

SAINT JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- NC

THE INFORMER

| FEBRUARY 2026



**Rev. Dr. Phanta I. Lansden,
Senior Pastor**

Greetings Beloved,
"Dream 2026 is an invitation to take the limits off God and open our hearts to what the Holy Spirit desires to do in and through us. This year, we are thinking beyond what is familiar, releasing fear and scarcity, and daring to trust God for more than we can see or imagine. As we follow the movement of the Spirit, we believe God will lead us into new possibilities, deeper faith, and greater impact—shaping a future that reflects God's love, power, and promise in ways beyond our expectations."— Pastor Lansden



**ST. JAMES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE INSPIRATION

*For God so loved the
world that he gave his
only Son, so that
everyone who believes in
him may not perish but
may have eternal life.*

John 3:16

TOP NEWS



Black Lent Link Up 2.0

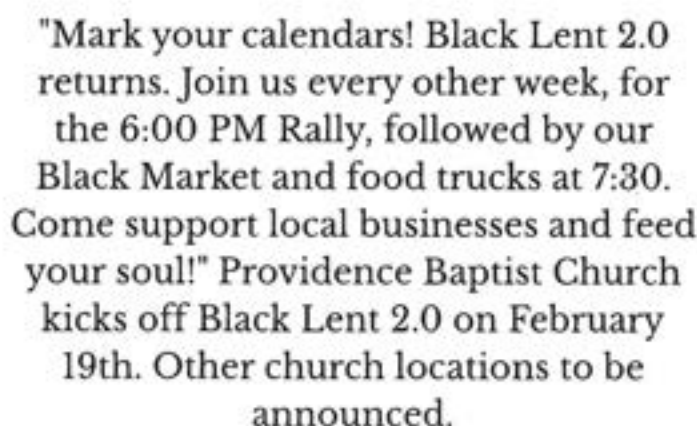


A Mission of the MONTH



Forget Me Not List

"Centered in Christ Inclusion and Justice"



Pastoral Schedule

New Sabbath Day – Mondays off

Work Schedule: Tuesday – Friday and Saturday (sermon writing),
and Sundays

Pastor's Contact Information

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 that works best for you. You can also reach Pastor Lansden via cell phone, email, or call the front office to schedule an appointment.

Our Purpose Statement

Saint James Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered, missional church called to be relevant, spiritually healthy, inclusive, and dedicated to serving God and one another through vibrant worship and intergenerational ministry that glorifies God and transforms all things and all people.

Connect With Us!

Office Phone Number: 336-273-6658

Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjamespresby

**The St. James Presbyterian Church
Office Staff**

Portia Griffin
Office Assistant/Pastoral Assistant

Elder Andrea Russell
Business Manager

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah
Treasurer

Jayne T. Butler
Media Specialist

SJPC SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby>

Instagram Page: @saintjamespresbync

YouTube Page: @saintjamespresbyterianchurchnc

“Join us live on our YouTube Channel”

JAYNE T BUTLER, MEDIA SPECIALIST

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAYS 3P-6P & BY APPOINTMENT

Monthly Informer Article Deadline

**Please feel free to e-mail: stjpresby@gmail.com.
Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the
subject: “March Informer.” The Final Deadline for
articles is Tuesday, February 20th, 2026, by
6:00pm.**

**Submissions for Weekly EBLAST is Due on
Tuesdays, each week by 6pm**

WORSHIP

Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.

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.

