

Saint ames Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A "Matthew 25" Congregation 820 Ross Avenue • Greensboro, NC 27406 · 336-273-6658 • www.stjamespresby.org *"Touching Lives Through Jesus Christ!"* Reverend Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

October 2022 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: <u>https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9</u>. 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! Office Phone Number: 336-273-6658

Saint James Office Staff:

Ms. JaTonda Thompson, Administrative Coordinator Elder Andrea Russell, Business Manager Elder Timisha Corpening, Treasurer

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Our Purpose Statement:

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

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WORSHIP

Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.

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Opening Prayer
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Offertory Prayer
Sermonic Selection
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Holy Communion on First Sundays
Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Benediction & Amen

October Participants: <u>Worship Leader:</u> Rev. Phanta I. Lansden

<u>Worship Elders:</u> Elder Charles Knox Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

<u>Musicians:</u> Mr. William Brown, Minister of Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist & Keyboardist

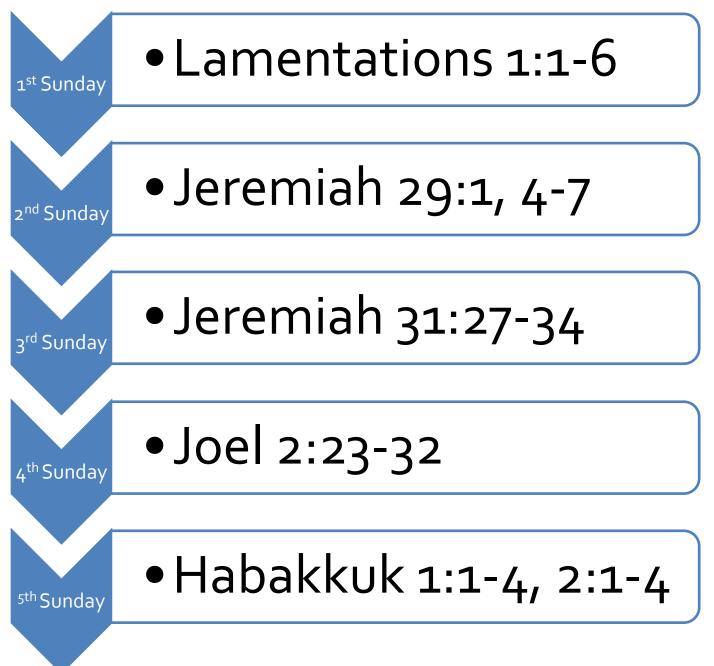
Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



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.



WORSHIP Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.

Join us for in-person worship! Visit <u>www.stjamespresby.org</u> for registration information Virtual service options are also available!

To join us online at Zoom for our Sunday Service: Click the link here -----> <u>https://zoom.us/j/742365808</u> 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 live on our YouTube Channel: Click the link here -----> <u>Saint James Presbyterian Church YouTube Page</u>

Join our live Sunday Service stream on Facebook. Click the link here -----> <u>www.facebook.com/stjamespresby</u> To visit our Facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/stjamespresby</u> or visit <u>www.facebook.com</u> 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. <u>www.stjamespresby.org</u>

Did you miss any services? Our 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 above to watch.

