



The JPC Monthly

August 2024

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JAY



I am so excited to share with you the new changes we, as a Session, have made at JPC. I have been talking about these changes for the past year or so but it is finally time to unveil them for the 2024 – 25 program year. Please understand that the Session prayed over these changes and decisions and had several retreats to evaluate who we are and where we are going. In doing so, we realized that we aren't clear about who we are as a community of faith. While we loved the old "Invite, Equip, and Reach" mission statement we felt it was necessary to be clear to an outsider who we are and what we believe.

The Session is very proud of this work. I think you will find it to be biblically faithful and a clear representation of who we are as a community of faith. I think you will also be pleased to see that our core values are foundational in that they don't attempt to address any political or worldly issues. What I mean is these are core values that should inform all that we decide and do as individuals. I think JPC is a very unique church because people of all walks of life, religious backgrounds, political affiliations, and family structures can come here and feel welcomed.

I invite you now to read over these statements and let them sink in. We have added the Mission and Vision statements to our bulletins. They will make their way to our website soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. Thank you for being a part of this church. I am still (after all these years) excited about the future here. I hope that you are too! Invite a friend, tell a neighbor, that JPC is the place to be!

Mission Statement

JPC is a loving and welcoming faith community of ordinary people doing extraordinary things empowered by Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we aim to be a family-centered, faithful community known for our love, worship, and service to others both within and beyond our walls.

JPC Core Values

What we believe...

God is the creator of all things both seen and unseen. God is completely good, all knowing, all present, and all powerful. God exists as three distinct persons yet one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God desires to have a relationship with us. The way God provides for us to have this relationship is His son Jesus.

Genesis 1:1, Acts 17:24 – 25.

Jesus is God in human flesh. He is both fully God and fully man. He was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, and offered Himself as a sacrifice so that we could be restored to God. He was crucified, dead and buried, resurrected, and ascended into heaven. Jesus promised that His Father would send us a Helper to guide us in our daily walk, and that Helper is The Holy Spirit.

John 1:1 – 3, Luke 24:5 – 8, Romans 5:8 – 10.

The Holy Spirit is God's promised presence with us. The Holy Spirit sustains us and renews us. The Spirit gives us our gifts for service, power for living, and guidance for doing what is right.

Acts 1:5, Galatians 5:22 – 25, John 16:7 – 14.

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Grace is God's gift freely poured out in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. God's grace is at work in us through the Holy Spirit. God's love for us is given without any regard for our goodness. Grace is unmerited, unconditional, and unending and is received through faith in Him.

Romans 3:21 – 26, Ephesians 2:4 – 10, John 1:14.

Salvation is our restoration to God through grace. Through sin our relationship with God was broken. God sent Jesus to die for us to restore that relationship and to give us the gift of salvation. We are saved when we accept God's grace, repent our sins, and call Jesus Lord of our lives.

John 3:16, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8 – 10, Acts 2:21.

The Bible is our standard and authority in all we say and do. We believe that God inspired human authors by the Holy Spirit and therefore we find it trustworthy. We are under the authority of the Scriptures as a guide for our life and faith.

2 Timothy 3:15 – 17, Hebrews 4:12 – 13, Psalm 119:105.

How we live out these beliefs...

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be part of a Christian Community. We strive to create an environment where everyone feels welcomed, and where everyone can discover the love and grace of the Gospel. God created us to live together in loving relationships that honor Him and build each other up.

John 17:14 – 19, 1 Corinthians 12:25 – 27

Worship is our expression of gratitude to God. In worship we come into the presence of God to hear the Word proclaimed, celebrate the sacraments, sing praises, and lift our prayers to God. We believe that Worship is not limited to Sunday mornings, but is something that we should live out in our daily lives.

Exodus 20:2 – 3, Psalm 9:1 – 2, Romans 12:1 – 2, 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18.

Prayer draws us close to the heart of God. It is in prayer that we enjoy God's presence and seek to understand His will. Prayer is a privilege and a responsibility of the believer. It is a privilege that the God who created the universe hears our prayers. It is a responsibility in that it is commanded in Scripture. As a community of faith and as followers of Jesus Christ, we are committed to living a life of active prayer.

James 5:13 – 16, Romans 12:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18.

