

# The *Informer*



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

A "Matthew 25" Congregation

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*"Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!"*

Reverend Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

**October 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 October. 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" is centered on the page. 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.”

# 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](https://pcusa.org/matthew25).





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# **WORSHIP**

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

## **Virtual Order of Worship:**

Musical Prelude  
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Praise & Worship  
Opening Prayer  
Passing of the Peace  
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Holy Communion on First Sundays  
Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
Benediction & Amen  
Virtual “HALLWAY” Hangout

## **October Participants:**

### Worship Leaders:

Rev. Phanta I. Lansden

### Worship Elders:

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Elder Charles Knox

Elder Jasmine Evans

### Music Directors:

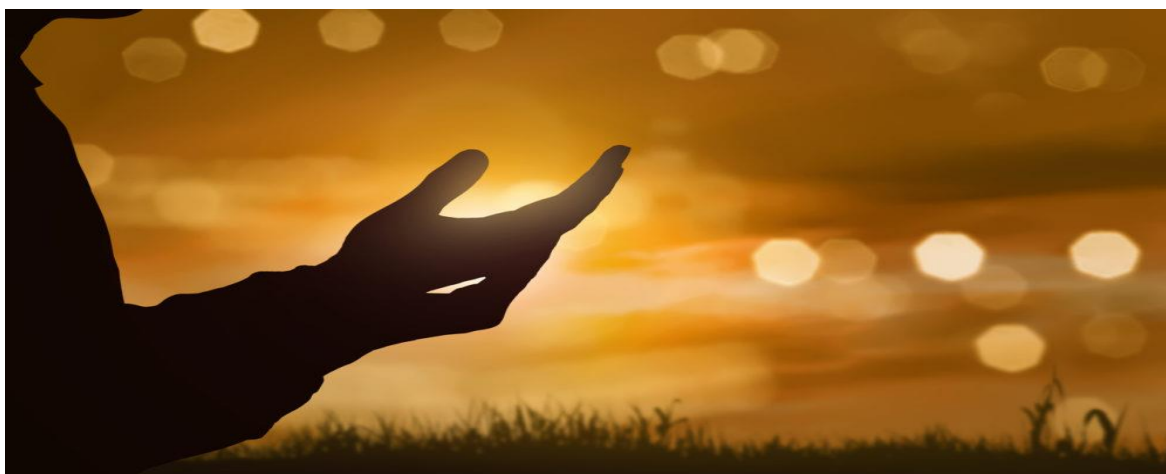
Elder Jasmine Evans, New Generation Praise Team & Inspirational Ensemble

Ms. Valerie D. Johnson, Chancel Choir & Combined Choir

### Musicians:

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist & Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



# October Lectionary

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

• Job 1:1, 2:1-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

• Job 23:1-9, 16-17

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

• Job 38:1-7, 16-17

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

• Job 42:1-6, 10-17

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

### **From Rev. Landsen**

First Week Greetings to you all!!  
Click the link below to view a special message from Rev. Lansden!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADYotrycf28>



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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](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)

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

### **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.



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

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 October. 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.



**Vax Up**



**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](https://YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov).

# Happy Birthday to our members born in October!!



Linda Adams  
Brooks Artis  
Regina Artis  
Allison Avent  
Lula Burns  
Paul Carlton, III  
Maxine Covington  
Harold Cundiff  
Robert Evans  
Lynn Goode  
Jalen Graves  
Ashley Halley  
Gary Halley  
Arionna Jones  
Charlene McClam  
Robert Patterson  
Angela Phinx  
Aaron Siler  
Valerie Spaulding-Little  
Grant Turner  
Sandra Wallington  
Amryl Ward  
Tyler Young



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

Send your info to [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto: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 October 2, 2021 at 3:00 pm via zoom. . Lesson two entitled, Tamar from the study guide, What My Grandmothers Taught Me, will be led by Althea B. Bradford. Scripture: Genesis 38. Visitors who would like to visit or join should contact Linda Adams at 336-509-0420. ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will meet via Zoom October 16, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Demetra Barnwell will be the leader for lesson 1 (Family Trees) and lesson 2 (Tamar). Visitors are welcome to join us. Please contact the church office for additional information. Thank you.~Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

The Marie Florance Presbytettes will meet Sunday, October 17th at 1:00 PM on Zoom. Kierson Taylor will lead Lesson One from our bible study What My Grandmothers Taught Me. We invite any women who are not a member of a Circle to visit our Circle meeting. Please contact our Circle Moderator Dr. Ina Siler for more information. The Zoom link for our meeting is below. Please contact our Circle Moderator Ina Siler for more information. Please click the Zoom link below or cut and paste the link in your browser.

