

The Informer

August 2024



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 the PASTOR'S Desk

Monthly Musing:

July was a full month of General Assembly work, fellowship at game night, congregational gatherings to discuss the work of the Vision Task Force and multiple community engagements to continue our work as a Matthew 25 congregation. I am excited about the vision and mission God is birthing in and through us. I look forward to the final results being shared for a vote at our stated Sept congregation meeting (Sept. 8th after worship).

Please join me at the August Presbytery meeting where you will be informed about some of the business of GA. The meeting will be held at 9am on August 6th at Jamestown Presbyterian Church.

This month I look forward to celebrating our Presbyterian Women – supporting our children as they return to school and preparing for the launch of our new mission and vision.

Keep praying! God is doing a great work in and through us!

In Christ Love, Pastor Lansden



Game Night – July 16th



Salem Presbytery GA Commissioners

Scripture mediation for the month:

Psalm 32: 8-10

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

⁹Do not be like the horse or the mule,

which have no understanding

but must be controlled by bit and bridle

or they will not come to you.

¹⁰Many are the woes of the wicked,

but the Lord's unfailing love

surrounds the one who trusts in him.

Pastor's Engagement:

Weekly Schedule: The schedule may vary based upon congregation needs, community involvement, funerals, training(s), Presbytery meetings/involvement or other ministry related activities.

Sunday	Worship/Pastoral Care Visits
Monday	Prep for the week/Sermon Prep Staff meeting 11:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	Office: 11-6pm
Wednesday	Office: Wellness Wednesday 11:30am-1:30pm Small Groups Study 6:30-7:30pm
Thursday	Sermon Prep All day
Friday	Sabbath
Saturday	Family Time and Preparation for Worship

Contact Information

Email: stjpastor820@gmail.com | Cell: 336-365-2805 | Church: 336-273-6658

Scheduling appointments

To schedule an appointment with Pastor Lansden please use the calendar link below.

www.calendly.com/plansden

Simply click on the link and choose the day and time available. You can also reach Pastor Lansden via cell phone, email or call the front office to schedule an appointment.

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

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



Portia Griffin,
Office Manager/Pastoral Assistant



Aubrey Scruggs, Media Specialist



Elder Andrea Russell, Business Manager



Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah, Treasurer

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WORSHIP

Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.

Order of Worship:

Countdown

Announcements

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Prayer Response

Welcome/Greetings

Passing of Peace

Call to Offering

Offertory Prayer

Sermonic Selection

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Holy Communion on First Sundays

