



The JPC Monthly

April 2024

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JAY



The Waiting is the Hardest Part

Sometimes it is hard to wait. I get impatient. Five minutes seems like hours. In the next few months, another Smith child will graduate from high school. We have several trips scheduled including an adventure to ECU for All State Chorus (Julia) and a trip to Europe with Southwest High School (Jordan and Jay). Months from now, at the end of the year, Julia is going to Alaska with my mom and the rest of us are planning to visit Erin's sister in her new home in Tucson. These things seem far off, and they are fun so while we must wait, they are all positive. It is a different kind of waiting than waiting for test results or for a family wedding or the birth of a grandchild. These things are good too, but they come with much more stress, potentially.

Last month I was in a meeting (don't even remember whether it was Session or Admin?) and Vivien Carson shared a devotional that she received from Dr. David Jeremiah. The subject of this devotion was waiting. I thought that she shared some wise words from the devotional. I will attempt to paraphrase here! He wrote that when we think about or talk about waiting, our focus or the use of our energy and effort should not be on "will we have to wait?" but instead "what we will do while we wait?" I must admit it was at this point that I started feverishly writing down everything she said because that was a revelation for me. All my life I have had to wait and all my life I have been doing it wrong!

For example, on Sunday mornings at JPC I pace around just waiting for my family to arrive (probably late), so I can get into a worshipful mindset. What if, instead of waiting to pounce on them, I went and spoke to two or three more members or went into a quiet space to pray? Wouldn't that be a positive way to change what I do while I wait?

Dr. Jeremiah talked about waiting in our spiritual life. He pointed out that we often have to wait on God. As I reflected on this, I was reminded of Abraham and Sarah that grew tired of waiting on the Lord and wrongly took things into their own hands. Throughout the Bible there are many examples of folks that heard a word from the Lord and either ran the other way or got tired of waiting. The reality is we always have to wait on God but there are times it may be appropriate for us to wait to recharge and to be better suited to serve God. Often when we wait one of the best things to do is to pray. Praying while we wait is often a frustrating thing. This happens because we aren't really waiting. We are trying to force our desires on God. Most of the time our earthly desires don't match up with the plans and schedules of the Lord. Dr. Jeremiah explained that our prayers when we wait should sound like this, "Lead me in your ways and teach me." That prayer is submission.

Peter Marshall, a Presbyterian Minister and the former Chaplain of the United States Senate talked about the discipline of patience. He said that as Christians we need to develop this discipline. He wrote, "For to wait is often more difficult than to work." This is true when we are not waiting in the Lord in a productive way.

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What are you waiting for? What will you do while you wait? For my waiting there is much to do. I have to get Julia some warm clothes. I have to make sure Jordan and I have all the documents needed to travel abroad. While we are at it we have to plan a graduation party, move two students in to NC State, and get Cedarwood Pool ready to open one last time as president. Marshall may have been right. It is far easier to fill our lives with all of these things than it is to wait. Whether you are waiting for news, life events, or that dream vacation remember to wait on the Lord each day and to pray for God to lead you in His ways. See you in church!



SUNRISE GAP – LOCAL MISSION PROJECT

Calling all the handyworkers and DIY-fixers!

We are in need of volunteers to serve a local project in the outskirts of Greensboro. Men and women of all skills are welcome. The mobile home needs a new roof, windows and other repairs. Tools are provided by core volunteers.

The mission dates are Saturdays April 20, 27 and May 4. Meet at JPC parking lot @ 7:30am. Please sign-up through the following link to reserve your spot:

[Service Ministry Team: Sunrise Gap - JPC Local Mission Project \(signuugenius.com\)](http://signuugenius.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Graham or Carlos Frontera.

DONATIONS

Donation to JPC Music Fund
In memory of Joe Auman, Barbara Auman's son,
In memory of Rodger McDonald, Brenda Ellas' brother, by
Cathy Durbin

Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund
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In memory of Ralph Splawn, Betty Johnson's brother,
In memory of Rodger McDonald, Brenda Ellas' brother, by
Jo Brech

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 15th- 18th

Our own wonderful Alyssa Henry will be Vacation Bible School Director! We would love to have you join us. Put this date on your calendar and be on the lookout for a Sign Up Genius in the next few weeks. We will be looking for teachers as well as students so please consider helping out. There will even be an incentive to sign up early so get....ready.... to.... go.... to.... Nazareth, for VBS!



LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

Leisure Fellowship will be going to the NC Transportation Museum FRIDAY, April 19, for a tour and a train ride. We will leave JPC promptly at 9:30 am. Lunch will be on your own at Cagney's Kitchen in Lexington about 1:00 pm.

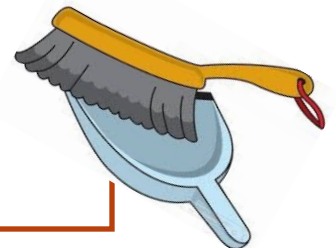
The N.C. Transportation Museum is a historic site, once home to Southern Railway's largest steam locomotive repair facility in the southeast, and a museum featuring all types of transportation history including railroading, automotive, aviation, etc. The train ride offers a tour of the historic site by train.

We are privileged in that we happen to someone who set up a special tour for us! We will ride the train at 11:00. Then we'll be let off at the round table, so we'll have less walking to a 20-minute film. Once we see the film, we'll be given a tour of the facility, including pictures of this person's prized old cars. The person that arranged all this is Dale Smith (he just happens to be Pastor Jay's father) and Dale knows Bruce, the volunteer, that will be giving us the special tour. The Smiths and their two friends will be joining us for the tour and lunch.

Cost will be \$16.00 per person, which includes transportation and tickets for the museum and train ride. Please make your check to JPC and mark it for the NC Transportation Museum and give it to Charlotte Griner or Tara Daniel by Friday, April 5. If you have any questions, please call Charlotte at 336 402-5001 or send email clgriner@earthlink.net.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

GNO is sponsoring cleaning the Joy House on Sunday, April 7th from 2-4 to get ready for our market visitors. Many hands make light work! I hope some of you can join. All the cleaning supplies are in the house. Just need hands.



JPC KIDS AND YOUTH CORNER



JPP PRESCHOOL NEWS!

We are all back from Spring Break and excited for all the fun things coming up the last two months of school! We are having class pictures made next week. We have learned about baby Moses in Chapel this week. Our Scholastic Book Fair will be here the week of April 14th. Half of the proceeds will be given back to the preschool in books. We will have our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, April 18th. This is always a fun time for all the families to come together and the kids to play together! At the end of April we will be having our Very Important People Picnics with our families! We look forward to seeing all of our families!! Happy April!



FROGS / POLYWOGS NEWS!

FROGS

Thank you to our 3rd -5th graders (FROGS) and their families who helped our congregation with Rise Against Hunger in March! What a great time of fellowship was had while serving others! FROGS will meet again on Sunday, April 28 at 4 pm.

POLYWOGS

Our K-2 graders (POLYWOGS) will meet on Sunday, April 21 at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a special program! We are excited to have one of our grandmothers, Evy Hazenburg, come and help us with a program on listening for God through learning how to center ourselves with simple Yoga moves designed for young children.

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH NEWS!

Mrs Pumpkins on sale now! Help the youth out and get tasty chicken pot pie! See a youth as soon as possible. Youth group will resume this Sunday! 4:30pm middle school, 6:00pm dinner and 6:30pm high school!



ORANGE FEATHER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

DONATIONS YEAR TO DATE:

\$1,467.08

JPC Family-

Thanks so much for all the cards, phone calls, prayers and concern for me during my surgery and recovery. I'm doing well in therapy and hope to be back to church activities very soon.

Thanks again,
Sandy Burgess



Ladies Morning Circle

The Ladies Morning Circle will meet on April 15th at 10:00 in Room 222 at JPC. We will share experiences about our Outreach involvement in the past month. **The Women of the Bible: Life- Changing Stories will provide the lesson " Puah and Shiphrah" from the Old Testament.** (Harper Christian Resources and Zondervan Press.com) We look forward to fellowship and planning with you.



JPC COMMUNITY GARDEN

The robins are gathering materials for a nest. The bluebirds are house shopping. Work has begun preparing the garden. We have been weeding and roto-tilling the beds in preparation for planting and turned the compost piles to add some great compost from our piles into the raised beds. Seeds for summer crops have been started to plant the starters after the last frost. We have planted cool weather crops including collards, cabbage, broccoli, brussel sprouts, spinach, cauliflower and garlic.

We welcome anyone who wants to be involved with the community garden this coming season! We need more gardeners as we grow this mission to feed families. The crops are included in donated food boxes as well as donated to other organizations.

