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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 Instagram: [@saintjamespresbync](https://www.instagram.com/saintjamespresbync)

Visit our Website: 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](#)

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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April 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

*A Heart
of Worship*

April Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of April, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by reading the scheduled lectionary texts each week.

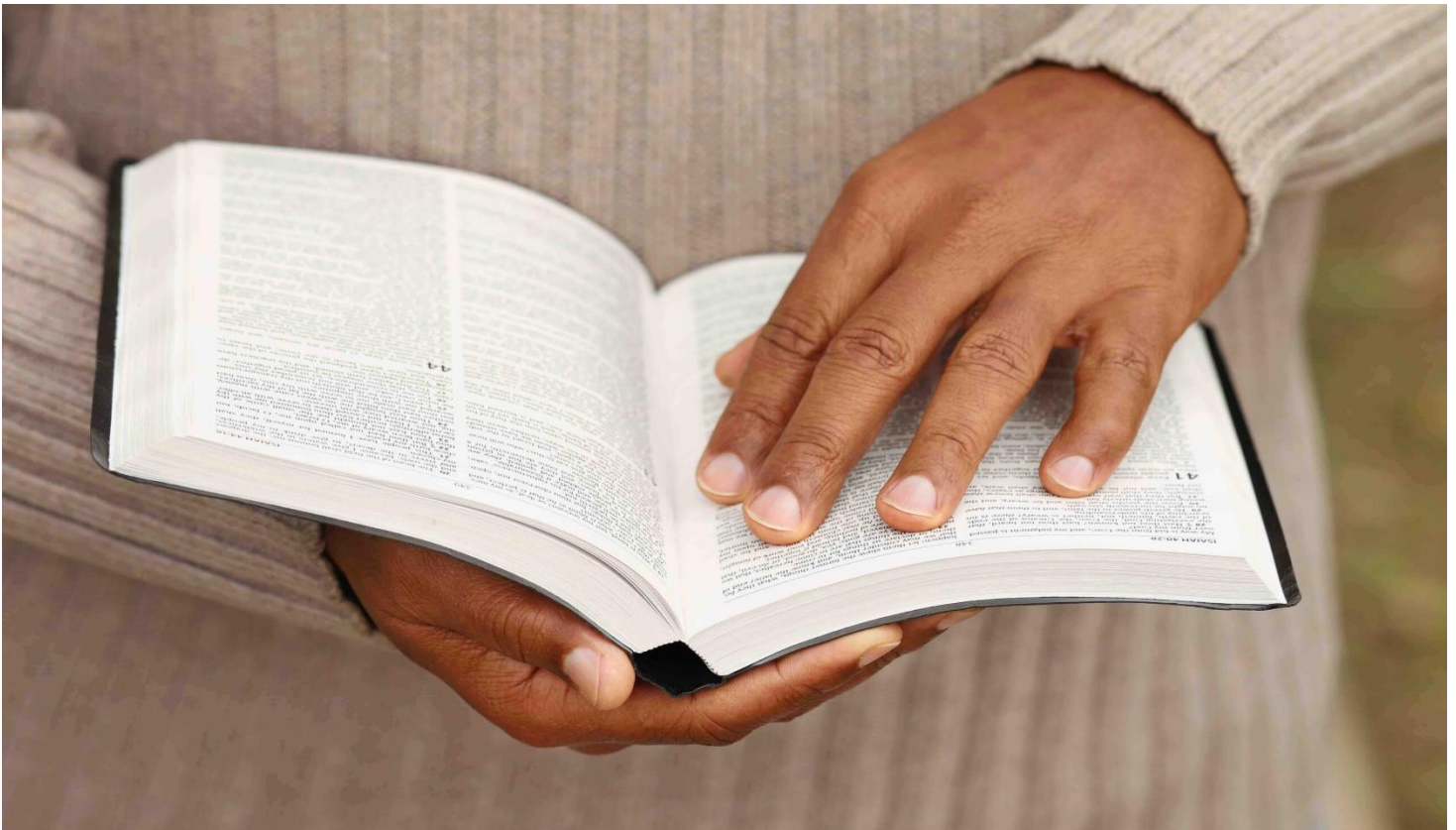
The texts are listed below. Before you read each text, practice a few minutes of centering prayer to clear your mind. Pray for clarity and focus. While reading, physically or mentally take notes so that you can summarize what the scripture is saying. Finally, go back and pick out any themes or recurring ideas that may be relevant to your personal life, Saint James or the church at large. Close your reading time with a Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's word and revelation.

