



Weekly News

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8:30 a.m. – The Well
(Contemporary Service)
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

Sunday, November 15, 2015 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

FROM THE PASTOR *NOTHING TO DO?* We wait in medical offices and at traffic at stoplights, for the phone to ring, for good news to come and for our next transition in life. It is easy to become impatient and wonder how to pass the time in our idleness. In our Christian lives, we also find ourselves waiting often—waiting for Christ and His eternal kingdom to come. So what do we do as we wait? The Spirit-inspired author of Hebrews tells us to be anything but idle. ***“Let us draw near with a true heart. . . . Let us hold fast the confession of our hope. . . . Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”*** The writer tells us exactly what we need to do. Yet we don't have to wait for what He's already given to sustain, nourish, and equip us until His return. Through His holiness and the price He paid with His blood on the cross, we can confidently draw near to Him now, firmly confess our hope, and stir up love and good works for the sake of others. Saturate that with generous living in gratitude to our Savior and you will be blessed way beyond boredom. Living for Jesus really does fill the gap until Christ comes.

Pastor Schoolcraft

Forget Your Promise Card? There are a few extras in the entry. Ask an usher to help provide one for you.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by John Williams in memory of his mother, Sylvia S. Williams.

Nursery is available in the Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45am Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

We Welcome through the Rite of Holy Baptism (8:30) Dylan Alana Boyd, daughter to Chris & Sarah Boyd born on May 28, 2015. Their Grandparents are Dave & Gayle Barcio and Annie Boyd. Her sponsor is Rachel Barcio.

Congregational Meeting **TODAY, November 15, 2015**

There will be a Congregational meeting immediately following second service. We will be discussing the proposed changes to our church Constitution and Bylaws. It is most important that you attend as this is a significant transition choice as St. John's prepares to call a new "settled" Pastor. **A Vote will follow.** There will be updates and announcements from the School and updates from the Campus Beautification Campaign.

From the Call Committee The 'Settled Pastor' Nominations have now begun! The Call Committee will accept nominations from members now thru **next Sunday, Nov 22, 2015.** These forms can be filled out and returned to the church office and put in the Call Committee mailbox. The form is available in the Narthex, Nathan's Note's email & Nov Newsletter.

Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper & Service There will be a soup and salad Fellowship meal prior to the Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 25th at 5:30 pm. The worship service will be at 7pm.

Celebration of Julia Moore's Life will be held at Becks Baptist Church (5505 Becks Church Road, Winston- Salem, NC 27106) on Saturday, Nov 21st, 2015 at 1pm. All family and friends are invited to come.

Get involved in a Bible Study!

Bible Study and Sunday School happens every Sunday from 9:45-10:30. Jump in, and **grow** in community and in the Word!

- In the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Schoolcraft
- The "Truth Seekers Bible Class" will meet in Room 101 to conclude our discussion about Heaven. This week, we will discuss what Jesus says about Heaven.

Senior Women's Bible Class meets every Tuesday at 10am in the **Room 101**. We will continue with the study series "**Bless these Lips.**" The bag lunch and game day will continue every 4th Tuesday of each month after Bible class. Any questions, please contact Dot Cleary at 336-767-4116.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study All women are welcome to join us for fellowship and fun! We meet every Thursday in **Room 101** during the school year. We are studying Priscilla Shirer's "**Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted.**" Please contact Kerstin Walker at 336-414-7667 for any questions.

Thursday Evening Bible Study last meeting for this year will be Thursday, November 19th from 7pm-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will resume January 7, 2016. We are studying Galatians using Martin Luther's Commentary on Galatians. Please bring your Bible and join us. Contact Bill Thorpe at wthorpe@triad.rr.com (336-766-1727) with any questions.

The LWML has prepared lap blankets for our church shut-ins or others suffering illnesses. If you visit a shut-in, contact Clarice George at 336-765-9097 so a blanket can be taken to them.

Member Photos - Who's Who?

We are looking for someone to take pictures of our new members for our congregation photo display. These could be taken with a camera/phone and printed in our church office or in a store. It will help all of our members get to know each other better. If you like to take pictures call Nancy Golden 336-712-8076.



