



ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

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Loves, serves and worships with *PASSION*

May 14, 2017



Today we give our **Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering** which will provide loving care for the children at Epworth Children's Home.

Please give generously using the pink envelopes provided in the pew racks or in the chair pockets. Epworth Children's home does not receive denominational funding (apportionments); this offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry.

To learn more about Epworth Children's Home visit:

www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Their website also provides the ability to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.



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Stephen Forgives His Accusers as They Stone Him

Acts 6:8-7:60

We stand up for Jesus.

The Grove Will **NOT** Meet Tonight- spend the evening with your Mom.



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NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Celebrate Mother's Day with your family.

May 16—BBB-Atlantic Bread Co. at 7:15 am

May 17—HS Boys-Bojangles at 7 am

May 17—Brotherhood at 7:30 pm

St. John's Missions News



Epworth Children's Home provides residential care for children and youth in a caring, accepting, and safe Christian community. Hurts are healed; hope is nurtured; and faith in God, self and others is developed.

Please pray for this St. John's mission partner and donate generously.

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 21** - Senior (Graduation) Sunday
- May 28** - New Member Sunday
- May 29** - Offices closed for Memorial Day
- Jun. 12-16** - Vacation Bible School
- Jun. 17-24** - Sand River Salkehatchie
- Jun. 24-Jul. 2** - Lake Junaluska Music Week
- Jul. 1-8** - Pee Dee Salkehatchie
- Jul. 2** - Patriotic Service
- Jul. 4** - Offices Closed
- Jul. 8-15** - Santee Salkehatchie
- Sep. 12** - New Men's Bible Study begins



Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all:

Mothers who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly.

Mothers who work daily to provide for their children.
Mothers who have lost a child to death and must find the strength to carry on.

Mothers who are expecting another child and women expecting their first.

Women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

Grandmothers who raised and nurtured their grandchildren.

Women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but instead mothered others.

We are thankful for all the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

We pray that we will honor them in everything we do.

Adapted from a litany by Peggy Emerson

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We're glad you're here! Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad and pass it down the row. If you are new to St. John's, please add your contact information. We want to know about YOU, and we hope you want to know more about US.

Announcements

The flowers within the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mildred Frazier Spencer** by **Joe Spencer, Mary Jo Wilson-Spencer, children, grandchildren, & great-grandchild**, and in memory of **Bob Kochli** by **Paul & Jeanette Isaacson**.

Do you have a new college graduate in your family? Please let the church office know. You need to provide the graduate's name, college, date of graduation, and degree.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS ARE IN RECESS UNTIL THE FALL.

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CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of May 14, 2017

Sunday AM	Bryan Staubs
EVENING	
Sunday	Gene Usher
Monday	Earl Melton
Tuesday	Ben Timmerman
Wednesday	Eric Randall
Thursday	Tom McCollum
Friday	Charlie Neill
Saturday	Chuck Bryan



May
Rice

Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center.

Attendance

5/7/17
8:30 127
9:02 394
11:00 372
Total 887

News of the Family

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today in the 9:02 Service:

Colton Lee Gates son of **David & Katie Gates** and grandson of **Lee & Jennifer Wilson**.

Welcome to our newest members:

Kevin Liles
Ken Gordon

Our sincere sympathy to:

Tom & Diane Miniard and family on the loss of their son, **Jake Miniard** on May 3 in Kennesaw, GA. **Alan & Davis Miniard** are Jake's brothers.

Kevin & Judy Kalbaugh on the loss of Kevin's sister, **Susan Hall** on May 6 in Beaver Falls, PA.

Our congratulations to:

Wayne & Shirley Heidtman who will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on May 19.

Congratulations to our college graduates:

Tyler Charles Meeks who received his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Armstrong State University, Savannah, GA on May 6. His grandmother is **Brenda Meeks** and he is the nephew of **Andrea & John Downs**.

George Benjamin Rawls, III who received his BS in Biosystems Engineering from Clemson University on May 11. His parents are **George & Angie Rawls**.

Jordan Michelle Kelley who graduated cum laude with a BS in Elementary Education and a minor in Spanish from the College of Charleston on May 12. Jordan's parents are **George & Jennifer Kelley**. Her grandparents are **Virgil & Pat Sauls** and the late **Donna Sauls**.

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$ 822,106.41
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 662,340.33
Year to date variance: \$ 159,766.08

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: \$ 79,436.98
Year to date mission disbursements: \$ 59,545.00

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

Loan Balance \$ 646,400.00
05/11/17 Payment to Principal \$ 4,700.00
Current Loan Balance \$ 641,700.00

In Memoriam

Jacob Wesley (Jake) Miniard

May 3, 2017

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Arr. Fox/Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

How Firm a Foundation

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

THE OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Gracious God, we come to you, out of the darkness into your marvelous light, as people born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

SERMON

A Mothering God

Dr. Tim McClendon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (p. 881)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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*

What a Friend We Have In Jesus
St. John's Chancel Choir Men

Converse

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*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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.*

Old Hundredth

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 2050 (FWS) **Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth**

Maryton

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

GF Handel

* 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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Please silence all electronic devices during the service. This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 pm. One week delay.

Order of Worship – 11:00 AM

GREETING

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 545

The Church's One Foundation

Children K3-2nd grade will depart for Children's Church in the Chapel.

Aurelia

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

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ANTHEM

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Gordon

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love thee for wearing the thorns
on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew
lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my
brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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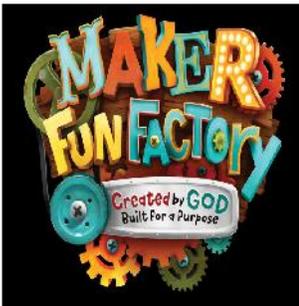
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MISSION SUPPORT

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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.

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Gathering

I Love to Tell the Story

W. Fischer

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Song of Praise

Rock of Ages

P. Baloche

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Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Dr. Tim McClendon

Offering*

My Mother's Love

T. Shelton

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Scripture

1 Peter 2:2-10

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Newsboys

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Closing Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Newsboys

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow. Blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name. When I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

<Chorus> Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say: Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's 'all as it should be' blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

<Chorus>

You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord.
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