1st Sunday **John 20:19-31**

2nd Sunday **Luke 24:36b-48**

3rd Sunday **John 10:11-18**

4th Sunday **John 15:1-8**



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!

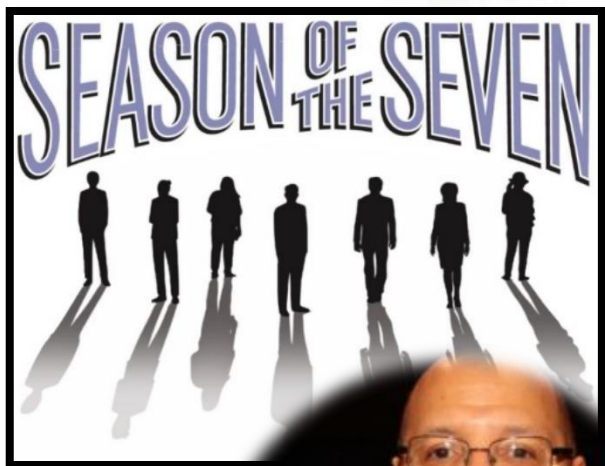
Choir

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.



COMMUNITY *Saint James community happenings and highlights of the month*

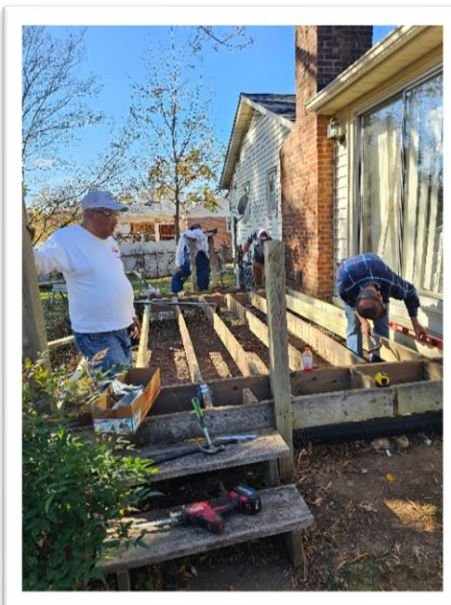
WELCOME TO JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH!



American conductor Chelsea Tipton II has won over audiences and critics with his vibrant musicality, versatility, accessibility, and commitment to art education. He along with 6 other talented conductors will be featured at the Tanger Center of the Performing Arts conducting the Greensboro Orchestra starting May 11, 2024. If you can, please come out and support Mr. Tipton!

COMMUNITY *Saint James community happenings and highlights of the month cont.*

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY THIS MONTH ON APRIL 22nd!



April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Our Members

William Doggett, Jr.

Lolita Watkins

Russell Burris

Tyrone Evans

Yvonne Patterson

Drucilla Pittman

Mia Graves

Katherine Moore

Sebastian Tipton

Eugenia Turner

Otelia Spinks

Nicholas Purcell

Adnee Bradford

Devin Robinson

April Edwards

Send updated birthday information to stjoffice820@gmail.com



Mission of the Month

Giving from the Heart: Community Housing Solutions

Donating to Community Housing Solutions is the Mission of the Month for April. We as a church were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to partner with them in the past. CHS' mission is to provide home repairs to homeowners in Guilford County in low-income neighborhoods. Many of the recipients of this program are elderly, disabled or single parent homeowners who cannot financially afford or/and physically do the work to maintain the upkeep of their home. CHS' skilled construction staff and volunteer groups from the community collaborate with homeowners who fall below a specific income level to repair their homes, making them warmer, drier, and safer. Let us partner together with our Mission Offering to make life better for our neighbors!

DISCIPLESHIP *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

The Sara Barber Circle will meet at the church in classrooms one and two on Sunday, April 7 right after Sunday service. Lesson Eight, entitled *Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship* from the study guide Sacred Encounters, will be coordinated by Co-moderator, Adnee Bradford and led by the members. Scripture: Acts 16:11-15. Visitors are always welcome.

Linda Adams, Co-moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle completed our Horizons Study Guide, SACRED ENCOUNTERS, Saturday, March 16th. Lesson 9 (People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples) involved all circle members contributing to the lesson. All members will be encouraged to participate in and support the remaining PWC activities. Our circle will resume meetings in September. 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.



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

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC)

The Lucy Laney Circle will host the April meeting on Sunday, April 14 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate the Birthday Offering. Since 1922, the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. This year, we will recognize two programs. The first is Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area in Bethel Hills, MO. They assist adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities with finding appropriate and affordable housing. The second recipient is Shawnee Presbyterian Church Café Gingko in Louisville, KY. This church sponsored cafe is located in an economically disadvantaged area where single mothers and children face food insecurity. The cafe serves free dine-in meals.

All women of the church are invited to attend our April Gathering to learn more about this mission program. Light refreshments will be served before the program. The program will also be livestreamed on Zoom. The Zoom link is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85203911325?pwd=MHVnb0E4UIY4OXFYWUpJNkQoUGlSUTo9>

Dial: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 852 0391 1325

Passcode: 451645

PWC CT Meeting

The CT Committee will meet on Monday, April 1 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

Passcode: 0770891 929 205 6099

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

Marie Florance Presbytettes Circle

The Presbytettes will meet on Saturday, April 27 at 4:00 PM on Zoom. We will discuss Lesson 6, *A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus* and 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. Below is the Zoom link for the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85282143023>

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

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.

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

Presbyterian Men

On Saturday, March 13, the Men's Council recognized Terry Bellamy as Man of the Year for 2023. We are grateful for Terry's dedicated service to the church as Moderator of the Trustee Board and active member of the Men's Council. He has organized beautification projects for our grounds, purchase and operation of a church van and maintenance and repair of church building systems. Terry continues to improve the effectiveness of the Trustee Board by encouraging broad participation of its members. During the Saturday meeting the members of the Men's Council were honored to share our appreciation of Terry.



The Presbyterian Men's Council will meet on the third Saturday of the month, April 20, 2024 at 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

~Saint James Presbyterian Men

SAINT JAMES PRESBYTERIAN MEN

OUR MISSION

The mission of Saint James Presbyterian Men's Ministry is to lead men into a vital relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their spiritual and personal lives.

WHO WE ARE

For over 150 years Saint James Presbyterian Men have been responding to the call of Jesus Christ, taking the gospel into the community and the world, bearing witness to Christ's saving love. Today the Holy Spirit is still present, calling us to share in what God is doing in our lives to make the world a better place for all people.

WHAT WE DO

- We involve Presbyterian Men in worship and service to God.
- We invite all men of the congregation and men from the community to worship.
- We fellowship, worship and support church activities.
- We support the ministries of Saint James and the greater church community.
- We train and develop Presbyterian Men to be leaders.
- We are active participants in numerous communities such as Nomination, Pastor Nomination, Social Justice, Bible Studies, Fund Raisers ...

Saint James Presbyterian Men are working to make better communities by strengthening the faith of our brother and sisters in Christ and to make new disciples in Christ.

Several Presbyterian Men have become ministers, including Rev. Dr. Carl Manuel, Rev. Jimmy Hawkins, Rev. Juan Guthrie and Rev. Rodney Collins.

CURRENT OFFICERS

Elder Robert (Bob) Powell

Moderator

Elder Charles Burns

Secretary

Deacon Gary Williams

Treasurer

Trustee Tommy Gillespie

Chaplin

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Former Moderators)

Elder Charles Knox

Elder James Neal

Elder Jerry Young

Elder Oscar Reid

Deacon Freddie Click

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

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: **“May Informer.”** **The Final Deadline for articles is Wednesday, April 10, 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 concerns.

Due to the cost of printing, only **STJPC ministry-related photocopies** will be printed by the main office. Please adhere to the yearly allotment for each ministry listed below:

Yearly Allotment per Ministry: Black & White Copies: 300, Color Copies: 175

Printing Charges: Black & White: \$0.012 per letter-sized impression

Color: \$0.06 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/ie6YDkwR4yqffr9c9>. Your information will remain confidential.

Saint James Presbyterian Church

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Now Open!

Please update us with your most recent information!

Link to Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/ie6YDkwrR4yqffr9c9>

QR CODE



**Contact the Church Office for
more information**

336-273-6658

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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?

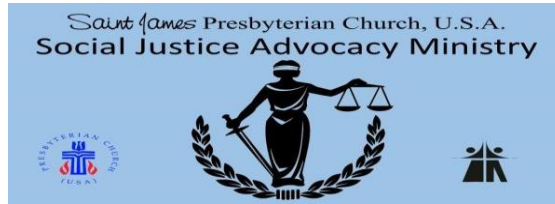
To help ensure that everyone has an Elder, including those on the Forget Me Not List, our congregation is divided into groups based on the first letter of your last name. Each member of the congregation has been assigned a Congregational Care team member as seen below. Some examples of when to contact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



Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Updates

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry is a founding member of the Triad Black Faith Leaders & Black Famers Network (TBFL&BFN). This organization consists of nine churches or faith based organizations in Greensboro and churches from the Winston-Salem Ministers Conference & Vicinity. NC Cooperative Extension - Guilford County, East Greensboro Now, and the Minority Women Business Enterprise -Guilford County are major community partners in our new initiative addressing hunger and food justice issues in the Piedmont Triad.

Our third organizational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the Nussbaum Center for Entrepreneurship. We need your prayers in beginning God's work in meeting the needs of those we might even call our "enemies." Romans 12:20 shares the following; "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink."

Black & Brown Women's Voting Initiative Guilford County 2024

You are invited to attend our next Get Out the Vote meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024, 6:30 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church. We will gather in the church chapel and share opportunities for volunteering in the various committees we have organized. Join us and invite someone to come with you.

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 lead conversations about faith, spirituality, the Bible, and so much more. Below is our meeting schedule for April.

April 4 - Soul Food Conversations Bible Study in person in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom at 7:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM. *(Please RSVP to Dr. Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 if you will join us for dinner.)*

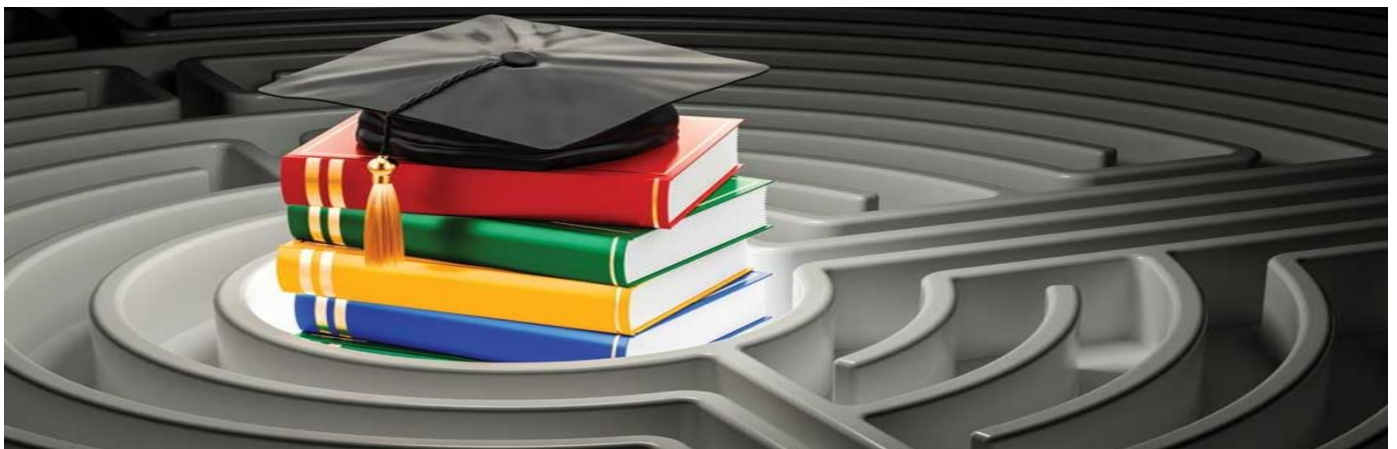
April 11 - Soul Food Conversations Bible Study at 7 PM on Zoom only.

April 18 - Thirsty Thursday Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom at 7:00 PM. Young adults and those who are *young at heart* are welcomed to join us. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM. *(Please RSVP to Dr. Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 if you will join us for dinner.)*

April 25 - Soul Food Conversations Bible Study at 7 PM on Zoom only.

The Zoom link for all events this month is: <https://us02web.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 us on social media @FaithPointFellowship.





FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP



Join us!!!

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
#FaithPointFellowship

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
Katherine Maynard	412 Stewart St Greensboro, NC 27401
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.

We must work diligently at getting ourselves into “good trouble.”

Initial Offering - \$2.00 or more due April 7th

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

One Great Hour of Sharing – Free Will Offering due April 7th - 21st

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.



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