Study is a vital part of our faith formation and growth as followers of Jesus Christ. Through the study of God's Word, both individually and collectively, we grow as disciples. We need to know about the story of God, what it truly means to be known and loved by God, and how God calls us to act in our daily lives.

Hebrews 4:12, John 1:1, Matthew 4:4

Service is essential for followers of Jesus. We are called to serve others and seek opportunities to help those in need, with no task being too menial. The Bible instructs us to use whatever gifts we have received to serve others.

1 Peter 4:8 – 11, Mark 10:45

Love is central to our identity as followers of Jesus. Love is active - we are called to love as Jesus loves us. Christ modeled sacrificial love giving everything even when he got nothing in return. Love is the foundation and the force behind everything we do. It compels us, motivates us, and empowers us to live out the gospel.

John 3:6 – 17, 1 John 4:7 – 17, Colossians 3:12 – 14.

LADIES' THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Please join our Thursday Night Bible Study for our fall Bible study entitled “Irresistible” by Andy Stanley starting on September 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm at JPC in Room 222. The Bible study will end at 8:00 pm and will meet every Thursday and our last session will be on October 17, 2024.

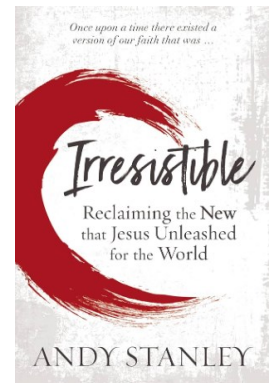
Author and pastor Andy Stanley explains what made the earliest Christian movement so compelling and resilient...and what we need to change today to make it so again.

Once upon a time there was a version of the Christian faith that was practically irresistible. After all, what could be more so than the gospel that Jesus ushered in? Why, then, isn't it the same with Christianity today? In this six-session video Bible study, Pastor Andy answers questions like:

- What did first-century Christians know that we don't—about God's Word, about their lives, about love?
- What did they do that we're not doing?
- What makes Christianity so resistible in today's culture?
- What needs to change in order to repeat the growth our faith had at its beginning?

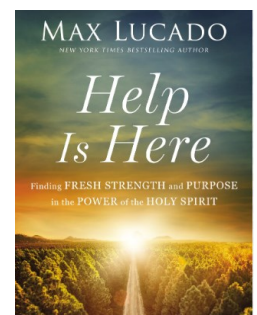
Sessions include:

1. Simply Resistible
2. Brand-New Agreement
3. The Bible According to Jesus
4. The Irresistible Ethic
5. What Love Requires
6. A New Approach



THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...

will begin September 12 with Coffee and Doughnuts in Room 222 and an introduction to our study of the Holy Spirit by Max Lucado called *Help is Here*. (Can't we all use a little help these days?) Please mark your calendar and come join us for this six-week study. For additional information, call Vivien Carson or Clarajo Pleasants.

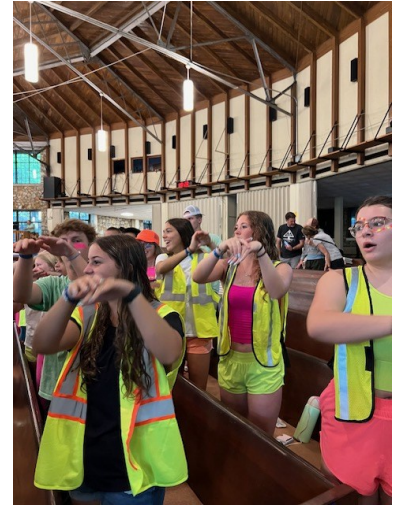


JPC YOUTH SUMMER CONFERENCE FUN

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VBS Thank you!

A huge shout out to ALL who helped make this year's VBS a success! And thank you to all of the VBS volunteers who came each day to make the event special for all of the kids. ♡

Main Positions

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| Coordinator | Nancy Seay |
| Decorations Leader | Debra Catto |
| Celebration Leader | Jordan Smith |
| Kitchen Leaders | Mary Brooke Guernier |
| | Anne Wright |
| Registration | Anne Wright |
| | Sammie Braxton |
| Mary | Sammie Braxton |

Tribe Leaders

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| Faith Shelton and KK Whitehead | Kindergarten |
| Caroline Van Thillo | Kindergarten |
| Lila King | 1 st -2 nd Grade |
| Avis MacColl and Emory Bean | 2 nd -3 rd Grade |
| Julia Smith and Justin Izaj | 4 th -5 th Grade |

