

The Informer

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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 Dr. Phanta I. Lansden, Senior Pastor

Welcome To Saint James Presbyterian Church!

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.”

Connect With Us!

Office Phone Number: 336-273-6658

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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)

Join us for in-person worship!

Visit www.stjamespresby.org for registration information

Virtual service options are also available!

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 live on our YouTube Channel:

Click the link here -----> [Saint James Presbyterian Church YouTube Page](https://www.youtube.com/SaintJamesPresbyterianChurch)

Join our live Sunday Service stream on Facebook.

Click the link here -----> www.facebook.com/stjamespresby

To visit our Facebook page:

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

Meet the St. James Presbyterian Church Office Staff!



Ms. Anslei Foster, Administrative Specialist



Elder Andrea Russell, Business Manager



Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah, Treasurer

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March Participants:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Dr. Phanta I. Lansden

Worship Elders:

Elder Tyrone Collins

Elder Cynthia Latham



Musicians

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



March Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of March, 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 **Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

2nd Sunday **Psalm 27**

3rd Sunday **Psalm 63:1-8**

4th Sunday **Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10**



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

Serve Around the Church

Ushers

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!

Choir

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.

WELCOME TO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Our Members

Jason Adams

Brandon Bellamy

Portia Griffin

Peggy Meachem

Jaden Reid

Kiara Reid-Rowell

Ursula Robinson

Helen Russell

Marvin Watkins

Send updated birthday information to
stjoffice820@gmail.com



DISCIPLESHIP *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

The Sara Barber Circle will meet at the church in classrooms one and two on Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 pm. Lesson seven, entitled An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus from the study guide Sacred Encounters, will be coordinated by Co-moderator, Adnee Bradford and led by the members. Scripture: Acts 8:26-40. Visitors are always welcome.
Linda Adams, Co-moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will meet in the Conference Room Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 12 noon. We will be discussing Lesson 9. (People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples). All members are expected to participate in the lesson. Following this, we will plan our summer activities. We extend a warm welcome to visitors. Thank you.

The John Erwin Sunday School Class - We are in familiar scripture. This quarter reviews for us the ancestors of Jesus, as well as stories about people of different nations and real life situations. Lesson 3 may require some additional time. Read it. Call us. Participants may identify themes and want to share. All are encouraged to call Elders Adnee Bradford, Marie Martin or Linda Randall for discussion. Let us use this as an idea to restart our Sunday School schedule.

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC)

The Roxie McNair Circle will present our annual Women's History Month Program on Sunday, March 10 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. This interactive program will feature African American Women 2023 newsmakers. All women of the church are invited to attend the March Gathering. Light refreshments will be served before the program. This Gathering will also be livestreamed on Zoom. The Zoom link is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85203911325?pwd=MHVnb0E4UlY4OXFYWUpJNkQoUGlSUTo9>

Dial: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 852 0391 1325

Passcode: 451645

*A Presbyterian Women
“Celebration of Women” Gathering
Sunday March 10th, 2024*

Join Us!

Who Am I?

Hosted by the Roxie McNair Circle

DISCIPLESHIP *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings cont.*

PWC CT Meeting

The CT Committee will meet on Monday, March 4 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. All Moderators and Committee Chairs are expected to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89285915609?pwd=UoF6Yo5sSHZXY3QrSnY3KoloNkdPZzo9>

Dial: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 892 8591 5609

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Join Zoom Meeting

Marie Florance Presbytettes Circle

The Presbytettes will meet on Saturday March 30, at 4:00 PM on Zoom. Delores Scott will lead Lesson 6, *A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus* and Rev. Sekinah Hamlin-Sullivan will lead Lesson 7, *An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus* from our Horizons Bible Study **Sacred Encounters**. We welcome all women to participate in this exciting bible study discussion. Please contact Moderator Dr. Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 for more information.

The Older Adult Ministry

The Older Adult Ministry is open to all who wish to participate. All super seniors are encouraged to keep contact information up to date. We strongly encourage all seniors and others to honor the need for a Real ID. There is a real need to keep our eyes and ears open to various political changes in our everyday news.

Be sure to vote in the upcoming primary and general elections!!!!!!

Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

DISCIPLESHIP *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings cont.*

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.

Presbyterian Men

Presbyterian Men will meet every 3rd Saturday of month at 8am starting March 16, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Bob Powell for more information.

~Saint James Presbyterian Men

Grace Brown Circle

Please join the Grace Brown Circle for our meeting filled with fun and fellowship as we use the Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study "Sacred Encounters" to study God's word. Contact our Co-Moderators Katherine Moore or Marcia Bellamy or the church office for more information.