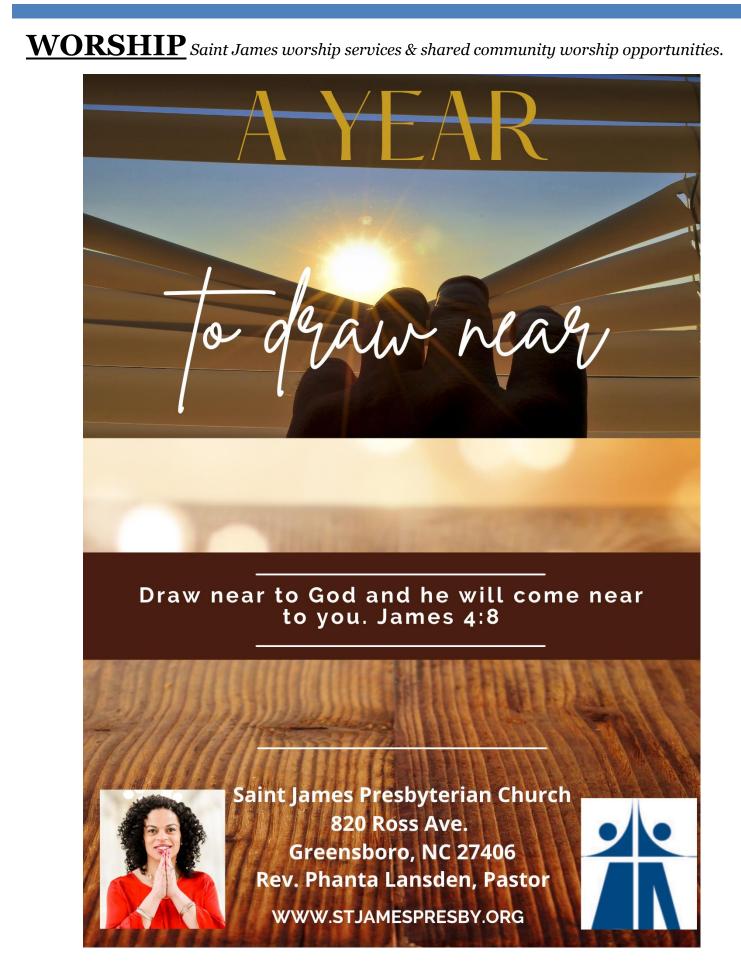
Serve Around the Church

<u>Ushers</u>

Would you like to serve on a phenomenal team? We are looking for volunteers to serve as Ushers for our Sunday morning services. Please reach out to any usher on Sunday or contact the church office for more details!

<u>Choir</u>

Can you sing? Join the choir! We are looking for people to share their musical talents with us. Choir rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 6-7 pm. See any choir or praise team member for more information on joining.



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THURSDAY THRIVE RETURNS IN OUR SPECIAL FB PRAYER GROUP! Join the "SJPC THURSDAY THRIVE" group on FB!

Thursday Thrive

A virtual community of prayer, encouragement, and inspiration.

Thursdays at 12noon on FB. Small Group: SJPC Thursday Thrive

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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** Lvnn Goode **Jalen Graves** Ashley Halley **Gary Halley** Arionna Jones **Robert Patterson Angela Phinx Aaron Siler** Valerie Spaulding-Little **Grant Turner** Sandra Wallington **Amryl Ward Tyler Young**



A celebration of birthdays will occur on December 18, 2022! Contact Elder Ursula Robinson at <u>ursulabrown87@yahoo.com</u>.

Please remember to send us your birthdays to include each month! Send your info to office@stjamespresby.org

MONTHLY MISSION PROJECT monthly opportunities for mission



42ND ANNUAL GREATER GREENSBORO CROP HUNGER WALK GREENSBORO COLISEUM COMPLEX OCTOBER 2, 2022





DISCIPLESHIP Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings

The John Erwin Sunday School Class is honoring the stay at home, physical distancing order. During the pandemic, we have continued our bible lessons. I encourage us to continue reading and studying the lessons. This quarter's lesson is designed to help us envision the new home and city God has prepared for the redeemed. If anyone would like to join us, please call the church office for more information. ~Elder Marie Martin

Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles

<u>Grace Brown Circle</u> will continue lessons for the 2022-2023 season soon. Stay tuned for more information. For those who are interested in joining, please contact the church office for more details.

~Donna Spinks & Kathy Moore, Co-Mods.

<u>The Roxie McNair Circle</u> is honoring physical distancing. More details to come later. ~Elder Pauline McNair, Moderator

<u>The Marie Florance Presbytettes</u> will meet Sunday, October 23 at 2:00 PM on Zoom. We will study Lesson One: Sabbath and Celebration in the Horizon Celebrating Sabbath 2022-2023 workbook. We invite the women of St. James who are not members of a Circle to visit our Circle meeting and participate in this 9 month bible study. Please contact the Circle Moderator Dr. Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 for more information.

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

The Sara Barber Circle will meet October 2, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the home of Karen Yehudah. Lesson two entitled, Sabbath and Creation, from the study guide, Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight, will be led by Guest Cassandra Miller. Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:3. Visitors are welcome. Please contact Linda Adams for more information. 336-509-0420. Be blessed! ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will meet via Zoom on Saturday October 15, 2022 at 12:00 noon. Demetra Barnwell will be the leader for lesson 1 (Sabbath and Celebration) and lesson 2 (Sabbath and Creation). Visitors are welcome to join us. Please contact the church office for additional information. Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

We invite all women of the church to join our Gathering on Sunday, October 9th at 2:00 PM on Zoom. Our program will highlight Breast Cancer Awareness Month featuring Nora Jones, Founder of Sisters Network of Greensboro, NC, a local affiliate of the national African American breast cancer survivorship organization. In addition to talking about the organization's mission and sharing her breast cancer journey, Ms. Jones will answer any questions you might have.

