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FROM THE PASTOR

INTERIM STEERING TEAM TO REPORT – At the close of the morning worship service, March 21, the Interim Steering Team will report to the congregation the results of the recent survey. Participation in the survey was phenomenal! Over two hundred SJBC people took the time to complete the survey, many of you adding comments. The IST continues to listen to and process your responses.

Following the brief presentation at the close of the worship service on March 21, members of the IST will be available in the church lounge to visit with you and answer questions you may have regarding the results of the survey. If you are unable to attend worship on March 21, the results from the survey will be available through the newsletter and on the web site.

You are a blessed congregation! Here's why I say that. In his final sermon to you as he retired, Bob Lasater spoke of the way the SJBC deacons functioned. After serving here for three or four months, he said, it dawned on him what was different about those serving as deacon at SJBC. *...every matter they discussed had a prior question, and that question was, "What is best for St. John's."* I can say the same thing about those serving on the IST. That is the prior question to every discussion they have. Yes, you are a blessed people.

On a different note, I want to invite you to the Wednesday evening program at SJBC following **Family Night Dinner on Wednesday, March 17**. We will remain in Broach Hall for this session. I have invited Dr. Steve Graham, Director of Ministerial Excellence for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, to speak with us about "Well-Being and Excellence in Ministry." While ministers are called to a particular church to lead, facilitate, and care for that local expression of Christ's Church, that local congregation also is called to provide a caring and encouraging environment that leads to healthier ministers. Steve is uniquely gifted to assist us on our journey together.



Calling All Baptist Men!

Baptist Men's Day is this Sunday, March 14, and again we will feature a men's chorus that day. All men are encouraged

to join. The one rehearsal will be at 8:15 am *that* morning with coffee and breakfast foods to follow. Gentlemen, make note of the date – and invite someone to come along with you!

Baptist Men's Hands-on Mission Workday

- When? Saturday morning, April 17, 8:00 am-12 noon
- Where? Hope Chapel, 125 Wadsworth Place
- What? Scrape and paint windows of chapel
- Food! Biscuits & coffee - beginning at 7:30 am
- Bring: paint scrapers/brushes, paint supplies

Sign up for this mission opportunity this Sunday, March 14, during the morning worship service.

Upcoming Dates @ SJBC

- March 27Wingate Choir with André Lash
- March 28Elizabeth Churches Palm Sunday Service
- April 1Maundy Thursday Service
- April 2Good Friday Drama & Breakfast
.....Tenebrae Service
- April 4Easter Sunday
- April 17Baptist Men's Workday at Hope Chapel
- May 12Family Night Picnic in the Park
- May 23Festival Singers Concert
- May 30Spirit Sunday
- June 13AGO Recital with Patrick Pope
- June 23-26 .CBF General Assembly - Charlotte
- June 26CBF Prayer Retreat at SJBC
- June 28Vacation Bible School
- July 4-10High School Habitat Trip - John's Island, SC
- July 6-9Children's Passport Camp - Wingate
- July 17-25 ..Youth Passport Camp - Wenham, MA

Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Series Wednesdays, Noon - Caldwell Memorial Presby.

(Lunch following the services: \$5 - proceeds donated to Friendship Trays and the Community Culinary School)

March 10 - Speaker: Darryl Jefferson, chaplain, Presbyterian Healthcare Chaplaincy Services.

March 17 - Speaker: Layne Smith; also featuring the St. John's Chancel Choir

Daylight Saving Time Begins This Sunday, March 14!

Don't forget to set your clocks
FORWARD Saturday night!



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

First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem
Created for individuals like you and churches like St. John's. Register now at www.cbfn.org. Medical supplies will be collected for CBF missionaries Nancy and Steve James in Haiti. A list of supplies is provided on the website.



**March 28, 2010 ♦ Palm Sunday
6:00 p.m. ♦ St. John's Baptist Church**

Lift Up Your Heads:

An ELIZABETH Choir Celebration

featuring the choirs of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian, Hawthorne Lane United Methodist, St. John's Baptist and St. Martin's Episcopal Churches

Fellowship to follow in Lasater Hall

Sunday, March 7, 2010
Budget Receipts: \$16,187.25

Calendar: March 14-20

Sunday, March 14

9:00 Holy Grounds
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship
 11:45 Pastoral Deacons
 5:00 Book Study Group
 5:00 Interim Steering Team
 5:00 Youth Recreation
 5:30 Youth Choir
 6:10 Youth Dinner
 6:20 Youth Program