New Members always welcome

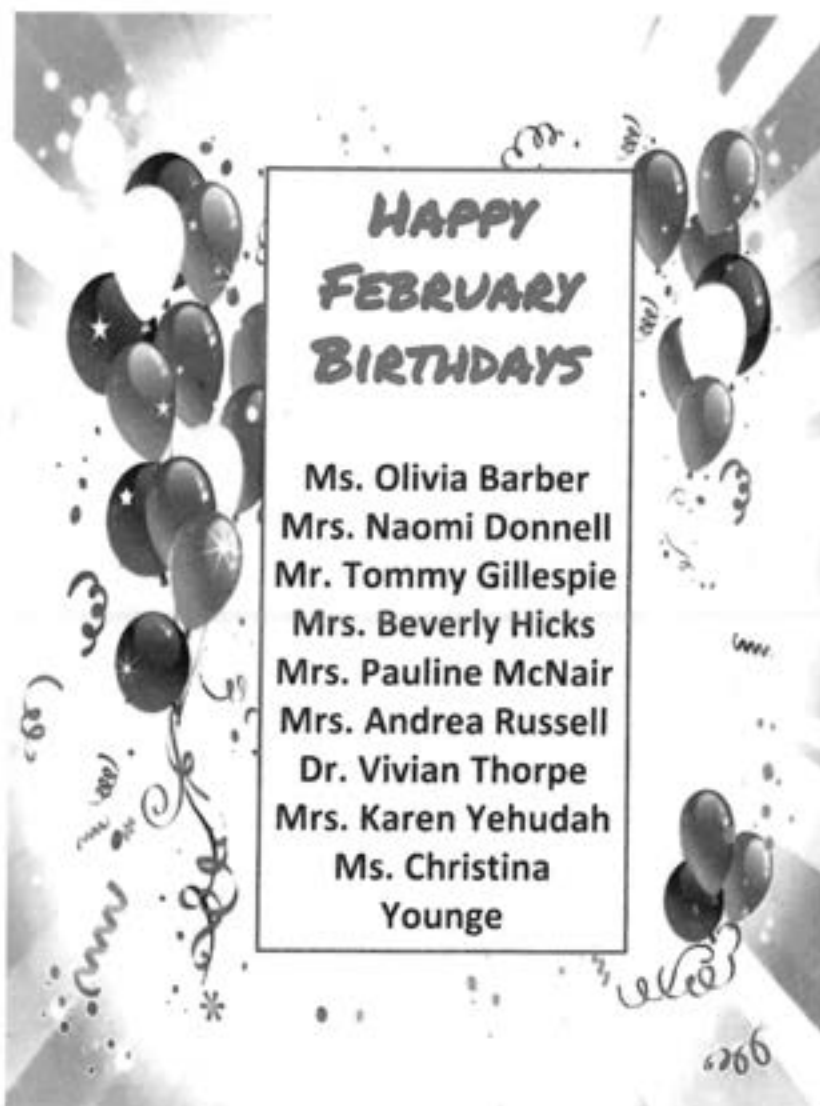
COMMUNITY

February Birthdays

This month, we celebrate all those born in February! May God's abundant love surround you and His peace fill your heart. We pray this year brings renewed strength, overflowing joy, and fresh opportunities to walk in His purpose.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you." — Numbers 6:24–25 (NIV)

Happy Birthday, beloved!



Mission of The Month



With the cost of living rising, our Blessing Box is a vital haven of hope for our neighbors. As our Mission of the Month, we're asking for your help to keep it full!

You can support us in two ways: drop off non-perishable food in the bins, or donate funds by marking your gift for the 'Blessing Box.'

Thank you for helping us share God's love and simple nourishment with everyone who comes to our door!

DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings

The John Erwin Sunday School Class continues to use the Present World Adult Bible Lessons.

We speak 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

John Erwin Sunday School Class

The John Erwin Sunday School class will continue to meet in the conference room every Sunday from 8:45am -9:45am. The class is currently lead by Elder Marie Martin.

Please come and enjoy power packed lessons that help you to grow in faith!

DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men's Council will meet on the third Saturday of the month at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. ~Saint James Presbyterian Men~
Bob Powell, Moderator

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 ...

DISCIPLESHIP

Wellness Wednesday Bible Study and Walk

Wellness Wednesday Schedule

Prayer Walk @ St. James:

12-12:30pm

Study: 12:30-1:30pm

Evening Bible Study

Bible Study Schedule

Study: 6:30-7:30pm

“Join Us Via Zoom”

DISCIPLESHIP

The Sara Barber Circle

The Sara Barber Circle
We are looking forward to this time of study, fellowship and fun.
Visitors are welcome.

The Roxie McNair Circle

The Roxie McNair Circle
meets every 3rd Monday
monthly.

The Essie B. Meares Circle

The Essie B. Meares Circle will meet on Saturday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Conference Room. Lessons 7 and 8 from the PW Horizons Bible Study Guide, will be discussed and led by Valarie Spaulding Little and Lindell Mills. We will continue our discussion on Finding our Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.