Reaching Out To All The Children Of The World!

Operation Christmas Child is here once again! Every year Samaritan's Purse collects shoeboxes full of toys, games, and personal hygiene items and sends them to children in the four

corners of the world along with the message that Jesus loves them. **We will be collecting boxes here at St. John's through this Tuesday, November 17. National Collection is November 15 – 23.** You can place filled boxes under the Christmas tree in the lobby any time between now and then. Information brochures are available in the church and school offices, as well as in the back of the sanctuary. You can find out more about this program at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ or by talking to Stephanie Guelzow.

Shoebox Dos

- Do wrap lids separately
- Do include personal supplies (like soap and toothbrushes)

- Do include toys
- Do pack non-melting candy in ziplock bags
- Do include \$7 to help cover the costs involved with delivering these boxes (You can also pay online.)
- Do pray for the child who will be receiving your box

Shoebox Don'ts

- Don't pack any liquids or lotions
- Don't include anything that will break easily
- Don't send any war-related toys

Advent by Candlelight- 2nd annual event will be held Friday evening December 4 at 6:30pm. The sign up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall Bulletin board. Consider being a hostess of a table or just come and enjoy the night. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert. All women are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.



BELIEVE, The Musical Dec 4 & 5 @7:30 pm Dec 6 @ 2:00pm

This heartfelt musical

featuring many talented children and adults from around the Triad tells the story of the true meaning of Christmas based on believing, giving good and serving humanity. This family-friendly world premiere is perfect for all ages and will get everyone in the right spirit for the holidays and all the rest of the year!

Produced by BELIEVE IN THREE LLC, Story by Archie Herring, Music by Williams R. Stevens, Book by William Stevens & Archie Herring and Directed by CHERI VAN LOON.

Julianna Stevens is in Mrs. Nicholson Preschool class whose father, William Stevens, wrote the music for this family-friendly Christmas musical.

Address: McChesney Scott Dunn Auditorium
SECCA 750 Marguerite Drive, Winston-Salem, NC



Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling to the SJLC shut-ins followed by a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We need your singing voices to spread "Joy to the World" to our shut-ins. All singles, couples, youth and

families are invited to go Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 5 beginning at 4:00pm. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00pm. After we finish singing, we will return back to church and enjoy a pizza and a bowl of hot chili. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board in November.



Christmas Poinsettia's

It's that time of year again!! Please sign-up for poinsettia's on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board. The price remains the same as last year- \$13.00 from Myers Nursery. The deadline date this year is **November 30th**. PLEASE

NOTE THAT THIS FLORIST DOES NOT BILL YOU. YOU WILL NEED TO PAY FOR THEM HERE AT CHURCH. You can write a check and drop it off in the office or drop it in the offering plate. Please indicate what the money is for. The envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board. Thank you.



Happy Birthday to:

11/15	Debbie Baronowski	11/19	Megan Sayles
11/15	Robert Swenson Jr.	11/20	Jordan Anderson
11/16	Belle Reynolds	11/20	Gary Brake
11/17	Lily Stewart	11/20	Pam Rosenberger
11/19	Marc Campbell	11/21	Logan Bane
11/19	Rusty Neise	11/21	Leigh Dongre

FREE TUTORING

Wednesdays
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

at St. John's Lutheran
Church & School



Our Hispanic Ministry

continues to grow! If you feel lead at all to serve in this "Hands & Feet" ministry to our neighbors **please prayerfully consider joining us this Wednesday!**

We will offer a light meal from 5:30pm to 6:00pm and then help the children with their homework. Come one Wednesday a month or as often as you like! **You do not need to speak Spanish to participate!!**

****Hispanic Tutoring will not meet on November 25.**

We will have tutoring on November 18, 2015.

Altar Guild for November: Jackie Downey, Ted & Sue Frake, Renee Henderson & Sarah Strahm

Ushers for November: Don Davidson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel & John Williams

Crisis Control Items Needed for November:

Sugar or Whole Wheat Flour in 2 pound bags (Place in basket in back of Sanctuary.)

