



## The JPC Monthly

### May 2025

#### THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JAY



May is a busy month. We celebrate Mother's Day and honor the women in our lives. We remember those that gave their lives to protect our freedom on Memorial Day. In the church we move to combined services May 25<sup>th</sup> and Pre-school will end for the school year, too. I am especially thankful for my mother, Erin's mother (even though she has been gone several years), for Erin as the mother of our children, and all the women in my life and in this congregation that shine the light of Christ everywhere they go.

Now that we have gotten these things out of the way, I want to tell you about the summer sermon series at JPC. I am so excited to announce that we will be "Roaming through Romans" this summer! This 12-week study of the book of Romans will hopefully help us understand the possibly most impactful book in the New Testament. This series will help you connect the message of the gospel to the book of Romans.

I have been inspired by our time using The Chosen study this spring to try and help us discover the beauty and importance of God's word. Hopefully we can do the same by helping us to understand and apply some of the tricky parts of Romans. Over the course of the 12 weeks, we will show how each passage unveils the gospel, tie the text in with the whole story of scripture, illuminate the doctrines taught in each text, invite you to discover practical implications, and help you better understand and apply God's word to your life.

The following is a description from the book I am using as my guide: "The book of Romans was Paul's greatest literary achievement, a majestic letter in which the apostle explains doctrines such as original sin, election, atonement, the role of the law, and justification by faith alone. Plumbing the theological depths, this guide explains the biblical text with clarity and passion – helping us to follow along as Paul recounts the history of salvation and illuminates the glories of the death and resurrection of Christ."

Don't be afraid! These are going to be stand alone sermons that take us through the book of Romans. Week one will be an introductory overview that helps us understand Paul's longest letter. We are going to do things a little bit different this summer as we roam through Romans together. I can't wait to see how we engage in God's word together. See you in church!



Please join us each Sunday this summer at 10:00 am for Combined Worship!

**May 25** Sanctuary (Memorial Weekend)

**June 1** Sanctuary

**June 8** CLC (Senior Sunday)

**June 15** Sanctuary

**June 22** CLC

**June 29** CLC

**July 6** Sanctuary

**July 13** Sanctuary

**July 20** CLC

**July 27** Sanctuary

**August 3** CLC

**August 10** Sanctuary

**August 17** CLC

**August 24** Sanctuary

**August 31** CLC (Labor Day Weekend)



We are on the final stretch of the preschool year! We have had a wonderful year of faith and growth. We will begin having our "Very Important Person" picnics this week. Each class will have their own special celebration. Thank you for your continued support this school year! See you in September!



Wow! I can't believe we're nearing the end of the school year! Our youth have been busy this month and we have enjoyed cheering on some youth at baseball games, supporting our dancers, tennis players, actors, runners, golfers, soccer players, etc. Our youth are counting down the days until summer and we are nearing passport and montreat! Hard to believe! Looking forward to what May has in store for us.

### LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

We will be going to Temple Theatre on Thursday, May 15 to see Disney's Beauty and the Beast at the Sanford Theater.



This is what they say about the show:

*"Step into the enchanted world of Disney's beloved classic. This tale as old as time tells the classic story of the beauty, Belle, and the Beast, who is trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self, but time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity."*

We will leave JPC at 10:30 and expect to arrive back at JPC 5:30-6:00. Lunch will be on your own at Cracker Barrel in Sanford. Cost for the trip including use of the church bus and the tickets is \$41.00. Make your check payable to JPC, mark it for the Sanford trip and give it to Jen at the church, Charlotte Griner, or Anne Barts by Friday, May 9.

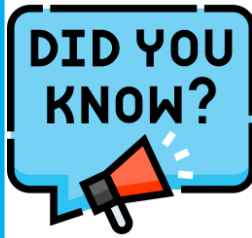


### JPC COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS!

We have had some new faces and hands join us cleaning up the garden this spring. Thanks to our newest gardeners, Dell McGill and Marcia Heim. Thank you Cam Tally and Jack Bell for getting the irrigation started and cleaning out the shed. We are getting our summer crops in over the next few weeks and

would love your help to grow healthy vegetables for our refugee families, Family Services Women's Shelter and our own congregation! JPC supports many refugee families that we have settled over the past years who rely on fresh vegetables to sustain them. Join us on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 9:00 am! Gardening is nurturing and we enjoy fellowship with each other while we work.

Contact Nancy Seay at [seaywhat7@aol.com](mailto:seaywhat7@aol.com) with any questions. You are needed and valued on our team!



**Did you know?** I'm from West Michigan and lived in Grand Rapids my whole life until moving to Greensboro. Ed and I met on a 'blind' date, set up by my sister. I say 'blind' because our parents worked at the same place and went to the same church (small world). I retired at the end of 2023 after a number of years working in the insurance world. While working I went back to school at night, earning my Masters Degree in Insurance. I then went through training and earned my Yoga Teachers Certificate.

During the years of working and learning, I also kept busy with leading the Children in Worship, Sunday School, and Nursery at the church we attended. Getting back to moving to Greensboro, did you know I still have my notes from 1991 teaching children's church? I've enjoyed getting to know the children at JPC and working putting together the Easter Egg Hunt. Did you know that even though the weather was damp and cold we had a good turnout? There were bunny ears, a guessing game, relays, egg 'dive', a story time, crafts, a photo shoot table, egg 'hunt', and of course bunny treats. I'm already thinking of next year, oh the possibilities...but for now thinking of what's in front of us. VBS is on the horizon and I'm sure Jordan Smith can use our help. If you haven't signed up already, please consider it a blessing to be able to assist. I thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the children's ministry.

Mrs H. - aka- Evy

### **A Note From JPC Admin. Ministry**

Congratulations are in order for Pastor Jay. He was to be recognized at his class reunion at his alma mater, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, on April 22-24, 2025. Due to other commitments, he was unable to attend the reunion and celebration. However, the Session of Jamestown Presbyterian Church voted unanimously to donate \$1,000 to the school in Pastor Jay's honor. The contribution will go to the Annual Fund Campaign at the Seminary and will be used to provide financial aid to deserving students. Should you have any questions please contact either Bill Carter or Kerry Miller.



## DONATIONS

**A donation have been made to the Avery Snead Scholarship in memory of Dennis Snead, by:**

Patsy and Roy Johnston

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**\* Donations for Tara Daniel will be published in next month's newsletter, as well as any additional memorials that come through by that time.**

### CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Attention all bakers! Do you periodically enjoy baking and are looking for a way to support the church just a couple times a year? The Worship Ministry team is seeking to create a group of people who are willing and able to bake the shortbread cookies used during the 11:00 communion service. A recipe and the offer for some tutoring/guidance is included for all those willing to get started. If you are interested please reach out to Becky Robinson at [rsrobinson.26@gmail.com](mailto:rsrobinson.26@gmail.com) or Becky Brown at [becky-brown1922@gmail.com](mailto:becky-brown1922@gmail.com)



### BLOOD DRIVE- SAVE THE DATE!



Please help save lives! Our next blood drive is Wednesday, June 4, from 2:30-7:00 pm in the CLC. You can register by clicking [HERE](#) or by contacting Brenda Davis, the new blood drive coordinator at [bqdortdawg@aol.com](mailto:bqdortdawg@aol.com). Thank you!

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**Class of 2025**

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