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction & Closing Song

August 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

August Lectionary

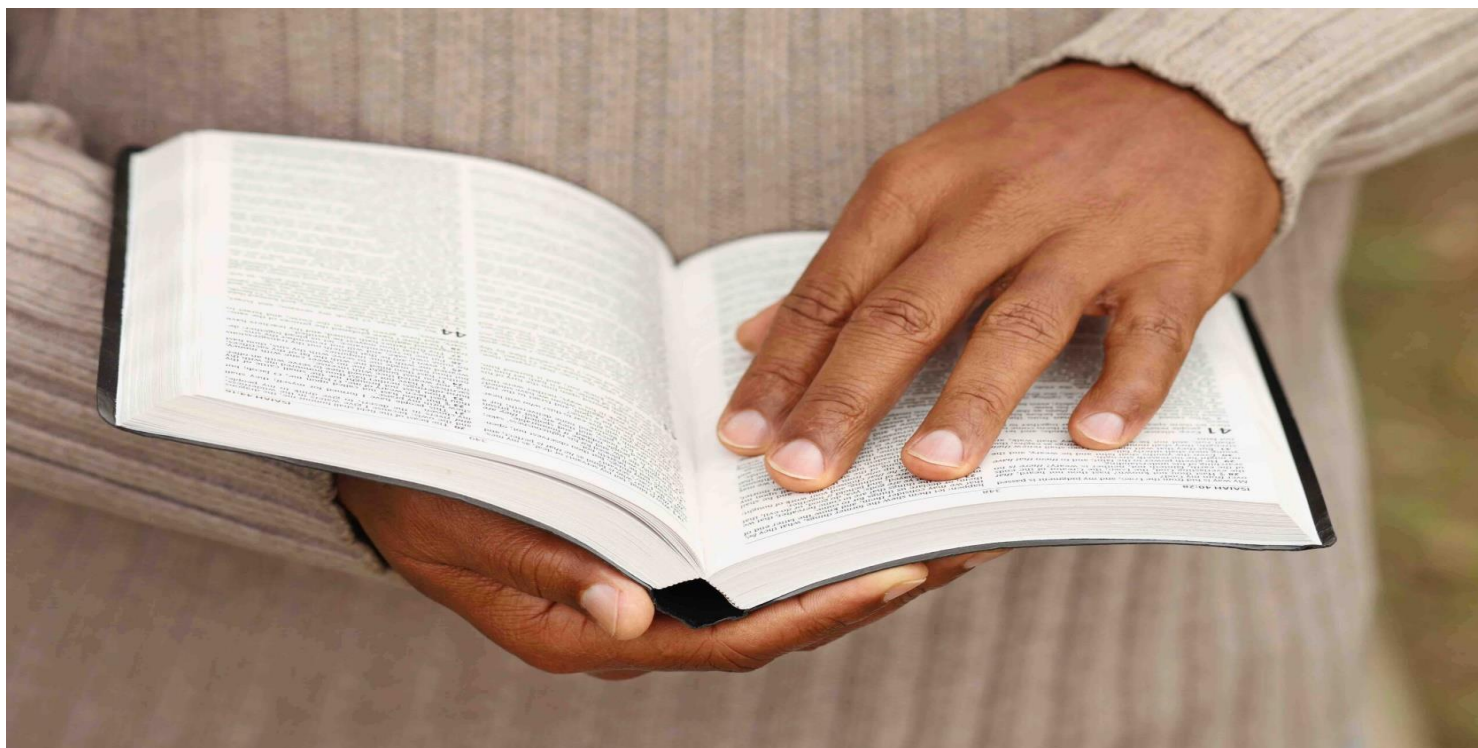
Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of August, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by reading the scheduled lectionary texts each week. The texts are listed below. Before you read each text, practice a few minutes of centering prayer to clear your mind. Pray for 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 **Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

2nd Sunday **1 Kings 19:4-8**

3rd Sunday **Proverbs 9:1-6**

4th Sunday **Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**



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 BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH!

Whether it's grade school or college, now is the perfect time to prepare for success by entering a productive mindset and gathering supplies. Unfortunately, there is youth in our community who start school without the supplies they need- whether that be clothes, book bags, notebooks or anything else. YCMAs Bright Beginnings aims to change that. With your support, the Y can help each child be positioned for success.

Visit ymcagreensboro.org/bright-beginnings to learn more and donate.



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



Dear My Saint James Presbyterian Church Family,

Thank you for your kindness shown to me through cards and gifts for my graduation from Smith High School. Please keep me in your prayers as I will start my freshman year at North Carolina A&T State University and will be a member of the Blue and Gold Marching Machine. Come to a game and watch me perform! Thank you again and God Bless each of you.

Jermiah Reid-Rowell

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



 **SAINT JAMES PC**
SUMMER FUN DAYS

Summertime naturally offers us a change of pace. We will take advantage of this time by being intentional to relax, have fun, build community and enjoy casual worship. Check out what we have planned!!