Craft/Marketplace Leaders

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| Bead Bazaar | Dale Flotketter |
| Olive Oil Market | Gabby Graham |
| Operation Kid to Kid | Robin Gonziewski |
| Rock Quarry | Susan Shaw |
| Farmers Field | Jenny Rathgen |
| Barnyard | Kathy Decker |

Fun and Games

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| Leader Day 1 | Scarlet King |
| Leader Day 2 | Kyle Maness |
| Leader Day 4 | Kasey Martin |
| Leader Day 5 | Scarlet King |

Floating where Needed

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| Nancy Seay |
| Jordan Smith |
| Josh Smith |



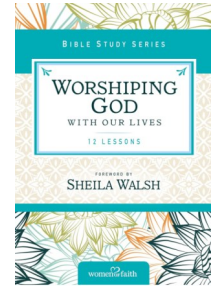
FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are in desperate need of food for the pantry- the shelves are almost bare! Please kindly consider donating the most needed items listed below. Thank you so much for helping us feed our hungry friends!

- Peanut butter
- Grape jelly (plastic jars or bottles, please!)
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Cereal
- Instant oatmeal packs
- White rice
- Granola / Cereal bars
- Cookies (family size)
- Canned / individual serving cups fruit
- Canned soup
- Pop-tarts
- Canned chicken or tuna



WOMEN'S EVENING CIRCLE



We hope you will join us when the Presbyterian Women's Evening Bible Circle begins the 2024 – 2025 calendar year on the third Monday of the month from September through May. We follow the Presbyterian Women's calendar year.

The first meeting is September 16th, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are using the Women of Faith Study Series, and will be completing the book, Worshiping God with Our Lives, at this meeting. We have used this study series for many years and at September's Circle we will choose one of the two books we purchased; Giving God your Future or Pursuing Contentment, to begin in October.

Our Circle is a small group but we collect for the Least Coin and the money collected has been donated lately to the Orange Feather Community Fund. We also have a Sunshine Fund that is used for donations to give in memory or honor of a Circle member, family member, or a friend, in the church or to an organization.

Our December Circle is a Christmas Dinner at a members' home, and instead of buying gifts; we bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange and collect \$5.00 per person to send to an organization we have chosen to support. A set amount is chosen and if we need to, we draw from the Sunshine Fund to make up the difference.

In May we have a salad dinner hosted in a members' home. Each member brings a salad of her choosing to share. This is our last meeting of the year. There is no study, but just a time given to enjoy good food, good company and discuss the year's events and what we look forward to.

Our meeting night consists of prayer concerns and joys, and an overview of Presbyterian Women and Church events, and upcoming events. Different women volunteer to do the devotions, lesson and refreshments for the month. We are a group that use different versions of the Bible, so there is a comparing of the wording and how it affects the answers to our study questions.

For further information please contact:

Cynthia Neel

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LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

Leisure Fellowship will be going to the NC Aviation Museum and Hall of Fame in Asheboro for a tour Thursday, August 15. We will leave JPC at 10:00. Lunch will be on your own at America's Roadhouse. We hope you will join us!



The North Carolina Aviation Museum and North Carolina Aviation Hall of Fame displays a collection across two hangars of static aircraft, uniforms and memorabilia, and an extensive collection of aircraft models. Nearly all aircraft on display are privately owned and on loan, are kept in flight-worthy condition and the collection changes periodically. Aircraft restoration and museum operations are performed by a small staff of paid employees along with volunteers. Cost will be \$12.00 each which includes transportation and tickets for the museum. Please make your check to JPC and mark it for the NC Aviation Museum and give it to Charlotte Griner or Tara Daniel by Monday, August 5. If you have any questions, please call Charlotte at 336 402-5001 or send an email to clgriner@earthlink.net.

FROGS

Get ready to jump and splash on Sunday, August 11 from 3-6 pm at Jamestown City Lake Aquatic Park! Please RSVP to Grammie Sammie at jpckids1@gmail.com by August 8. Snacks will be provided. Look for your email from Grammie Sammie or email her.



YOUTH

August 7 we have a suite at the grasshoppers baseball game! Game starts at 12pm, admission is free, you are in charge of food! Open to middle school and high school! Please email or text Kelly Thomas! Meet at the ball field!

