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FROM ROB PEACOCK

Detailed in the insert to this week's Family News, the Interim Steering Team offers new Mission and Vision Statements for St. John's Baptist Church. We ask for your careful consideration and ultimately your approval of this document.

The new Mission and Vision statements were born of intense, yet satisfying work by the IST. The foundation for these statements is based on the Statement of Values distributed to you over the past two weeks. For a visual reference, imagine a pyramid with the Statement of Values as the base of the pyramid, with the Vision Statement resting on the Values Statement, followed by the Mission Statement as the pinnacle of the pyramid. All are inter-related and build upon each other. For example, the four groupings of values Community, Freedom, Service and Worship are incorporated in our Vision Statement.

In the Intentional Interim Process, approval of the Mission and Vision Statements completes the second Focus Point. As you are aware, the work to complete the Statement of Values included discussion and feedback sessions that were well attended and very insightful. Collectively we drew from the history and heritage of St. John's, yet tried to craft a product that was relevant and inspiring for today. Your input allowed the IST to complete the Statement of Values and from there develop the Mission and Vision Statements. An example of this process is the flow from our unofficial motto - "We will be a servant church" to the new Mission Statement, "A servant community: actively faithful, faithfully active."

The Mission and Vision Statements were distributed as a bulletin insert on Sunday July 25th. Over the next two Sundays (August 1st and 8th) members of the IST will be available during the Holy Grounds Sunday School sessions to answer questions and discuss the process of the Values, Vision and Mission. All are invited to come and participate. On Sunday August 15th there will be a called business session at the beginning of the worship service to vote to approve the Mission and Vision Statements for St. John's Baptist Church.

Even as we finalize this step of the process, the IST is hard at work on the remaining three Focus Points. You will be getting reports on our efforts in the near future.

Upon your review of the Mission and Vision Statements, we hope you will share our enthusiasm for the beginnings of a bright future for St. John's. We appreciate your continued words of encouragement and your expressions of thanks for our efforts. The IST is honored to have been called to this process and to be allowed to work on your behalf and for the future we all desire for St. John's Baptist Church.

Rob Peacock
Chair, Interim Steering Team



HOLY GROUNDS THIS SUNDAY
Church Lounge
Coffee available at 9:00 am.

9:15 am: Discussion of the Mission and Vision Statements presented to the congregation July 25.

From the Interim Steering Team

◆ Mission Focus Point

The proposed Mission and Vision Statements which were presented to the congregation during morning worship on July 25 are enclosed with this newsletter.

Discussion sessions are scheduled for August 1 and August 8 during Holy Grounds time (9:15 am Sunday mornings in the Lounge).

The Interim Steering Team will seek a vote of acceptance of the Mission and Vision Statements Sunday, August 15.

◆ Connections Focus Point

The Interim Steering Team is presently working through the "Connections" focus point of the interim process. This developmental task involves looking at denominational and external relationships at St. John's, including an assessment of our denominational and non-denominational commitments and involvement and an examination of the history and depth of those relationships. If you would like to share ideas about this focus point directly with the IST, please contact Todd Stillerman (stillerman@me.com or 704-763-6611) by Saturday, July 31.

Freedom School Volunteers Needed!

Freedom School volunteers will meet in the Lounge this Sunday immediately following morning worship.

The St. John's week of Freedom School is next week, August 2-5, and will run from 9:00 am to noon, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. On Wednesday, there will be an all-day field trip to Cane Creek Park.

Volunteers/chaperones are needed for the all-day field trip and the other three half-days. We welcome workers for one or more days. Please contact Aggie Belvin at 704.619.7338 or belvin5@bellsouth.net or Lee Gray at 704.451.1309 or lee@stjohnsbaptistchurch.org.

For more information about Freedom School and the children it serves: www.freedom-schoolpartners.org

Many thanks to those who have already volunteered!

HEARTLAND

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE HEART OF AMERICA
FROM THE HEART OF AMERICA

August 22nd - 7:00 pm

An evening of family entertainment!

Join us in celebrating our national heritage through folksongs, hymns, and other popular songs featuring the St. John's Chancel Choir plus exciting musical guests. Ice cream social to follow!

It's all free . . . bring the family!