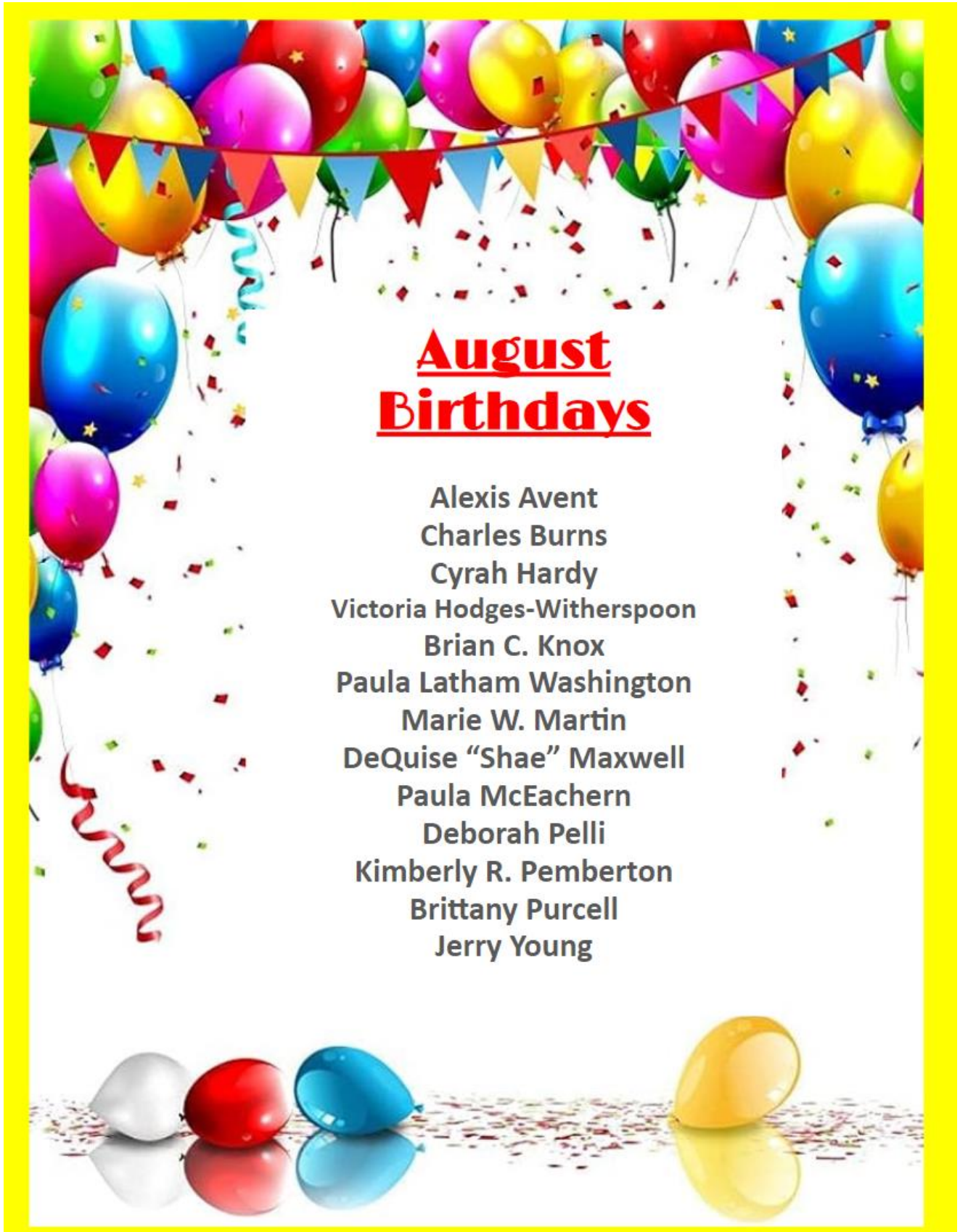
FUN ACTIVITIES

- GAME Night- Wed. July 17th 6pm
Bingo (w/prizes), UNO, Jenga etc.
- Ice Cream Social - Sun. Aug. 11th
after worship
- Dress Down Summer Worship
July and Aug.

MORE INFORMATION :
Office: 336-273-6658
www.stjamespresby.org

During the months of July and August, we are planning some fun events as well as dressing down for the summer!

Join us for our Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 11th!



August Birthdays

Alexis Avent
Charles Burns
Cyrah Hardy
Victoria Hodges-Witherspoon
Brian C. Knox
Paula Latham Washington
Marie W. Martin
DeQuise "Shae" Maxwell
Paula McEachern
Deborah Pelli
Kimberly R. Pemberton
Brittany Purcell
Jerry Young

Mission of the Month

Shirley T. Frye YWCA Program

The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. They provide safe places for women and girls, build strong women leaders, and advocate for women's rights and civil rights in Congress. Women go to the YWCA in times of crisis, job training, career counseling, childcare, and for health and fitness. And they leave with a renewed spirit, new skills, and stronger lives.