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

Presbyterian Men In the Congregation

Please accept our sincere thanks for the excellent support provided by Dr. Ina Siler and the Saint James Presbyterian Women in helping organizing the Fun and Family Day on August 27, 2022 in Saint James Parking Lot.

We have received some good response from the attendees. We appreciate Elder Jimmy Propst and Jeremy Propst (Our Cooks) and the Presbyterian Men for the delicious meals served.

Both groups' technical and administrative staff was very skillful in handling the event and its attendees. The joint efforts of your teams contributed appreciably to the success of this event. All thumbs up for Shea Maxwell for providing music from twelve noon until four. Thanks for the attendees and Saint James Family and all their contributions.

Thank you once again for the outstanding support and professionalism shown. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Jerry Young and Freddie Click, Co-Moderators, Saint James Presbyterian Men

The Older Adult Ministry

We are still in the pandemic mode. In order to move forward it is necessary to have members communicating and working together. I am reaching out to older adults who need support getting back into church activities. Please contact the church office for assistance if needed.

~Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators



ADMINISTRATION Church Business & Officer Information

Monthly Informer Article Deadline

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: <u>office@stjamespresby.org.</u> Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "November Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is <u>*Tuesday, October 18, 2022 by 12:00 noon.*</u>

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.

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 to purchase your card today!

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: <u>https://forms.gle/bncJhjh5d4gwHafUA</u> 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 especially during the Pandemic. Due to Elder changes and the desire to continue to care for one another, the Congregational Care Ministry has been updated. 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 prayer, calls and cards during times of medical procedures, health crisis, transitions, and illness. Our 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.

How does Congregational Care 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 member of the congregation has been assigned a Congregational Care team member as seen below. Some examples of when to contact the church include but is not limited to prayer, notice of a medical procedure or surgery, notice of a current or past hardship. Please call the church office at 336-273-6658 or email office@stjamespresby.org. The office will notify the Pastor and your Congregational Care Provider immediately. If there is an end-of-life situation, the 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 is eager to serve, so do not hesitate to share your need.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Members of the Congregation</u>
Bob Powell	A, B
Ursula Robinson	C, D, E
Sandra Wallington	F, G, H, I
Karen Watts-Yehudah	J, K, L
Mildred Powell	M, N, O
Paula Latham Washington	P, Q, R
Chuck Wallington	S, T
Donna Spinks	U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Congregational Care List 2022 (subject to change)

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY

Let's Get Ready To Vote- Key Dates, Voting Tips & Information

1. October 14, 2022- Voter registration deadline(after this date, only same-day registration during one-stop early voting is available)

2. October 20, 2022-One -stop, in-person early voting begins.

3. November 1, 2022-Deadline to submit an absentee ballot request form.

4. November 5, 2022-One-stop in-person early voting period ends at 3:00 pm.

5. November 8, 2022- Election Day, and absentee ballot return deadline.

Tips for Voting

1. No photo ID is needed to vote in 2022. You'll be asked to sign a form affirming your name and address.

2. If you are not registered to vote or have moved, **register at your current address by October 14. See ncvoter.org/reg** to register online or by mail. If you miss that deadline, use **same-day registration to register and vote during Early Voting (but not on Election Day)**.

3. Newly registered voters may need to show an ID if there was a problem verifying their registration; you can show a utility bill, a bank or payroll statement; or any document from a government agency; or your NC driver's license; or a student ID with a college document showing your address. This document may be a digital image on your phone.

4. You don't lose your right to vote if you have a traffic ticket, outstanding warrant, bankruptcy, misdemeanor conviction, or civil fine.

5. Citizens who have completed a **felony sentence** can register to vote.

6. For questions about voting, call **Election Hotline at 888-687-8683 or 866-522-4723**.

FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP Young Adult and College Ministry

We welcome our new part time Student Pastor, Rev. Racquel Gill. Rev. Gill has followed the ministry of Faith Point for more than 7 years through two of her colleagues in ministry Rev. Eustacia Marshall and Rev. Jasmine Evans. She serves as the Minister for Intercultural Engagement for Duke University Chapel. She will begin leading Soul Food Bible study every Thursday starting October 13 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.



