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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

Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stjamespresby](http://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby)

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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby)

To visit our Facebook page:

[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)

## **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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## **May Participants:**

### **Worship Leader:**

Rev. Dr. Phanta I. Lansden

### **Worship Elders:**

Elder Tyrone Collins

Elder Cynthia Latham



### **Musicians**

Mr. Shawn Gunthrop, Minister for Music

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



## May Lectionary

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

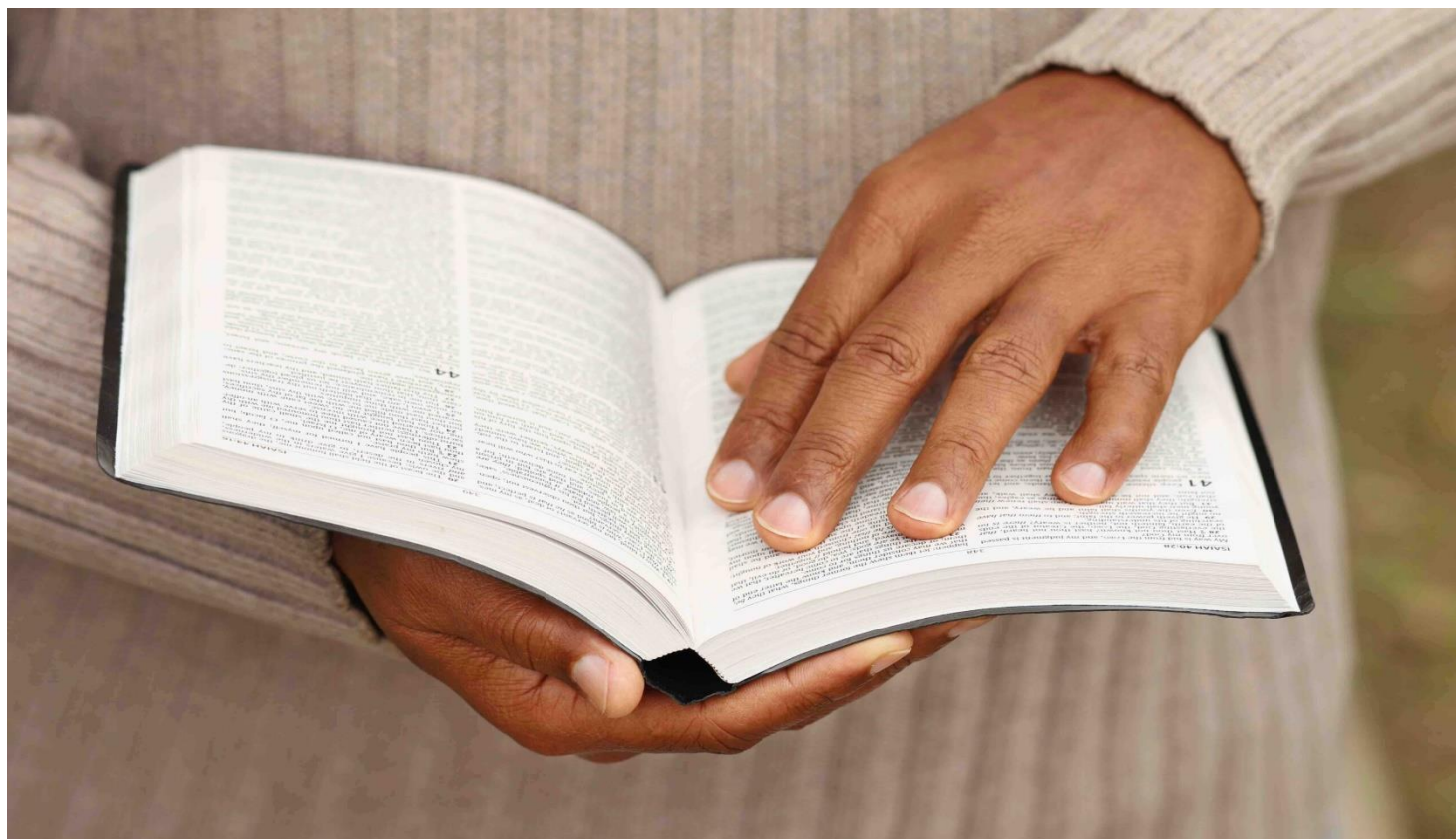
The texts are listed below. Before you read each text, practice a few minutes of centering prayer to clear your mind. Pray for clarity and focus. While reading, physically or mentally take notes so that you can summarize what the scripture is saying. Finally, go back and pick out any themes or recurring 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**    **John 15:9-17**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**    **Luke 24:44-53**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**    **John 17:6-19**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**    **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**