ADMINISTRATION *Church Business & Officer Information*

Office Hours

The church office is open from 10:00am-5:00pm Monday - Thursday. Phone: 336-273-6658

Monthly Informer Article Deadline

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: stjoffice820@gmail.com. Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: **“April Informer.” The Final Deadline for articles is Wednesday, March 13, 2024 by 12:00 noon.**

Update on Printing through the Office

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: <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! This is an integral part of Saint James Presbyterian Church. The purpose of the Congregational Care ministry is to care for our congregation by providing presence, prayers, calls and cards during times of illness, medical procedures, health crisis, and transitions. 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?

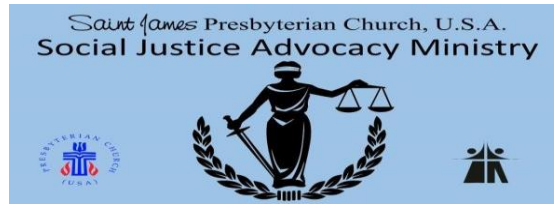
To help ensure that everyone has an Elder, including those on the Forget Me Not List, our congregation is divided into groups based on the first letter of your last name. Each member of the congregation has been assigned a Congregational Care team member as seen below. Some examples of when to contact 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 stjoffice820@gmail.com. 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.

Congregational Care List 2024 (subject to change)

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Members of the Congregation</u>
Tyrone Collins	A, B
Cynthia Latham	C, D, E
Gloria Washington	F, G, H, I
Marcia Bellamy	J, K, L
Mildred Powell	M, N, O
Cynthia Latham	P, Q, R
Chuck Wallington	S, T
Marcia Bellamy	U, V, W, X, Y, Z

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY

Chairs, Lolita Watkins, Christina Yongue



Get Out the Vote 2024 Guilford County

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry and the Beloved Community Center held our first Get Out the Vote 2024 Guilford County meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024, with approximately 40 civic minded and interested voting advocates in attendance. Opportunities to serve on various committees were offered to meeting attendees. We are pleased to announce that several committees have been formed and we need everyone to consider joining us in our voting campaign. Please contact Lolita Watkins via email at watkinlc@yahoo.com or by phone at (336)-210-3590 for information about signing up to join a committee.

Second Farm Bill Offering of Letters

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry has been asked by Bread for the World to sponsor another letter writing campaign in soliciting the support of our congressional officials regarding the Farm Bill. The letter specifically will address the following items vital to reducing hunger in the United States and around the world:

- Protect SNAP from funding cuts and further restrictions.
- Increase funding for fresh produce within the SNAP benefits through the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP)
- Reduce food waste by cosponsoring the *Food Date Labeling Act*
- Reauthorize the Food for Peace global nutrition program at no less than its current level of \$2.5 billion annually and allow additional flexibility to provide the most effective form of assistance in each local context.

Our ministry will share more details about this second Offering of Letters outreach during the month of March.

FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP *Young Adult and College Ministry*

Faith Point Fellowship (Young Adult Ministry)

Faith Point Fellowship meets on Thursdays at 7:00 PM for bible study or worship. Young adults 18 - 30 are invited to be part of our dynamic conversations where all topics are on the table! Do you wonder how scriptures can be relevant to your everyday life? Do you want to improve your prayer life? Our pastor, Rev. Corie Wilkins will guide you through conversations about faith, spirituality, the Bible, and so much more. Below is our meeting schedule for March.

March 7 - Soul Food Conversations Bible Study in person in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom at 7:00 PM. Dinner served at 6:00 PM.