Lock-ups for November:

Glenn Rullman, Carl Schlotzhauer & Wes Walker

Participation last week, November 8, 2015

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 71

10:45 a.m. Traditional: 97



Falcon Newsletter

Are you receiving the school's Falcon Newsletter? This is a bimonthly newsletter and if you would like to receive a copy, please contact the church office to be sure we have your correct email.



This Week at St. John's

Sun 11/15

8:30 a.m. Well Service w/Communion

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class/
Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal

Mon 11/16

Tue 11/17

10:00 a.m. Senior Women's Bible Class in
Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting

Last day to drop off Operation Christmas boxes in the school lobby

Wed 11/18

8:30 a.m. School Chapel

12:00 p.m. Bulletin & Announcements deadline

5:30 p.m. Hispanic Dinner

6:00 p.m. Hispanic Tutoring

6:30 p.m. Jr. Confirmation Class & Dinner

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball in FLC

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 11/19
 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study Room 101
 7:00 p.m. Adult Evening Bible Class in Fellowship Hall

Fri 11/20 Pastor's day off

Sat 11/21
 1:00 p.m. Celebration of Julia Moore's Life @ Becks Baptist Church

Sun 11/22 **Christ the King Sunday**
 8:30 a.m. Well Service w/Communion
 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class/
 Children's Sunday School and Thankful Hearts Outreach

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Communion
 4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal
Pastor Nominations due today

St. John's Prayer Needs

We pray for St. John's congregation and school

*Pastor Schoolcraft & Deb
 Principal Mark Edmiston
 Director of Admissions Tom Baldwin
 our called workers and staff
 our Hispanic Ministry Service
 Transitional Task Force
 Board of Servant Leaders
 Board of Elders*

Our Call Committee: Steve Golden, Don Henderson, Jenelle Lanham, Alice Mierisch, Bruce Sawicki, Sarah Strahm, Bill Thorpe & St. John's as we prepare to call a Pastor.

We pray for those working to further the Gospel around the world and alleviate hurt in the world:
The Shirk family

We remember those who are homebound:

<i>Harry Armstrong</i>	<i>Barbara Roggenkamp</i>
<i>Lorraine Buelow</i>	<i>Martha Szeg</i>
<i>Frances Chambers</i>	<i>Millie Tetzlaff</i>
<i>Chris Johnston</i>	<i>Irene Whitener</i>
<i>Marty Loper</i>	<i>Dorothy Zick</i>
<i>Nancy Roberts</i>	

We remember family and friends who are no longer with us, and we ask for your comfort. We pray especially for:
The family of Julia Moore (Steve Covington)

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

<i>Aaron Arder</i>	<i>Bob Hoisington</i>
<i>Becky Baker</i>	<i>Glenda Lackey</i>
<i>Bambi Braun</i>	<i>Bill Lonnecker</i>
<i>Joel Christiansen</i>	<i>David Penno</i>
<i>George Hill</i>	<i>Greg Winn</i>

For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

<i>Marjorie Barcalow</i>	<i>Libby Martin</i>
<i>Margaret Haaland</i>	<i>Mingus Family</i>
<i>Arden Lackey</i>	<i>Mandy Tetzlaff</i>
<i>Jim & Nancy Livengood</i>	

For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:

<i>Loren Jacobi</i>	<i>Brad Rullman</i>
<i>Branden Lackey</i>	<i>Jon Tessmann</i>
<i>Andrew Nelson</i>	<i>Kevin Wilson</i>

For Those in Persecution

ISIS released another 37 Assyrian Christians, who had been kidnapped nine months ago in Syria. The group, including men and women in their sixties and seventies, were among the 253 Christians snatched in ISIS attacks on Assyrian villages in northeastern Syria's Hassaka province. Negotiations to release the captives were reported between the Assyrian Church of the East and ISIS, which had previously demanded \$100,000 for each hostage. From the beginning of the fall of Mosul until today, Chaldean-Syriac-Assyrian people and Ezidis have been subject to killings, executions, ransom and mass-displacement. Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in faith.

For more information see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.

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