## **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 NATIONAL WOMEN’S HEALTH MONTH!**

Women’s Health Month serves as a reminder to take care of your overall health and make it a priority in your life. This includes seeking medical help when you need it, but it also involves engaging in preventive care to keep you healthy, like scheduling checkups, examinations, vaccinations, living a healthy lifestyle, and more. Around 15% of women over the age of 18 are in poor health.





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

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>!**



**CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY ON MAY 12<sup>th</sup>!**

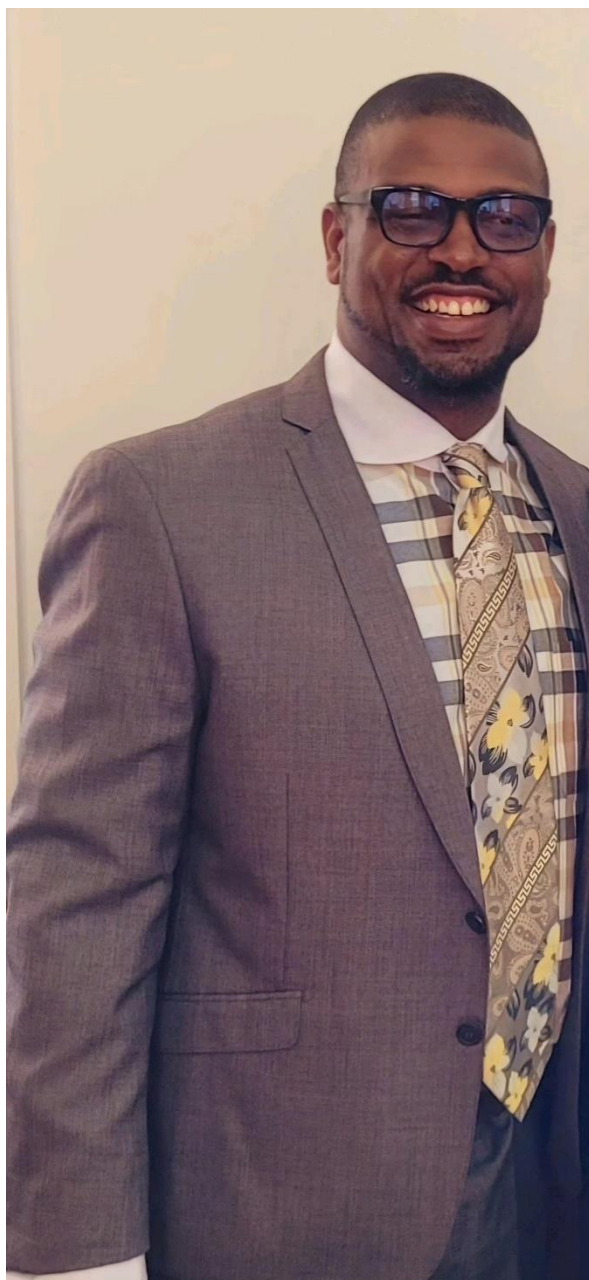


**COMMUNITY** *Saint James community happenings and highlights of the month cont.*

**WELCOME TO ST. JAMES! – Shawn Gunthrop**

On behalf of the Session, Human Resources would like to formally welcome Mr. Shawn Gunthrop as the Minister of Music for St. James Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gunthrop comes to us bringing a wealth of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm! We are looking forward to a rewarding relationship!