We invite college students and young adults (18 - 30) to meet our new pastor and participate in dynamic and relevant conversations. All topics are on the table! Do you have questions about the scriptures, your faith, or how to pray? Do you wonder how you can apply Jesus' teachings in your everyday life? What are your gifts and talents? Faith Point is a safe, judgment free space for you to explore these questions and so much more. Below is the Zoom link.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81977876680?pwd=NzJKNnZEcEE5dWlsVHFVQ3pGellzZz09

Check our social media @FaithPointFellowship for Zoom and Facebook Live for more information on our events.

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 @FaithPointF*ellowship

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
April Newkirk	Central Piedmont Community College
Messiah Reid	UNC Greensboro
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	Hampton University
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	17300 Melford Blvd. Apt. 408
	Bowie, MD 20715
Brenda Jackson (daughter of Maxine Covington)	1209 Humbaldt Avenue North
	Minneapolis, MN 55411
Willie "Peggy" Meachem	1302 Ross Ave. 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
Nancy Rives	4813 Weston Place Jamestown, NC 27282

Amryl Ward

4041 Queens Grant Rd. Jamestown, NC 27282



FELLOWSHIP Expressions of gratitude, celebrations and church functions!

Thank you...

Dear St. James & Pastor Lansden, My dearest church family, thank you for the use of your church robes! It was a blessing. I appreciate you being a giving church. I am grateful to the Dance Ministry as well. Much luv, ~Rev. Vicki McCain.

Dear St. James, Your online worship has been a balm to my soul in these COVID times! Thank you for projecting all the way to Atlanta to share the Good News! It is a joy to share this gift. Know your message is being received far and wide. With love & gratitude, ~Amy

Dear Saint James, Thank you for being our superhero! Thank you, Saint James! Now more than ever, your generous donation helps us distribute dignity across North Carolina. We sincerely appreciate being chosen for your mission project. Thank you so much! Gratefully, ~Diaper Bank of North Carolina Staff



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

Ministry of the Month: Greater Greensboro Crop Hunger Walk

The Annual Crop Hunger Walk for Greater Greensboro Sunday, October 2, 2021. Contact Elder Donna Spinks 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 those experiencing homelessness. 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. Davie Street Parking Deck (lower level) across from Center City Park in downtown Greensboro. Call 336-897-1001 to schedule a date to volunteer serving breakfast.

<u>Roman's Closet</u> - THCD is asking for help in stocking a closet with household and wellness products not covered by food assistant plans for our residents and others in need.

· CLEANING PRODUCTS:

Glass cleaner, bathroom cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, toilet wands, dish detergent, rags, mops, brooms, etc.

• HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES:

Paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, reusable water bottles, etc. • HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Multi-Vitamins, Zinc, Vit-C, Band-Aids, Antiseptic cream, Wet Wipes, etc.

• HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

Shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, body lotion, Vaseline, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash, no-rinse shampoo shower caps, etc.

These items can be dropped off at THCD Office – 1310 Gate City Blvd. Greensboro, NC 27403

Volunteer at a Workday: sharing your skills. Call 336-897-1001 to schedule a date. **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: THCD, P. O. Box 20691, Greensboro, NC 27420.

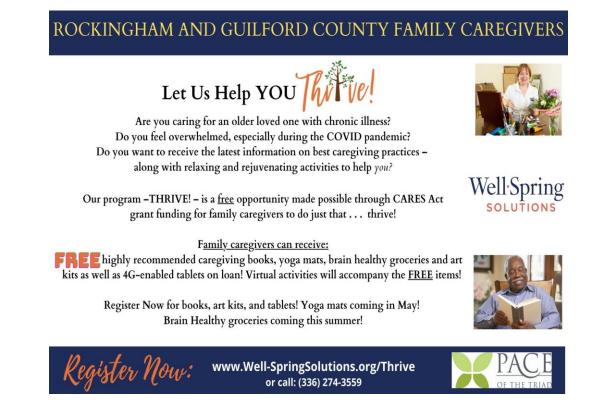
* For additional information on this ministry, please contact Elder Paula Pierce <u>pfp25@msn.com</u>

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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

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.



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 be in touch with you.

Special Offerings

<u>Crop Walk</u>

<u>Peace and Global Witness September 5th-October 3rd</u>

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: <u>https://www.consumerfinance.gov/renthelp</u> 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, <u>visit the</u> <u>unified federal housing assistance portal hosted by the CFPB.</u>



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