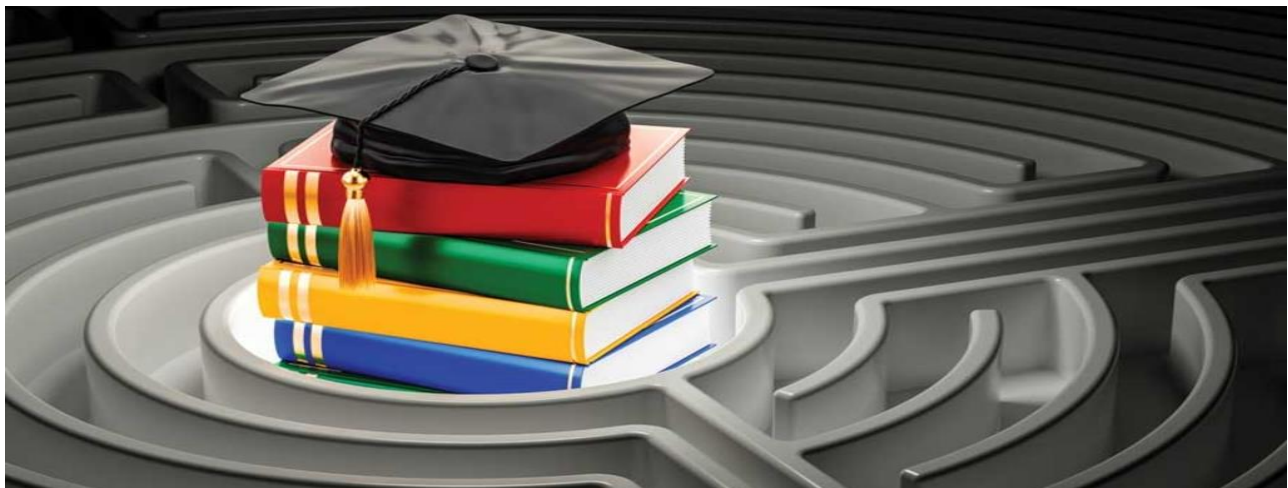
March 14 - Soul Food Conversations Bible Study on Zoom only at 7 PM.

March 21 - Thirsty Thursday Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom at 7:00 PM. Dinner served at 6:00 PM. Young adults and those who are young at heart are welcomed to join us. *(Please RSVP to Dr. Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 if you will join us for dinner.)*

March 28 - Maudy Thursday – No Soul Food Conversation Bible Study.

The Zoom link for all events this month is: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83010949238>

Get updates and stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship? Text FPF to 55469 and receive words of inspiration and meeting updates. If you are on FB, please join our chat group. Look for us on social media @FaithPointFellowship.





WHO WE ARE

Faith Point Fellowship is a young adult ministry located in Greensboro, NC. The ministry hosted by Saint James Presbyterian Church.

SOUL FOOD CONVERSATION

Bible study is online on Thursdays at 7pm. Text "FPF" to 55469 for weekly updates and motivational messages.

CONTACT US

FaithPointFellowship@gmail.com
336.273.6658



Zoom link



CONNECT WITH US
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FORGET ME NOT LIST *Remember to pray for those who cannot attend worship*

Shaquille & Sheryl Davis	3938 Eastland Ave., 27401
Clarence Durham	3313 Janet Ln., 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	Harmony of Waldorf 11239 Berry Road, Waldorf, MD 20603
Brenda Jackson (daughter of Maxine Covington)	1209 Humboldt Ave. North Minneapolis, MN 55411
Willie “Peggy” Meachem	1302 Ross Ave. 27406
Oscar Reid	3834 Riceland Pl. Charlotte, NC 28216
Nancy Rives	4813 Weston Pl. Jamestown, NC 27282
Fannie Scales	Guilford House 5918 Netfield Rd. Greensboro, NC 27455
Amryl Ward	8100 Grahamson Ln. Charlotte, NC 28269
Erica Ward (niece of Elder Nancy Rives)	81 Dogwood Trail Dr. Stockbridge, GA 30281
Mrs. Thelma Williams	
Frank Woods	Moses Cone Health Rehabilitation Center 1121 North Church St. 4 West Rm. 16

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

Stephen Ministry. There are trained congregation members who can provide one-to-one care to those experiencing difficulties on life's journey.

Do you need someone to listen, to care, to encourage and to provide emotional and spiritual support? If so, please call a Stephen Leader: Adnee Bradford (336)202-6989, Yvonne Patterson (336) 375-0122, Cynthia Latham (336) 324-7252.

For at home care assistance, please see ***The Older Adult Ministry***



STEWARDSHIP *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

“... “Why is the house of God neglected?” Then I called them together and stationed them at their posts. All Judah brought the tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil into the storerooms.” Nehemiah 13:11b-12.

Your financial commitment to St. James Presbyterian Church in 2023 supported church leadership, staff, building maintenance as well as many ministries that work tirelessly to address the growing needs of our community. None of this could happen without the love you express through your giving.

As we enter 2024, let us be mindful that we cannot grow weary. We must work diligently at getting ourselves into “good trouble.”

Initial Offering - \$2.00 or more due March 3rd

Per Capita Apportionment - \$25.00 or more during the months of March and April

One Great Hour of Sharing – Free Will Offering due March 10th -24th

Pentecost Offering – Free Will Offering due April 11th – May 19th

Peace and Global Witness – Free Will Offering due September 8th – October 6th

Christmas Joy Offering – Free Will Offering due December 8th – December 22nd

For those of you who ***give on line***, please indicate the nature of your ***Special Giving***.



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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