<https://bit.ly/MarieFPresby>

To join the meeting by telephone, please dial the number below and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode. Call: 1 929 205 6099 US | Meeting ID: 833 9660 8882 | Passcode: 829521

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

### **Presbytettes Celebrations**

We celebrated the birthday of our Circle sister Mrs. Hyla Cundiff on September 26th.



### **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, October 10 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, October 9 at 11am via Zoom. All Moderators and PW Officers are encouraged to attend.

Dial in: 1 929 205 6099 US | Meeting ID: 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 soon! Please stay tuned for further information!

~Elder Charles Knox, President | 336.549.4599 | [cknox3011@gmail.com](mailto:cknox3011@gmail.com)



## **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: "November Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, October 26, 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. Click this link to view the Informer: [www.stjamespresby.org](http://www.stjamespresby.org).

### **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, S
Linda McSwain-Randall	T, U, V
Donna Spinks	W, X, Y, Z

# SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY

Saint James Presbyterian Church,  
United Church of Christ, & Bread for the World Present:

## **A Fall Virtual Food Summit: Creating a Food Justice Movement & Transforming Systemic Barriers of Exclusion**

**Friday, October 15, 2021 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

### **EVERYONE IS INVITED!!**

The focus of this virtual summit is to provide a platform to discuss issues related to food justice and more importantly action steps to eradicate hunger in our community, state and nation.



Special Guest:  
Congresswoman Alma Adams  
North Carolina District 12



### **Panelists:**

**Rev. Dr. Heber Brown, III,**

*Founder of Black Church Food Security Network*

**Rev. Steve Allen,**

*President of Greensboro Pulpit Forum*

**Jackie Fountain,**

*Co-Owner, Fish, Wings & Things*

**Rev. Sekinah Hamlin,**

*Minister for Economic Justice,  
United Church of Christ*

**Dr. Karen Jackson,**

*Faculty, Leadership Studies at  
N C A&T State University*

**Jan Jones,**

*Public Policy & Partnership Manager,  
Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC*

**Rosa Saavedra,**

*Southeast Regional Organizer,  
Bread for the World*

**Rev. Carl Vierling,**

*Executive Director  
Greater High Point Food Alliance*

**Carl E. McClellan, II,**

*Off Da Branch Farms*



**Register at [www.stjamespresby.org](http://www.stjamespresby.org) from September 22, 2021 to Friday, October 15, 2021. Please call 336-273-6658 for assistance or information.**



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

***Soul Food Conversations Bible Study*** meets on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Thursday every month at 7:00 PM. Check our social media for Zoom or FB information. 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? Faith Point is a safe, judgment free space for you to get answers to your questions.

***Thirsty Thursday Worship Service*** will meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month on Zoom. Our Pastoral Intern Jasmine Evans will share a meaningful message on our theme "The Journey." Click on the link below or cut and paste the link in your browser.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89500071442?pwd=ZVFucGU0ZXZZbWdyc0FMdS9la29pdz09>



**Led by:**

**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](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
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...**

I want to thank the congregation for all the heartfelt cards, calls and well-wishes in celebration of my 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on last Sunday. I am truly blessed. I love you all.

~Hyla B. Cundiff

To Reverends Dew, Hamlin, Hughes, and my St. James Church Family,  
I want to thank you all so very much for the many expressions of love and kindness you continue to show during my time away from church. Every card, call, flower, and visit lifts my spirits and brings a smile to my face. Please continue to keep me in your prayers and I will certainly do the same for you. Sincerely, ~Mr. Moses McClam

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



# **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 September 2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
9/5/2021	108	3
9/12/2021	113	2
9/19/2021	-	-
9/26/2021	122	2





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

### **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!

### **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



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

## **See Clearly and Walk Safely to Prevent Falls**

The Falls Committee

Welcome to Staying Steady 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 the importance of being able to see clearly and walk safely to assist with fall prevention.

