



# Family News

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## FROM THE PASTOR

The Interim Steering Team has begun their work. This past Friday and Saturday, the team met for a total of eight hours, getting to know each other better, developing a covenant for their work, studying scripture, laughing, sharing hopes and dreams for SJBC, and beginning to work on the initial focus point – **Heritage**. (By the way, if you would like to have your memory refreshed about the five focus points of the interim process, explanations of them are available in Peggy's office.)

This group is committed to moving forward, addressing the issues, and preparing SJBC for God's future. Just to give you a hint of their commitment to the tasks, they have scheduled four more meetings for this month. I'm impressed and encouraged by their creativity, sensitivity, intelligence, and deep love for our church.

Participants mentioned several times their desire and commitment –

- To create opportunities to listen to all voices in the church
- To be transparent with the congregation during their work/to communicate with you in as many ways as possible

I want to invite you to pray regularly for this group and their work. I also want to encourage you to participate in the events and opportunities they will create for you to be a part of shaping SJBC's future.

Layne

## REVISED Inclement Weather / Closing Information

### Weekdays

When the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools cancel school because of bad weather, all church activities, including meetings, Family Night activities and Weekday School, will be canceled and the church office will be closed.

### Sundays

In the case of extreme weather conditions affecting Sundays, we will announce alterations/closings **no later** than 6:00 am Sunday through the following media:

- Automated Greeting on Church phone (704.333.5428)
- Church web site ([www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org))
- E-mail to St. John's News and *Family News* Lists
- Local TV stations, including WBTV, WCNC, WSOC and Channel 14 News.

## Holy Grounds

Good coffee, fellowship and discussion!

Lasater Hall - 9:00 am - Sundays

February 14<sup>th</sup>: "Are There Bad People?"

Discussion will be led by Martha Kearse.



## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC General Assembly - March 19-20

Moderate Baptists from across North Carolina will meet at First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC for the CBF Of NC annual General Assembly. St. John's needs you to be there to learn what CBFNC can offer our congregation.

For registration information: [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org) or call Peggy in the church office.

## Nourish Your Spirit

Our lives are most enriched through regular devotionals and quiet time. Too much busy-ness results in our lives being cluttered and burdened. As a result, we can lose our joy and feel overwhelmed. One way to avoid this eventuality is to make time for regular devotionals.

Did you know that there are a couple resources available at the church website ([www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org))? Links to the following may be found there:

**Weekly devotionals** written by our own members

(would you like to be a writer? Contact Peggy at [Peggy@stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](mailto:Peggy@stjohnsbaptistchurch.org).)

**Daily devotionals** provided by d365.org a joint ministry sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Presbyterian Church (USA), The Episcopal Church.

## Food Collection for Loaves & Fishes

A barrel has been provided in the gym foyer for these items being collected for Loaves and Fishes during February: 100% juice, canned fruit, peanut butter, soups, canned meat, pork and beans. Sponsored by the Hunger Committee.



## Ash Wednesday Service

February 17

6:45 pm

Sanctuary

## Financial Report

January 31, 2010

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Receipts	\$ 48,511	\$ 48,511
Expenses	\$ 77,772	\$ 77,772
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (29,261)	\$ (29,261)

Sunday, February 7, 2010  
Budget Receipts: \$36,797

## Calendar: February 14-20

### Sunday, February 14

9:15 ..... Sunday School  
10:30 ..... Worship  
12:00 ..... Interim Steering Team  
5:00 ..... Youth Parents' Meeting  
5:00 ..... Youth Recreation  
5:30 ..... Youth Choir  
6:15 ..... Youth Dinner  
6:30 ..... Youth Programs

### Monday, February 15

12:00 ..... Women's Book Study  
6:00 ..... Interim Steering Team  
6:00 ..... Joy Class Meeting

### Tuesday, February 16

11:00 ..... Women on Mission Group

### Wednesday, February 17

11:00 ..... Women's Bible Study  
5:30 ..... Children's Choirs  
5:45 ..... Family Night Dinner  
6:45 ..... Ash Wednesday Service  
..... Personnel Board

### Thursday, February 18

11:00 ..... Uptown Ladies' Meeting  
7:30 ..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, February 19

9:30 ..... Craft Class

6:00 ..... Room in the Inn

### Saturday, February 20

### Recent Illnesses

Sardis Oaks: Bob Benton  
At home: Margaret Almond,  
Elsie Benton at Kevin & Lia's

### Sympathy

We extend sincere sympathy to Helen Brown and Harriet Lasater in the death of their sister-in-law, Louise Ratcliffe, in Calimesa, CA and to Meredith Sorrell and Margaret Snyder in the death of their grandmother, Margaret Parker, February 8<sup>th</sup>, in Winston-Salem, NC.

### Thank You

We have received a note of thanks and appreciation from the **International House** organization. It is posted on the "Thank You" board (located on the second floor hallway that overlooks the gym). Other notes of appreciation and gratitude are also posted here - take a moment to stop by!

### Farside Ladies & Friends Dinner Out

Bonefish Grill on Highway 51  
February 23, 7:00 pm

### Book Club News

The SJBC Book Club is reading The Help by Kathryn Stockett for February. Join us in the library at 11:00 on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. This month, please bring a covered dish and plan to stay for lunch in the Lounge afterwards. For more information: Leslie Bragg at 704-896-8941 or at [LMBragg3@gmail.com](mailto:LMBragg3@gmail.com).

# Youth News

\* The Youth Parents' meeting is this Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm. Regular youth activities also begin at this time.

\* Youth Sunday is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### "Interior Renovation: Designing Your Prayer Life"

Sponsored by "The Women of the Church"

**Sunday, February 21**

**11:45-3:00 - Broach Hall**

Guest speaker: Rev. Kathy Naish, Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Viewmont Baptist Church, in Hickory.

Lunch: \$3, including beverage and dessert! **Reservations for lunch and/or childcare must be made by Feb. 14** - by calling the church office. Also, please let us know if you need transportation home after the retreat.

### In Service

## Sunday, February 14

**Deacons:** Teresa Franklin, Nancy Fuller, Julie & Doug Hammond, Bill Hartsell, Larry Hewitt, Scott Hicks, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Gearlene Hoffman

**Ushers:** Leonard & Linda Balentine, Bobbie Hinson

**Tellers:** Jay Baucom, Don Calloway

**Nursery Workers:** Nancy Fuller, Minh Callaway, Brooks Fuller, Linda Crowder, Lucy Raynor, Debora Thon

**Nurse on Duty:** Monette Gossett

### Basketball Schedule

February 13<sup>th</sup> Games

6 & U Coed: 3:45 - Covenant  
8 & U Boys: Bye  
8 & U Girls: Bye  
10 & U Boys: 2:45 - Providence  
12 & U Boys: 9:30 - First Baptist  
12 & U Girls: 11:30 - Univ. Park  
14 & U Boys: Bye  
14 & U Girls: 12:45 - Univ. Park  
18 & U Boys-W: 9:30 - Univ. Park  
18 & U Boys-A: 10:30-Mt.Harmony  
18 & U Girls: 8:30 - Providence

Men's: Thur. 2/11: 8:15-Prov. Bap.

Results of February 6<sup>th</sup> Games

6 & U Coed: Won!  
8 & U Boys:  
8 & U Girls:  
10 & U Boys:  
12 & U Boys: Won!  
12 & U Girls: Lost  
14 & U Boys: Lost  
14 & U Girls: Lost  
18 & U Boys-W: Won!  
18 & U Boys-A: Won!  
18 & U Girls: Won!  
Men's: Won!

### Haiti Disaster Response

Received to-date: \$4310

Checks may be sent to the church office, payable to St. John's Baptist Church, and funds will be forwarded to The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Please write in the memo line: "Haiti Disaster."

### Women of the Church Activities

#### Women on Mission Meetings

Tuesday, February 16

Group I will meet at 11:00 am in the Lounge with Monette Gossett discussing the Haiti situation.  
Group II will meet at Ruth Jackson's at 10:30 am with Barbara Ledford sharing information on the planned opening of Moore Place Homeless Shelter.

#### Uptown Ladies Meeting

February 18, 11:00 am - Lounge

#### Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 11:00 am- Lounge - beginning the study of Mark.

**Book Study** - "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" - Sundays at 5:00 pm and Mondays at 12:00 noon.

#### Craft Class

9:30 am-Fridays, Church Lounge

**Prayer Retreat** - February 21, 11:45 am - 3:00 pm in Broach Hall

**Women's Retreat** - led by Blythe Taylor, March 12-14, at Christmount Christian Assembly Center in Black Mountain.

## Family Night

*"Where the church comes to be family"*

Family Night Menus

Serving time: 5:45-6:15 pm

Feb.10: Chicken breast supreme, roasted potatoes, broccoli salad, rolls, red velvet Valentine cupcakes

Feb. 17: Pancake Supper!

Meal reservations and cancellations are accepted in the church office until 2:00 pm each Monday. (Adults: \$7; children 10 and under: \$4; family maximum: \$25.)

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