August 10 LAKE DAY!! Meet at the church at 11 and we'll be home around 6:30-7. RSVP to Kelly Thomas via email or text! Please let her know ASAP!

DONATIONS

Donation to JPC Music Fund
In memory of Andy Meehan by
Jacqueline Friedman
Louise Monroe
Charles & Betty Labella
Richard & Margaret Kreis
Joe & Debbie Johnson
Michael & Traci Rando
Scott & Jean Anne Semke

Donation to JPC Music Fund
In memory of Frank Mills, Chris Mills' father, by
Cathy Durbin

Donation to JPC Lane Pleasants Scholarship Fund
In memory of Andy Meehan by
Wayne & Betty McCray
Loyce Lesley
Wes & Lynette Smitherman
Forestdale East friends and neighbors

Donation to JPC Music Fund
In memory of Dollie Smith by
Gayle Smith

Donation to JPC Music Fund
In memory of Barbara Bayle by
Louise Monroe
Phyllis Kelly
Joanne Graham
Lynn Miller
Larry & Dale Flotkoetter
Cathy Durbin
Charles & Betty Labella
Jim & Beverly Nabors
Jamestown Public Library Afternoon Book Club

Donation to JPC Music Fund
In memory of Ross Ramsay by
Wayne & Betty McCray

Donation to JPC Food Pantry Fund
In memory of Barbara Bayle
In memory of Ross Ramsay by
Charlotte Griner

Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund
In memory of Barbara Bayle by
JPC Morning Circle

Donation to JPC Lane Pleasants Scholarship Fund
In memory of Barbara Bayle by
Wayne & Betty McCray

Donation to JPC Outreach (Backpacks) Endowment Fund
In memory of Barbara Bayle by
Dot Russell

Donation to JPC Lane Pleasants Scholarship Fund
In memory of Lois Yelton by
Loyce Lesley

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In memory of Lois Yelton
In memory of Don Feagans by
Bill & Clarajo Pleasants

Donation to JPC Music Fund
In memory of Lois Yelton by
Chris Yelton



DID YOU KNOW ...

... that JPC has an OPERATIONS COMMITTEE? It's a very important committee in our church and one that maybe you have not been aware of. It's made up of six Elders plus Pastor Jay, and it meets once a month on the second Monday of each month.

The six Elders represent three areas of oversight for the church.

Administrative Ministry

Property Ministry

Resource Management Ministry.

This group is constantly overseeing:

all administrative processes and needs for good management of the church.

all property, furnishings, and equipment as well as additional needs, upkeep, and repairs required.

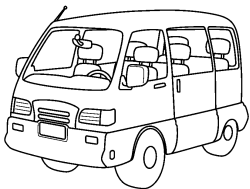
the monetary resources available and needed for fulfilling the entire mission of the church.

As Elders rotate off of each Ministry, new ones coming onto the Session replace them, and the work continues. The Operations Committee is extremely vital to the ongoing management and care of Jamestown Presbyterian Church. These six Elders along with Pastor Jay put a lot of time, thought and effort into the responsibilities of the jobs they have been assigned. So, if you know someone working in one of the three areas above, please thank them.

Please join us on 9/21/24 for the **Trenton Haley Invitational** at Jamestown Golf Course. Trent was active in the Jamestown community where he was born and raised. He was an active member of JUMC for many years, a Southwest Guilford graduate, and continued his education at Appalachian State where he graduated from in 2010.

All are welcome, register your team or register individually at the link below:

<https://trenton-haley-invitational.perfectgolfevent.com/>



JPC VAN DRIVERS NEEDED

We are in need of drivers for the van and would love your help! Pastor Jay often drives for Leisure Fellowship and other groups/events, but we need additional drivers. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will get you set up.

Thank you!



JPC COMMUNITY GARDEN

August the garden becomes prolific! Join us at 9am on Wednesdays and Saturdays and you will be welcomed with the freshest of vegs. We also have a delicious basket available at Sunday services. We are harvesting okra, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, peppers, potatoes and greens. We continuously donate our fresh produce to all those wonderful families we helped resettle from Church World Services and for many years Family Services Women's

Shelter. These are both missions of JPC. If you know of a family who needs help with food come to the garden, contact Nancy Seay at seaywhat7@aol.com or they are welcome to come themselves and we will gladly help them.

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