Being able to see clearly and walk safely helps prevent falls. Being able to see clearly helps you notice things around you that might make you fall, like a cord on the floor, a crack in the sidewalk, a wet spot in the kitchen or an acorn in the yard. You could trip or slip over any of these things and fall. When you are able to see clearly, you can avoid those things and possibly an injury from a fall. Schedule routine eye exams so a Physician can provide eyeglasses when your vision changes. Work with your Eye care Provider so they can help you see clearly and prevent falls.

What you wear on your feet also helps reduce falls. It is important to always have on non-slip shoes or slippers when walking. If you come across a slick or slippery surface (like a wet floor), the soles of the shoes or slippers will help you walk without slipping. Shoes or slippers with closed backs or back straps are even safer because they will stay on your feet. If you don't wear your shoes or slippers because they hurt your feet, please let your Provider know. They can look at your feet and come up with a plan to help you get safe shoes to wear. If you are a diabetic and have had foot wounds in the past, please make sure your Provider knows. They will look at your feet, your shoes, and your history to see if special shoes might help you. This could also help prevent falls.

Take a minute to list the things you learned and talk with your family / caregiver about them. Ask your Provider any questions you have about fall prevention.



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

**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](http://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!



*Register Now:* [www.Well-SpringSolutions.org/Thrive](http://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.*

### **FAITH'S ACID TEST: TRUSTING IN GOD'S LOVE**

“As Christians we often confuse worldly confidence with the life of faith. Day after day, we live like we have faith in God. Yet our actions often show that we depend primarily upon our own abilities. It is easy to confuse worldly confidence with the life of faith since both require action on our part. Worldly confidence, however, means that we trust in our own strength to carry us through, whereas the life of faith requires that we trust in God...”

“Trusting God acknowledges God’s love in our lives. Abrahams’s trust in God allowed him to see God’s faithfulness. But if we never trust God, we will never see the love of God for us. Our slave fore-parents, in the midst of terrible pain and suffering, echoed this belief in their words and deeds. They believed that experiencing God’s love with the gift that accomplished acts of faith. Faith-based actions will cause us to say again and again in the face of our needs...”

“God alone  
will  
provide...”



\*The African-American Devotional Bible, copyright 1997, Zondervan Corp., pg. 27  
Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings, Verse: Genesis 22:14, Passage: Genesis 22:1-18.



## **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.*

### Special Offerings

## **Peace and Global Witness September 5<sup>th</sup>-October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

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.

Monthly totals will now appear in your quarterly contribution statements!  
If you would like to continue to see our monthly income information,  
please contact the church office.

## **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**

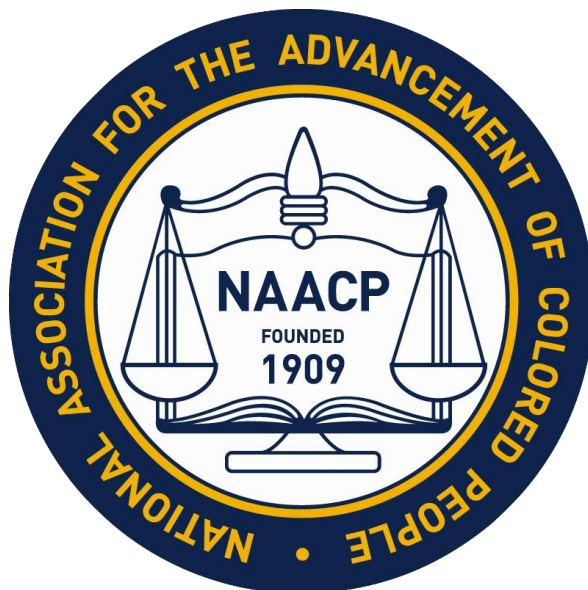


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## NC COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATES



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](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.**





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