



# The JPC Monthly

## July / August 2025

### THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JAY



I like to plan. I am definitely a planner. I don't really do well when the plan is not made until the last minute. Most weekends I like to start discussing dinner plans around 2PM. My family makes fun of me and reminds me that we don't eat at "old people time." I will leave it to you to decide what time that might be and if you need to say something to my girls about it! I do marginally better when plans change. Most of my professional life I have had to be willing to adapt because of the needs of others or emergencies or changing circumstances and I am usually fine with that after the initial shock. I am just not good at the uncertainty.

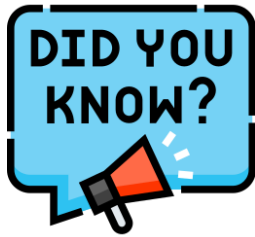
Plans don't always go the way we want them to. This is especially true when the Lord has a different plan! Over the last three weeks I have only been in the office a handful of days. The first week I was at Montreat with the youth group. Make no mistake, this is definitely work. The second week I was in the office for three days before volunteering at the Wyndham. This is something I have enjoyed for the last few years, I love watching the golf, interacting with the crowd, and NOT having my cell phone on! After the Wyndham is over, we will head to the beach for a week. Technically, you may be reading this article in the middle of my beach week. I guess the only thing I have to worry about there is the weather and maybe start a meal discussion as soon as I am finished with my lunch?

This week did not go as planned. I was called away from my desk a couple of times to help a person experiencing homelessness. I had to write a difficult note to all of you about a tragedy in our front yard (literally). I had to go and help some church members in the blazing heat clean out a residence for a lady that was being evicted. I ran to Raleigh to help the boys move their beds from the apartment they were leaving to storage. All of that happened in one day. The amazing thing is I still got the majority of what I needed to accomplished. When you work on God's schedule things don't always happen in a linear way like we might like, but God has a plan and it will not be denied.

Jeremiah 29:11 tells us "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We often misunderstand this verse to mean everything is going to go great and happen on our timeframe and we are going to be rich while it is happening. This is not exactly what is going on here. The verse is often interpreted as a personal promise of God's good intentions and a hopeful future for believers. However, understanding the verse in its historical context reveals a more nuanced meaning, specifically that God has a plan for restoration and a future of hope for His people, even in the midst of suffering and exile. God's people were in exile and there was no relief in sight. I think I read somewhere once that the relief wouldn't come for generations. This verse is not a promise of an easy life, but hope for the future.

Go ahead and make your plans. Ask God to show you the plan He has for you. Don't hold on too tightly because if you do you will not see the promise of hope around you. You also might miss some chances to be a blessing, too. See you in church!

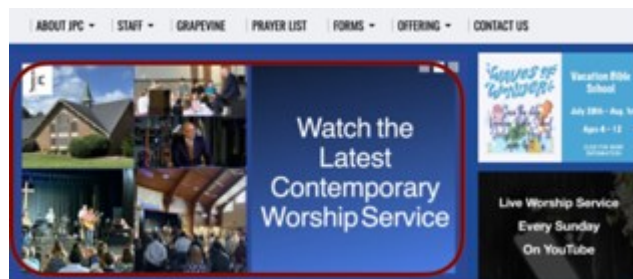
## DID YOU KNOW.....



The Jamestown Presbyterian Church Website ([jamestownprez.org](http://jamestownprez.org)) is updated on a weekly basis and provides information regarding upcoming events at the church. For example, information about **Celebrate 2025** (in October) can be found at the top of the homepage. You can click anywhere on the image to view more information.



You can also quickly access the latest worship service live stream by clicking anywhere on the corresponding image at the top of the homepage. Note: the website is typically updated right before worship service begins.



You can view the **JPC Calendar** for a more complete list of upcoming activities by clicking on the JPC Calendar image on the homepage.



Last year we updated the website to ensure it was more usable when navigating to the website from your mobile phone. While the menu at the top can be used to navigate to various pages on the website, we added buttons on the home page to make it easier to navigate to a majority of the content. For example, you can view JPC's Core Values by clicking on the corresponding button on the homepage versus having to open the menu at the top of the page and trying to locate the page you are looking for.