To learn more, visit:
ywcagsonc.org

DISCIPLESHIP *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

The Sara Barber Circle will resume meetings in September. Thank you.

The Essie B. Meares Circle will resume meetings in September. Thank you.

The John Erwin Sunday School Class - The John Erwin Sunday School Class continues to use the Present World Adult Bible Lessons. The 2024 Summer Series speaks of ideas and situations that are in the news today. In the current study the authors use scripture to show how the thread of hope works in transforming the lives of the early Christian church. If you would like to join us, call the church office for a book 336-273-6658.

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

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

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) is preparing for our annual Women's Day Weekend scheduled for August 16-18. Our theme this year is "The Unlimited Power of Love." We will have activities for all women and girls, and you can invite friends to join us. We will have an early dinner on Saturday, August 17th at 4:00PM at Mimi's Cafe. Please plan to join us for a dynamic worship service on Sunday, August 18 featuring Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito as our speaker. For more information, please contact our Church Administrator, Portia Griffin (member of the planning committee) at 336-278-6658.



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

The Older Adult Ministry

Elders Marie Martin & Pauline McNair, Co-Moderators

The Older Adult Ministry is shouting out "Thank You" for your support. Plans are in the making for an activity in the 3rd quarter, send me your ideas. Once again, I encourage you to update your contact information. If you need help getting to Sunday Worship, please call the church office by Tuesday of the week 336 273 6658.

A congregation gathering is planned for July 16 and July 24. Please plan to attend only one of the two.

Covid 19 is still with us, check your shot record.

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

Bob Powell, Moderator

The Presbyterian Men's Council will meet on the third Saturday of the month, June 22, 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
Elder Charles Burns
Deacon Gary Williams
Trustee Tommy Gillespie

Moderator
Secretary
Treasurer
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. 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: **“September Informer.”** **The Final Deadline for articles is Wednesday, August 21, 2024, by 12:00 noon.**

Update on Printing through the Office

Implementation of copy codes and limits has been updated. There will be a 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!

QR CODE



Q SCAN ME

Link to Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/ie6YDkwrR4yqffr9c9>

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. 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



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. 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 for us on Facebook and Instagram social @FaithPointFellowship.

Internship Opportunities - Faith Point Fellowship will hire college students for the 2024-25 academic school year to serve as Evangelism Interns. Interns must be at least a sophomore in a local college with a B average and active in campus activities. Interns are expected to invite students to ministry events, assist in leading ministry activities, and identify community service projects for the ministry. For more information, contact Dr. Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 or email us at faithpointfellowship@gmail.com.



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	Guilford Health Care Center, 2041 Willow Road, Greensboro, NC 27406
John Guthrie	4504 Southall Dr., 27406
Lynette Hawkins	Harmony of Waldorf 11239 Berry Road, Apt. 108, Waldorf, MD 20603
Shirley Barnes	2219 Lakeland Road, Greensboro, NC 27405
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
Fannie Scales	Guilford House 5918 Netfield Rd. Greensboro, NC 27455
Amryl Ward	8100 Grahamson Ln. Charlotte, NC 28269
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***

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 5th

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

One Great Hour of Sharing – Free Will Offering due May 5th – 19th

Pentecost Offering – Free Will Offering due May 19th – June 16th

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 online**, please indicate the nature of your **Special Giving**.

SJPC Slate of Officers - Class of 2026

Elders

Marcia Bellamy – Congregational Care
Mildred Powell – Social Justice
Chuck Wallington - Stewardship
Cynthia Latham - Worship
Gloria Washington – Youth & Young Adults/Deacons
Cyrah Hardy – Youth

Deacons

Melvin Alexander
Regina Artis - Co Moderator
Charlene Bowden
Lula Burns
Russell Burris
Otelia Spinks Finch
Cedric Jarman
Tracey Jarmen - Co Moderator
Ava Neal
Kim Pemberton
Daydra Wilkes
Kiara Reid Rowell - Youth

Trustees

Terry Bellamy - Moderator
Stephanie Horton
Donald Lindsay
Marie Martin
Donald Miller
Saundra Peterson
Eugenia Turner
Jeremiah Reid 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.



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Presbyterian Mission