Budget Receipts
July 25: \$12,076.25

Calendar: August 1-7

Sunday, August 1

9:00Holy Grounds Coffee
9:15Holy Grounds Discussion
9:15 Sunday School
10:30Worship
11:30 Freedom School Volunteers
5:00 Interim Steering Team

Monday, August 2

9:00 Freedom School
..... Weekday Summer School
..... Camps:
.Chemworks, Nerdania, Save the Planet

Tuesday, August 3

9:00 Freedom School
..... Weekday Summer School
..... Camps:
.Chemworks, Nerdania, Save the Planet
..... Int'l House Tutoring
6:00 Women on Mission II

Wednesday, August 4

9:00 Freedom School
..... Weekday Summer School
..... Camps:
.Chemworks, Nerdania, Save the Planet
..... Int'l House Tutoring
11:00 Women's Bible Study
6:45 Ministry Deacons
6:45 Women of the Church Leaders

Thursday, August 5

9:00 Freedom School
..... Weekday Summer School
..... Camps:
.Chemworks, Nerdania, Save the Planet
..... Int'l House Tutoring
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 6

9:00 Camps:
.Chemworks, Nerdania, Save the Planet
9:30 Craft Class

Saturday, August 7

Recent Illnesses

Home:

Joe Millsaps, Lou Fuller
Jean Ballentine, Bertha Taylor

Remember in Prayer

Odette Frespech, Phillipe's mother

In Service Sunday, August 1

Deacons: Bill Claytor, Kevin Benton, Kathy Bragg, Cathy DuFault, Clarence Eden, David Erdman, Lynn Erdman, Bill Finger, Teresa Franklin, Nancy Fuller, Julie Hammond, Doug Hammond Bill Hartsell

Ushers: Arnold Philemon, Ashley Maready, Marvin Carter

Tellers: Don Millsaps, James Laney

Nursery Workers: Betsy Almond, Kim Diehl, Jackie Southwell, Jane & Morgan Newman, Linda Hewitt, Ace Millsaps, Wanda Birmingham

Nurse on Duty: Martha Moore

Dates to Note @ SJBC

Wednesday, August 11

It's coming! An all-church potluck dinner - 6:00 pm - details to follow!

Saturday, August 14

10:00 am-4:00 pm - Women of the Church Vineyards Tour & Lunch

Sunday, August 22

7:00 pm -"Heartland" a musical tribute to the heart of America followed by an ice cream social.

September 12

2nd Annual Women of the Church Luncheon

Saturday, September 18

Music Family Picnic at the Swofford's

Sunday, September 19

Deacon Election

Friday, October 1

Art & the Orient - Arts Crawl and Dinner - 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Thursday, October 7

SJBC Daytrippin' - Bechtler Museum Tour and Lunch

Wednesday, October 20

Blood Drive - 4:00 - 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 31

CROP Walk

November 5-7

Women's Retreat to Black Mountain

Hunger Committee Quarterly Distribution

Developmental (40%): \$250 - Ecuador Mission Trip, \$193.60 - Mothering Across Continents - Raising Sudan
Disaster (30%): \$332.70 - Haiti Disaster through CBF
Local (30%): Charlotte Rescue Mission

Art & the Orient

Friday, October 1

We'll meet at the church at 5:00 pm to go to China Bistro 88 for dinner. After dinner our tour will include Elder Art Gallery, Charlotte Art League and the NODA Art District. Please call the church office to reserve your space!

See the World!

We need van and bus driver volunteers for church outings.



Want to help? Please call the church office for more information.

Daytrippin' with SJBC

Thursday, October 7
Bechtler Museum of Modern Art
Tour and Lunch
Details to follow . . .

Women on Mission Meeting

Tuesday, August 3, 6:00 pm
Bring a salad for dinner!
Speaker: Dianne Smith - a follow-up to the Int'l Fashion Show.

Opportunities for Service Uniforms - Renaissance Academy



Yes! It's that time again! Collections for Highland school will continue through August 22. Items needed are white and navy shirts, khaki and navy pants, skirts and shorts in sizes 5-14 are needed. Place your items on the rack in the gym foyer.

Used Eyeglasses Needed

Collection boxes have been placed in the gym foyer and the Broach Hall Foyer for donations of used eyeglasses for distribution by The Urban Ministry Center.



Did You Know?

CD's of the Sunday morning worship services are available (\$3 each) - just call the church office to place an order.

Women of the Church Activities

August 3

Women on Mission II - 6:00 pm - Dianne Smith will do a follow-up to the Int'l Fashion Show - "Takeaway - The Next Step." We will be collecting uniform shirts and pants/skirts for the Highland Renaissance Academy. Bring a salad to enjoy for dinner.

August 14:

Cauble Creek & Childress Vineyards Tours & Lunch
10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Men are welcome, too! Please RSVP by August 7 to Peggy in the church office or to Ashley Maready: ashleymaready@bellsouth.net or 704.351.2490.

September 12:

2nd Annual Women of the Church Luncheon - "Parade of Tables"

October 7:

Daytrippin': Bechtler Museum Tour and Lunch

November 5-7:

Women's Retreat - Christmont, Black Mountain, NC



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