL BE PROVIDED

Saint James Presbyterian presents

Black Church Leaders Meeting the Needs of Caregivers



Who's Invited?

Caregivers of those with Memory Loss
& Black Church Leaders

Monday, September 20th

at 12 PM – 1 PM

Registration Required

<https://bit.ly/2Wyw8SU>

Guest Speaker

Fayron Epps, PhD, RN

**Founder of Alter
Assistant Professor,
Emory University**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE WITH REGISTRATION:
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