Lesson 7, entitled The Woman Who Was Bent Over, and Lesson 8, entitled Remembering Jesus' Baptism, will focus on finding our identity in Jesus Christ. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of prayer, fellowship and reflection. If interested in becoming a part of this fellowship, please contact any one of our members. Moderators are rotated throughout the year.

DISCIPLESHIP

The Grace Brown Circle

Monthly on a Wednesday at
1:30 PM in Classrooms 1 and 2

The Marie Florance Presbytettes

Monthly on a Saturday, at 1 PM
in the Fellowship Hall

Presbyterian Men

Every 3rd Saturday, 2026
9 AM in the Fellowship Hall

DISCIPLESHIP

SJPC Trustees

The Trustees will meet every first
Tuesday monthly.

The Youth Ministry

February 1st and 15th are officially
Youth Ministry Classes at 9:45AM

DISCIPLESHIP

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.

DISCIPLESHIP

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.

DISCIPLESHIP

PNEUMA

If you have a prayer request, members of Pneuma will lift up your concerns on Sundays between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. You may also place your prayer requests and praise reports on the bulletin boards in the administrative hallway. We pray regularly. We meet quarterly for devotion, prayer, and a meal.

Interested prayer warriors are invited to become a part of this ministry and may contact:

Althea B. Bradford, moderator
email:
bradfordalthea854@gmail.com.

Tuesday Prayer Calls

Tuesday Prayer
Calls are back
via Zoom.

Prayer Requests

You can submit a
prayer request by
filling out the
electronic form.

All prayer
requests are kept
confidential.

- Ephesians 1:16 "I do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers."

IN APPRECIATION

We are appreciative of the members of the Inspirational Ensemble who joined Pneuma in January to pray for concerns of our congregation and beyond. You took prayer to a high note and even sang one of the petitions.

Your voices carried not only melody, but faith, unity, and love. We look forward to members of the Sara Barber Circle joining us to pray in February.

Warm regards,
Althea B. Bradford, Pneuma Moderator

Administration

Church Business & Office 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: stjpresby@gmail.com.**

Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "January Informer."

The Final Deadline for articles is Tuesday, February 20th, 2026, by 6:00pm.

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.

Social Justice Advocacy Ministry

Chairs, Lolita Watkins, Christina Yongue

The Social Justice Advocacy Ministry and the Black & Brown Women's Voting Initiative organized a successful Get Out the Vote Campaign 2024 through our Adopt a Precinct voter engagement strategy. With this community voter strategy, we focused on establishing relationships and sponsoring events in the historic Warnersville community, the oldest African American planned neighborhood in the City of Greensboro. Our group partnered with the Warnersville Community Association and planned various events which enabled our Adopt a Precinct Committee to share voter education information, register individuals to vote, and establish relationships to build from in supporting this close-knit community. Student leaders from Bennett College and North Carolina A&T State University participated in phone banking, neighborhood canvassing, event planning, and verifying voter registration as these were key areas of our focus. On Sunday, March 30, 2025, these young adult student leaders were recognized in our 10:00 am worship service by our Pastor Reverend Dr. Phanta Lansden and received certificates of appreciation in a reception held in the fellowship hall. Two middle school voter advocates, Kendall and Kora Emly and high school advocates, Cyrah and Victoria Hardy were also recognized for assisting with voter look-up verification after worship on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

The Adopt a Precinct Committee and the Black & Brown Women's Voting Initiative are involved in planning next steps in supporting our Warnersville neighbors and friends. Contact our church office at (336)-273-6658 for information about the Adopt a Precinct Committee and the Black & Brown Women's Voting Initiative.

Accomplishments of Triad Black Faith Leaders & Black Farmers Network 2024: Officially became a 501 (C) non-profit organization, Established leadership council, by-laws and received funding from the USDA, Cone Health Foundation, Second Harvest Food Bank, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro Men's Club, Saint James Presbyterian Church and several donors, Sponsored our second successful community farmers' market at Hayes Taylor YMCA on Juneteenth 2024, Assisted farmers in our Network in participating in a festival in High Point, North Carolina, Provided holiday fresh produce for the second year to over 500 individuals and families in Greensboro in December of 2024, Connected farmers in our Network with the NC Extension Office: Guilford County, Greensboro Housing Authority, and Greensboro NC Chapter of The Links, Inc. in providing fresh boxes of produce and prepared meals to 75 senior citizens in Greensboro, Sponsored a successful holiday mini-fresh produce market in the fellowship hall on Monday, December 23, 2024.