Join us 10 am every Wednesday. You can just show up on Wednesday or email Nancy Seay at seaywhat7@aol.com with any questions. You are needed and valued on our team!



CLERK'S CORNER

Membership Records
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The JPC Session met on March 19. After our devotion and opening prayer, our first order of business was to accept a new member into our JPC family. The Session wholeheartedly welcomed Mr. Dean Langfitt. Welcome, Dean. We are happy that you have joined us.

The Life Center Study events continue to go well with 70-80 people attending. Jay is a great leader on the study of prayer and your ministry teams are really stepping up and preparing wonderful meals. Thanks, everyone.

Youth Fellowship continues to see a growth in attendance. And Youth Sunday was great. The kids did a really good job. We are really proud of our youth. Let them know how proud you are!

The JPC yard sale was a big success. \$13,000 earned to be used for outreach. Thanks to everyone who participated. And a special thank you to the ladies who worked tirelessly before, during, and after the sale.

Celebrate is being planned for October. Volunteers will be needed.

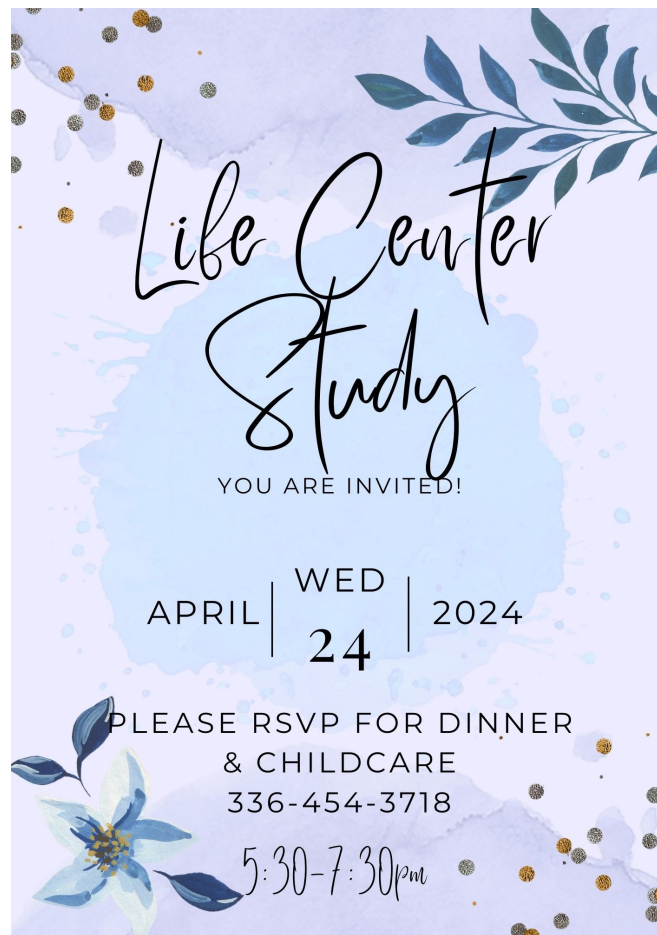
So many wonderful things happening at JPC. Be proud of your church. And be a part of the activities. You will be blessed.

Becky Brown
Clerk of Session

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Sunday Night Bible Study Group's next study will be Disciple Fast Track, Luke-Acts. This is a 12-week study designed for people who want an in-depth Bible Study that can fit into their schedule. The study format, which was developed in the original Disciple studies, has a theme word, theme verse, statement of the human condition, daily and weekly assignments, and prayer. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Jim Gonsiewski at [336-392-2874](tel:336-392-2874) or jgon-siewsk@aol.com. The Sunday Night Group normally meets from 4 PM to 6 PM in Room 222. There will be an organizational meeting on April 28th at 4 pm with the study beginning the following Sunday, May 5th.





LADIES' BIBLE STUDIES

THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Our spring Bible study is entitled "24 Hours that Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. In this seven-week study Adam Hamilton will take us to the Holy Land to visit the sites that Jesus walked his last day on earth. We meet Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in Room 222. Contact Anne Barts or Susan Shaw for info!

LADIES THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Thursday Mornings at 9:30 am in Room 222.

MOSES! Do you think you know all about Moses? Maybe not. So come join our study by Adam Hamilton which focuses on this "Reluctant Prophet" through historical information, archaeological data and biblical text. We will dig deeper about this extraordinary hero of the Old Testament. For additional information, contact Vivien Carson or Clarajo Pleasants.



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