-Kirk Lesley



With the end of summer approaching, it's a good time to celebrate **National Beach Day** on August 30th! Soak up those last rays of sun and warm waves!

## JPC COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

We had a garden party with our gardeners for our dear friend Barbara Koehler. (picture).



We are really excited about our Blueberries coming in. Come get some blueberries and start baking. (recipe) We would love to see you in the garden. We are currently harvesting We are still harvesting tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, peas and tending on Wednesdays at 8:00 am-9am and Saturdays at 8:00 am-9am before it gets too hot.. You'll have fun and get lots of vegetables. And, yes, we distribute fresh vegetables to the families that our church is resettling through Church World Services as well as to Family Services Women's Shelter in Jamestown. For information contact Nancy Seay at [seaywhat7@aol.com](mailto:seaywhat7@aol.com).

### Easy Blueberry Muffins

Easy Serves 4 to 6  
May prepare ahead Bake: 22 min at 425

1 cup self-rising flour 2/3 cup milk  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise 1/4 cup blueberries

Cut mayonnaise into flour  
Mix with milk  
Add blueberries  
Pour into greased muffin tin (do not use muffin papers-muffin sticks to paper)  
Bake 425 for 22 minutes

*Junior League of Charleston*

## DONATIONS

Donation has been made in memory of  
Tara Daniel, by:  
Sharon Wilson  
Ladies' Morning Circle  
Angela and Todd Clark  
Sammie Braxton

Donation has been made to the Avery Snead Scholarship in memory of Dennis Snead, by:  
Wesley and Kimberly Morgan  
Barbara Arbo

Donation has been made to the Orange Feather Mission in honor of Evy Hazenberg, by:  
Bill and Clarajo Pleasants

Donation has been made to The JPC Foundation, Inc. in memory of Tara Daniel, by:  
Bob and Joanne Vitelli  
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David Anderson  
Naomi Feagans  
Charles Stanfield and Melanie Wood

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Donation has been made to the Fellowship Hall Flooring Project, by:  
Pat McGill  
Bill Pleasants  
Anne Wright  
Charlotte Griner

Donation has been made to the Orange Feather Mission in honor of Jay and Jordan Smith, by:  
Leisure Fellowship

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal (family sized)  
Syrup  
Pancake mix  
Rice  
Beans  
Fruit (canned or packs of individual cups)  
Pasta sauce  
Pasta  
Tuna / chicken / salmon (canned)  
Pop-tarts  
Saltines  
Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Cookies (family sized)

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Summer fun isn't over but it's time to start the Outreach Back-to-School Collection. Once again, JPC will be filling 100 backpacks to be given out to Family Services and Church World Services. Our VBS will also be collecting supplies! Below is a list of items needed. You can also make a cash donation with a note for "Back Packs." We would love to have the bags completed by August 11th. Donations can be dropped off in the outside collection box or church office.

Backpacks  
Wide and College rule paper  
Pencils and pencil sharpener  
Colored pencils  
Glue sticks  
Crayons  
Pencil pouch or box  
Pens  
Composition books (Wide and College rule)



### THE CHOSEN SEASON 2 COMING SOON!



### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

AFRAID? Have you ever been fearful of studying the Book of Revelation? Be afraid no more! The Thursday Morning Bible study will begin WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: A Traveler's Guide Through the End of the Age by Max Lucado. It is suggested (but not mandated) that you purchase the hard cover book with this title and peruse it this summer in preparation for the class which will start September 26, 2025 at 9:30 in Room 222. (We recommend Thrift Books.com or Amazon.com who sell used books as well as new ones.) For additional information contact Vivien Carson or Clarajo Pleasants.



### LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

Please come cool off with Leisure Fellowship on Thursday, August 21st at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We'll chill by playing Ice Cream Bingo, hosted by our very own Bill and Clarajo Pleasants! Please bring a covered dish to share. There's no need to bring dessert as ice cream and toppings will be provided!



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### **JPC SESSION**

#### **Class of 2025**

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Charles Graham  
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Linda Honeycutt  
Becky Robinson

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David Bean  
Becky Brown  
Nancy Seay  
Anne Wright

#### **Class of 2027**

Jim Gonsiewski  
Kirk Lesley  
Peggy Maynard  
Kerry Miller  
Jenny Rathjen  
Dick Whitt