Faith Point Fellowship

Young Adult and College Ministry

Scan the
QR code
to sign up.



Soul Food Conversation

Bible Study
Every Thursday at 7:15pm EST
HYBRID (ZOOM +IN PERSON)

Saint James
Presbyterian Church
820 Ross Ave.
Greensboro, NC

Rev. Quishun Jenkins
Young Adult Pastor

DINNER SERVED AT 6:30PM

Forget Me Not List

Remember to pray for those who cannot attend worship

**Mrs. Shirley Barnes
2219 Lakeland Road,
Greensboro, NC 27405**

**Mr. Oscar Reid
3834 Riceland Pl.
Charlotte, NC 28216**

**Mr. Clarence Durham
3313 Janet Ln.
Greensboro, NC 27405**

**Mrs. Margaret Spinks
4512 Lawndale Drive Apt. 244
Greensboro, NC 27455**

**Mrs. Emily Goodman
Guilford Health Care Center
2041 Willow Road,
Greensboro, NC 27406**

**Mrs. Amryl Ward
8100 Grahamson Ln.
Charlotte, NC 28269**

**Ms. Lynette Hawkins
C/O Fredericka Charity,
1212 Swan Creek Road,
Fort Washington, MD 20744**

**Mr. Frank Woods
4704 Sharon Donna Drive
Greensboro, NC 27406**

**Mrs. Katherine Maynard
404 Santa Fe Trail,
Greensboro, NC 27406**

**Mrs. Thelma Williams
1907 Belcrest Drive
Greensboro, NC 27406**

**Mrs. Willie "Peggy" Meachem
Call the church office**

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

Family Support

SJPC Affordable Housing Committee along with West Market St UMC assisted our first family with moving from Pathways to a permanent residence. We were able to provide rental assistance to a single dad with 3 children living in transitional housing at Pathways to move into their own apartment.

IHI Support

A special thanks to Session for approving the use of funds to assist IHI with their non-profit application. At the March IHI workgroup meeting we were advised that IHI had received approval for its 501(c)3 non-profit status. This will allow for donations to be tax deductible and position IHI for filing for grants.

Winter Shelter

Four IHI participating churches provided nightly winter shelter and meals to 57 people experiencing homelessness during the months of December - March. This was the result of a partnership with Greensboro Urban Ministry and the City.

Older Adult Ministry

If you need help getting to
Sunday Worship, please call the
church office by Tuesday of the
week (336) 273-6658.



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.

STEWARDSHIP

Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.

God invites us to worship Him in many ways. This includes the giving of our Tithes and Offerings. Here's what that means.

The Old Testament reminds us to “bring ye all the titles into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:20 (KJV).

Similarly, the New Testament reminds us that the Lord loves a “cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7 KJV), and all that we have already belongs to the Lord. It is in this spirit that we invite you to support the work and the ministries of St. James Presbyterian Church through the consistent and cheerful regular giving of your tithes and offerings. Thank you.

Your financial commitment to St. James Presbyterian Church in 2025 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.”



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW
CLASS OF 2028 ELECTED OFFICERS

ELDERS

MRS. MONA EDWARDS

MS. DAYDRA WILKS

MISS ZAHIA WADELINGTON, YOUTH

DEACONS

MR. TOMMY GILLESPIE

MRS. SALLY WASHINGTON

MS. CHARLENE BOWDEN – 2ND TERM

MS. AVA "DEE DEE" NEAL – 2ND TERM

TRUSTEES

MR. FRED CUNDIFF

MRS. MARIE MARTIN – 2ND TERM

MISS VICTORIA HARDY – YOUTH

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DR. ALTHEA BRADFORD

MRS. MARCIA HERRING

MRS. JANET HOPINGS

MR. CHARLES KNOX

DR. KIM PEMBERTON

MRS. NANCY RIVES

MS. DAYDRA WILKS

MRS. KAREN YEHUDAH



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.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission