



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loves, serves and worships with PASSION

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A Stephen Ministry Church

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June 18, 2017

Stewardship Reflection Message

"It is not what you gather but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived." Helen Walton

Stewardship should be a mindset,
so set your mind to Stewardship.



June 18, 2017
Jonah Complains About
God's Compassion

Jonah 3:10-4:11
God wants us to love everyone.



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No Youth Activities

Celebrate Father's Day with your family.

June 19 High School Girls Bible Study at
6:30 pm

St. John's Missions News

Jesus came to serve

"Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28

Will YOU volunteer to serve with a local mission ministry?

When most of us celebrate Mother's Day we remember the totality of our mother's love. We recall the sum of the events, tokens of affection, hugs, and countless ways that Moms have loved us. With Fathers it is often a specific memory that catches in our thoughts. It's not that Dads don't live the same sum of all the ways that they have loved us, but there's a different expectation even in our day of shared parental responsibilities. With Mothers we remember the overall lives of self-sacrifice towards us. With Dads it is often the particulars of certain events like teaching us how to bait a hook, instructions on parallel parking a car, or the encouragement to have integrity and let your word be your bond.

Chances are, Dad might not even remember the event. It's your job to help him recall! Sir James Boswell, famous 17th century Scottish author, wrote a biography of Dr. Samuel Johnson, one of Great Britain's most prolific and significant writers. Dr. Johnson has been described as "The most important man in British literature." Only someone of Boswell's stature and ability could capture Johnson's life. Many wondered how Boswell could be so bold to write of Johnson. Boswell answered that it was from the confidence that he gained from his father.

More specifically, Boswell referred to a special day in his childhood when his father took him fishing. That day was etched in his adult mind, and he often reflected upon many of the things his father had taught him in the course of their fishing experience together.

After having heard of that particular excursion so often, it occurred to someone much later to check the journal that Boswell's father kept, and determine what had been said about the fishing trip from his parental perspective. Turning to that date, the reader found only one sentence entered: "Gone fishing today with my son; a day wasted."

There's never a day wasted spent with our children. That day with his father set the course of Sir James Boswell's life. We always thank God for our Mothers. Today we are thankful for our Fathers. Think of the lessons learned and offer a prayer of gratitude. Even better, pass on those lessons to those who are quietly watching you.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Jun. 25** - New Member Sunday
- Jun. 24-Jul. 2** - Lake Junaluska Music Week
- Jul. 1-8** - Pee Dee Salkehatchie
- Jul. 2** - Healing Service - 9 am
- Jul. 2** - Patriotic Service - 10 am
- Jul. 4** - Offices Closed
- Jul. 8-15** - Santee Salkehatchie
- Aug. 20** - Backpack Sunday and Promotion Sunday
- Sep. 12** - New Men's Bible Study begins

WELCOME VISITORS!

The members of St. John's welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from or why you are here. We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to return often.

Announcements

The flowers within the chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Greg & Peg Robinson** in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary on June 19 and in memory of **Donna Sauls** by her family.

New Member Sunday will be June 25. If you are interested in joining St. John's, please contact Midge Rothrock or Pam Green at 648-6891. They will also be happy to answer any questions you might have about membership or the church in general.

Dr. Tim McClendon, Senior Pastor, and Rev. Nancy Reed, Associate Pastor, were reappointed to St. John's at Annual Conference on June 7. Rev. Gene Aiken, son of Bill & Brenda Aiken, was ordained Elder on June 5. Others connected to St. John's who were ordained were Rev. Kristin Dollar and Rev. Walter Strawther.

News of the Family

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today in the 11:00 service:

Emerson Carroll Lucas, son of Kevin and Catherine Lucas.

Welcome to our newest member:

Emily Cox

Our congratulations to:

Bill and Mary Anne Quinn who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 22.

Camilla Ann Grier who graduated on May 6 received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Alabama with a dual certification in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Camilla the daughter of **Tommy & Laura Grier.**

Hellen & Richard Eichler on the birth of their son, **Richard Alejandro Eichler** on June 9. Proud grandparents are **Alice & Richard Eichler.**

FUN FUN FUN

Save the date for FUN!

50 Plus Activity Night Wednesday, July 26 6-9 pm in Ward Hall.
Covered Dish Supper, Games, Cornhole, Door Prizes, and lots of time to visit and enjoy each other.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of June 18, 2017

Sunday AM	Jim Hartsook
EVENING	
Sunday	Tom McCollum
Monday	Charlie Neill
Tuesday	Chuck Bryan
Wednesday	Barry Pearson
Thursday	Rocky Lord
Friday	Dave Felak
Saturday	Matt Beckum



Volunteers are needed for Grace Kitchen on **July 1** and **July 22**. Volunteers should call Bobby Coker at 803-439-6596 or email Bobby_coker@bellsouth.net.



June
Jelly

Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center.

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$ 997,027.08
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 802,964.67
Year to date variance: \$ **194,062.41**

We thank you for your generous support of the ministries of St. John's!

2016/17 Faith Promise Carryover \$ 10,357.64
Year to date offerings for what God is asking us to do in missions: \$ 90,351.20
Year to date mission disbursements: \$ **72,760.00**

We thank you for your generous support to the missions of St. John's!

Loan Balance \$ **635,200.00**
6/15 /17 Payment to Principal \$ **1,500.00**
Current Loan Balance \$ **633,700.00**

Attendance

6/11/17
8:30 151
9:02 176
11:00 407
Total 734

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World

Diane Bish

Please silence all cell phones and quiet your voices, giving our attention to the presence of God in our midst.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 100

God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

Lauda Anima

THE OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

God of our fathers and mothers, and of all the generations who have come before us—holy is your name. We gather in your presence with praise and thanksgiving for the faithful love you have shown toward your people, for the many blessings you have given to us. Your promises are eternal, and they are backed by the honour of your name. Thank you for your faithful presence among us, even when we are not fully aware of it. Continue to reveal yourself to us. Open our eyes to see you here among us; open our ears to hear your Word. For surely, you are with us in this place. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

SERMON

The Joke's on Us

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (p. 881)

The Apostles' Creed

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*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

CONGREGATIONAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY*

Lift Thine Eyes

Mendelssohn

St. John's Chancel Choir Women—Directed by Christopher Nash

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*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Old Hundredth

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.*

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

Festal Song

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 73256 and following the instructions.

***Please stand, as able.**

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM p. 39

*The congregation will be led in the singing of **God Claims You** #2249 (Faith We Sing) using the name Emerson*

ANTHEM

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Pastorale in G

Mendelssohn

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 141

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara

*Children K3-2nd grade will depart for Children's Church in the chapel.
Thank you to the choir members who also participate in the 8:30 Sunrise Choir and are now departing.*

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Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved,
thy Keeper will never slumber.



SERVING THIS WEEK

8:30 – Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Nancy Reed; Music-Sonrise Choir; Director/Organist-Christopher Nash

9:02 – Dr. Tim McClendon; Worship Leader-Harry Sampson; Music-Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band

11:00 - Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Nancy Reed; Music Director/Organist-Christopher Nash

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Psalm 9:02

I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praises to Your name,
O Most High.

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Gathering

VBS Celebration with Songs

Greeting and Announcements

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Song of Praise

Marvelous Light

C. Hall

Affirmation of Faith

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Children's Sermon

Harry Sampson

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

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Offering*

The One Thing

P. Coleman

Scripture

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Sermon

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Closing Song

Grace Like Rain

C. Tomlin

Benediction

Sending Forth

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C. Tomlin

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see so clearly.

<Chorus> Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed .< Chorus>

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun. < Chorus>



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