-Karen Watts-Yuhdah



## May Birthdays

*Happy Birthday to Our Members*

**Rev. Dr. Phana Lansden!**

Devin Burris

Shanice Burris

Terri Burris

Paula Graves

Mervyn Halley

Marsha Knox

Paula Pierce

Cathy Propst

Wilomenia Rankin

Blonnie Tipton

Send updated birthday information to [stjoffice820@gmail.com](mailto:stjoffice820@gmail.com)



## **Mission of the Month**

### **Giving from the Heart: Sisters Network, INC**

Our Mission for the Month of May will support Sisters Network, INC (Greensboro Chapter). Our support will bring awareness to Breast Cancer while providing a local organization that supports Black women (and our families) who are impacted by breast cancer. We know that higher percentages of women in the African American community are at risk of advanced stages of this type of cancer (and worse, mortality).

## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

**The Sara Barber Circle** will meet at the church in classrooms one and two immediately after service on Sunday, May 5. Lesson nine, entitled People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples from the study guide Sacred Encounters, will be coordinated by Co-moderator, Adnee Bradford and led by the members. Scripture: Acts 9:36-43. Visitors are always welcome.  
Linda Adams, Co-moderator

Linda Adams & Adnee Bradford, Co-moderators

**The Essie B. Meares 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.

Elders Adnee Bradford, Marie Martin and Linda Randall, Co-Moderators



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

### **Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC)**

Demetra Barnwell & Regina Artis, Co-Moderators

Marie Florance Presbytettes will host the May PWC Gathering on Sunday, May 19 @ 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will focus on Caregiving with an emphasis on Alzheimer's Disease. Our panelists include Mrs. Ursula Robinson, founding President & CEO of PACE of the Triad and recent Black History Month Honoree. Joining her will be Dr. Peggye Dilworth-Anderson, professor of Health Policy & Management at the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill. Her research focuses on health disparities and Alzheimer's disease. To quote the former First Lady, Rosalyn Carter, *"There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers. Those who are currently caregivers. Those who will be caregivers, and those who will need a caregiver."* Caregiving will impact all of us at some point. Therefore, we extend an invitation to all members of Saint James to join the conversation with Presbyterian Women. We will explore different aspects of caregiving from a variety of perspectives. Light refreshments will be served before the program. Please RSVP to MFP members Ina Siler, Portia Griffin, or Mildred Powell, or to Anslei our Church Administrator. The program will be livestreamed on Zoom. The Zoom link is below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82707102230?pwd=D6cYgjW7ySV4M5MSBB6xcqwug6wOQv.1>

Dial: 1 929 205 6099  
Meeting ID: 827 0710 2230  
Passcode: 451645

### **PWC CT Meeting**

Demetra Barnwell & Regina Artis, Co-Moderators

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88365229363?pwd=gyWbOebQBzGsyEHjBIqmiw4SdPoZXi.1>

Dial: 1 929 205 6099  
Meeting ID: 883 6522 9363  
Passcode: 077089

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

### **The Older Adult Ministry**

Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

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!!!!!!

### **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).

### **Presbyterian Men**

Bob Powell, Moderator

The Presbyterian Men's Council will meet on the third Saturday of the month, May 18, 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**

Katherine Moore or Marcia Bellamy, Co-Moderators

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. Our offices will be closed for **Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2024!** Phone: 336-273-6658.