Monday, March 15

12:00 Book Study Group

Tuesday, March 16

11:00 Women on Mission Group I

Wednesday, March 17

11:00 Women's Bible Study
 5:30 Children's Choirs
 5:45 Family Night Dinner
 6:45 Dr. Steve Graham
 Classes: Yoga, Writing

Thursday, March 18

11:00 Uptown Ladies to The Dunhill
 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 19

9:30 Craft Class
 6:00 Room in the Inn

Saturday, March 20

Recent Illnesses

At home: Lourine Brinkley (Wilora Lake Rehab), Ethel Harris

Thank You

Thank you!! You have helped us through another "health hazard!" We are blessed to be a part of the St. John's family. Your love, prayers, calls, cards, visits and food have nurtured our spirits and our lives.

Gratefully, Virginia Allen

St. John's Family & Staff, Your thoughtfulness, visits, cards, calls, and prayers to Marjorie Walker were very much appreciated by her and the entire family. How do others make it through life without Christian friends like we have at St. John's?

Fondly, Tish Philemon

Book Club Update

For March we are reading Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Plan to join us on Tuesday, March 23rd!

Youth News

*This Sunday, Mar. 14, recreation is at 5:00, choir is at 5:30 and for the youth program at 6:20 pm, Fran Cook (a former minister here) will share with the youth about her work with gang prevention and gangs in Charlotte.

Easter Outfits for A Child's Place

New or gently used outfits and new socks and underwear for boys and girls ages 5-10 are being collected for A Child's Place. A rack has been placed in the gym foyer for your donations (drive ends Mar. 22).



In Service Sunday, March 14

Deacons: Butch Branscome, Bill Claytor, Graham Claytor, Cathy DuFault, Clarence Eden, David Erdman, Lynn Erdman, Bill Finger, Teresa Franklin, Nancy Fuller
Ushers: Emory Stephens, Jerry Stephens, Ellen Lyons
Tellers: James Laney, Don Millsaps
Nursery Workers: Nancy Fuller, Minh Callaway, Brooks Fuller, Linda Crowder, Lucy Raynor, Debora Thon
Nurse on Duty: Laura Sorrell

Basketball News

Results of Championship Games

8 & U Boys: Lost in the finals
 8 & U Girls: Won the championship!
 18 & U Girls: Lost in the finals

The Men's Team plays on Thursday, March 11, in the semi-final game of the tournament. If they win, they play on Monday, March 15, in the finals. Both games are at 7:00 pm at Prov. Baptist.

Holy Grounds

9:00 am - Sundays - Lasater Hall

Good coffee, fellowship and discussion! March 14 & 21: "Are we prepared to die? Why must we die? And What Happens After We Die?" Discussion led by Lee Gray.

Farside Ladies & Friends

Dinner at Charlie's at Cotswold, March 16, at 7:00 pm
 Last Chance for Charlie's - please RSVP to Kim Allen.

Women of the Church Activities

Women on Mission Circles - March 16: 10:30 at Martha Brown's (speaker: Carole Poole) and 11:00 at the church (speaker: Barbara Ledford).

Uptown Ladies' Meeting - Ladies will meet at the church at 11:00 am on Thursday, March 18 to go to The Dunhill for lunch.

Book Study Groups - Mondays at 12:00 noon - a Lenten study based on "Bridges to a Contemplative Life" by Thomas Merton. All are welcome! The 5:00 pm Sunday group's new series, "Soul Feast," will run March 14-May 16.

New date for the **Women's Retreat:** October 5-7 - please contact Ellen Smith if you would like to be a part of the planning task force.

Welcome, New Members!



Bryan Thorn (l) and **Jim Keese (r)** join St. John's by statement of previous church membership. They are both retired and reside at 5023 Randolph Road.

Lilies for the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday



I will give ___ lilies at \$12 each.

___ in memory of _____

___ in honor of _____

Donor name and telephone: _____

___ I wish to pick up my lily(ies).

___ I do not wish to pick up my lily(ies).

Form due in church office by March 16.

Family Night

"Where the church comes to be family"

Family Night Menus

Serving time: 5:45-6:15 pm

Mar. 10: Pulled pork barbecue, corn on the cob, slaw, baked beans, hush puppies, chips, dessert.

Mar. 17: Roast beef w/mushroom gravy, roasted ranch potatoes, salad, rolls, key lime pie.

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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