### **Monthly Informer Article Deadline**

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: [stjoffice820@gmail.com](mailto:stjoffice820@gmail.com). Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: **“June Informer.” The Final Deadline for articles is Wednesday, May 8, 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: **100**, Color Copies: **100**

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**



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**Contact the Church Office for more information**

336-273-6658

stjoffice820@gmail.com

## **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](mailto: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)**

<b><u>Elders</u></b>	<b><u>Members of the Congregation</u></b>
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**



## **Hunger & Food Justice Work Continues**

The Triad Black Faith Leaders & Black Farmers Network (TBFL& BFN) welcomed fifty individuals from across the Piedmont Triad at our first in person meeting as a coalition on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Our meeting was hosted by the Minority Women Business Enterprise Department of Guilford County at the Nussbaum Center for Entrepreneurship located on South Elm-Eugene Street. Faith based leaders attending represented Evangelical Fellowship Church of God (Positive Youth Development for Youth & Families), Poplar Grove AME Church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Saint James Presbyterian Church, Saint Matthews United Methodist Church, Saint Phillips AME Zion Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, and the Winston-Salem Ministers Conference & Vicinity. Leaders from the New Hope Community Development Group, Cone Health Healthy Communities, Greensboro Housing Authority as well as staff members from the Forsyth and Guilford County Extension offices were also in attendance. Eighteen community gardeners and Black farmers from around the state were also in attendance. Our meeting was facilitated by Shaunne Thomas, director of MWBE/Guilford County who helped us in establishing smart goals for the next fifteen months in the following areas:

- Black Farmers Advocacy/Farmers Markets Planning
- Grant Writing
- Educational Event & Program Planning
- Publicity & Social Media Development

We will share specific events and programs developed at this meeting in the upcoming months. We ask for your continued prayers in addressing hunger and food insecurity in our community.

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

## **Faith Point Fellowship (Young Adult Ministry)**

Faith Point Fellowship will be on break from May through August. We will celebrate the end of the academic year with our End of Year Study Session on Friday, May 3, 5:00 – 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You don't have to be a college student to attend. If you are a young adult between the ages of 18-35, join us for an evening of relaxation, dinner, games, and vibes. Van service will be provided. Check out our flyer in the Informer or on social media @FaithPointFellowship. Please RSVP via the QR Code on our flyer.

***Get updates and stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship?*** Text FPF to 844-233-6202 and receive words of inspiration on Motivational Monday. If you are on FB, please join our chat group. Look us on social media @FaithPointFellowship.



# End of Year STUDY SESSION

May 3rd, 2024

5-8PM



Relax & Study

Games & Drawing

Dinner & Vibes

↓ RSVP NOW ↓



\*ALL ARE WELCOMED\*

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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
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
Clarance Williamson Jr.	



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

Thank You-

Dear Rev. Lansden and the Saint James Church family,

My family and I were comforted by the cards, prayers and other ways that you reached out to us during the recent loss of our brother, Gary Parks. We are grateful for the donation sent to Thomas Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Black Mountain, NC. You have been a blessing.

Yours in Christ,

Demetra Barnwell and family

Thank  
You

## **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***

### **SJPC Housing Resource Directory**

There are several resources in our community to help individuals with housing related issues: housing; home repairs; rental assistance; utilities; eviction; and more.

Our SJPC Affordable Housing Committee has created a housing directory with some of these community resources to help refer those in need of assistance. Click on the link below

We are called to be disciples engaged with our community, we hope that this resource will help us make a difference in our community.

<https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?resid=E83404E64DoBC837%21111&authkey=!AipQMTW8Gag9vJk>



## **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 May 5<sup>th</sup>*

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

*One Great Hour of Sharing – Free Will Offering due May 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Pentecost Offering – Free Will Offering due May 19<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>*

*Peace and Global Witness – Free Will Offering due September 8<sup>th</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Christmas Joy Offering – Free Will Offering due December 8<sup>th</sup> – December 22<sup>nd</sup>*

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

**SJPC Slate of Officers - Class of 2026**

**Elders**

Marcia Bellamy  
Mildred Powell  
Chuck Wallington  
Cynthia Latham  
Gloria Washington  
Cyrah Hardy – Youth

**Deacons**

Regina Artis  
Kim Pemberton  
Otelia Spinks Finch  
Tracey Jarman  
Cedric Jarman  
Russell Burris  
Kiara Rowell - Youth

**Trustees**

Saundra Peterson  
Donald Miller  
Donald Lindsay  
Eugenia Turner  
Jeremiah Rowell - Youth



## **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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