



The JPC Monthly

September 2025

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JAY

I am always excited when the summer ends and we go back to the “normal” routine at JPC. You might think that is backwards, but I really enjoy the great stuff kicking off in the fall. I am going to tell you about some of those things. There are classes, events, and chances for you to serve. Others might also write about these in the coming days, but I want to share with you WHY I am excited about these new things happening this fall.



The normal schedule may not seem like much but there are a couple of things that happen because of it. First, people get to worship in their chosen format. I loved the summer worship. Attendance stayed up in both the CLC and the Sanctuary this summer! In fact, there were times in the Sanctuary that late arrivers didn't really like the seats that were left (I must admit- that makes me giggle). But the beauty of both services is something that I love celebrating each week with you. Coupled with that is the chance to have Sunday School. I am excited about the new Sunday School class meeting in the parlor. It is a class for young adults. We recognized that maybe folks in their 20's and maybe a little older didn't have a place they could go. Some were attending the high school class, while others were just not going. Now there is a new class where these people, college students when they are home, and visitors can call their own. Sunday School starts September 21st. On a side note, if you got into the habit of reading the Romans passages this summer and would like to continue, I would suggest you make your way through Luke next. I will be preaching from the gospel of Luke this fall, not in a series, but you still might find it helpful.

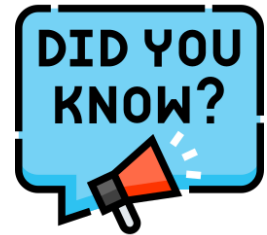
I am also very excited about the new season of The Chosen. We will study season 2. Even if you have watched every minute of all the seasons you can come and work through season 2 with us. Each evening starts with dinner and then a nice time for table discussion. The Chosen is available to watch for free on its own app, or we also have a couple of DVDs here at the church that can be borrowed. Join us Wednesday evenings starting September 17th for the next 8 weeks. We will announce what episode we are on so you can come prepared, even if you miss a week. It truly is a great show and a fun time of light study and fellowship in the church.

The last thing I want to mention is Celebrate. There is literally something for everyone at Celebrate. I love how the church comes together to work to provide a fun day for the children of this community. When I say there is a job for everyone, I mean we can find you something that you can do to make this day a huge success. You may not know this, but I worked at amusement parks when I was in college. I worked at Kennywood in Pittsburgh and Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio over my college career. At Kennywood I worked at The Golden Nugget. It was an ice cream place that sold an ice cream cone that was square and dipped in chocolate and peanuts. There were two jobs that you did not want to get in this establishment. The first was cutting these huge blocks of ice cream into the correctly sized squares so that they would fit snugly into the cones and then survive the dipping process without falling out into the vat of melted chocolate. I did not do well at this job. The second job that no one wanted was the cotton candy machine operator. It was hot and the fibers of cotton candy got in your hair, nose, and clothing. You might not believe this, but I did have a full head of hair back then! The funny thing was I was really good at making cotton candy. I could make it, get it in the bag, and tie the bag in one fluid motion before the next bag was ready. That job is not something I talk about or even think about often. It is not on my resume. Even before Seminary and a doctorate I don't think it made the list. But do you know what that job did? It gave me an important role at a church in Jamestown, North Carolina 30 years later.

Maybe you don't have an old summer job at the climbing wall or anywhere that would prepare you for Celebrate, but I promise once you try it you will be back. I love watching the kids watch Tony and I bag up that sugary goodness before we hand it to them. It is one of my favorite times on this campus. I am willing to bet that if you give Celebrate, The Chosen, or Sunday School a try you might find a new favorite at JPC too! See you in church!

Did You Know....Sunday School Kicks Off in September!

Do you want to learn about the goodness of God with your JPC friends this fall? You will want to choose a Sunday School Class that fits you!



Sunday Morning Class led by Chris Mills & Doug MacColl

Bible Discovery Meets Sunday mornings at 10:00 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.



Video-based teaching sessions with time for discussion.

Class concludes in time to make it upstairs for the 11:00 Worship service.

Studies are usually 4-6 weeks. It's OK if you miss a session, you won't be behind.

Our first study starts Sunday, **September 14th**!

The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life by Adam Hamilton

How do we walk with Christ – daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

This is a six-week video-based series by Adam Hamilton titled “The Walk.” The focus is on five essential spiritual practices that will strengthen our walk with Christ – worship, study, serving, giving, and sharing our faith. This study includes:

Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah / **Study:** The Importance of Listening and Paying Attention

Serve: Here I Am, Lord, Send Me / **Give:** Where Your Treasure Is...

Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light / The Five Practices from the Cross

Sunday Afternoon Class (called “Sunday Evening Bible Study”) Jim Gonsiewski leads a study from the Disciple Fast Track course on Paul with lively discussion. Join us at 4pm in Room 222 on **September 7th** (no class on the 14th), resuming on the 21st



Coffee With Christ (on select Sundays) Congregate in the CLC around the coffee bar and enjoy refreshments while pondering a biblical topic. Prior to the class kick off on **September 14th**

Young Adult & College Age Class [We are excited about this new class!](#) If you are in college or between the ages of 18-29 you will enjoy this class led by Katie Heineman, meeting in the Parlor with a new comfortable gathering space. There will be beverages and great conversation about topics relevant to you! **Beginning September 21**

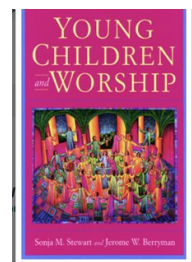


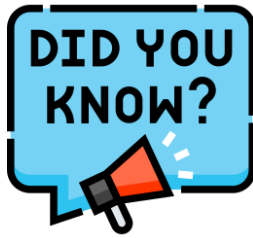
Youth Sunday School Youth Director, Kelly Thomas leads this class for Middle and High School ages. It will meet in the Youth Room and will be studying from the Strong Students Curriculum. **Begins September 21**

Children's Sunday School coordinated by Mrs. H will meet in the new [Children's Room](#) just to the left of the Youth Room! There will be different stations set up in the room to keep the kids engaged. They will be using the curriculum 'Young Children and Worship' by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome W. Berryman. We are still

looking for parents to assist with this class. **Begins September 21**

As you can see there is a lot going on at JPC for learning, no matter what age group you feel comfortable joining! We look forward to having YOU learn and make new friends us!





PART 2!

CELEBRATE is returning in just over a month to JPC! Our planning team has been hard at work getting things ready. Here are the fun facts!

**October 4th, 10-2pm
Everything is FREE**

NEW THIS YEAR

Trackless train!
Large animal petting zoo!
24 foot climbing wall!
Bungee jump!
Nachos!
Open to the public!

RETURNING

Decided Band/Matt Pfeiffer DJ
Exotic animal petting zoo
Boy Scout activities
Bouncy houses
Sunset Slush
Cotton Candy
Popcorn
Hotdog lunch

WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE VOLUNTEER AND TAKE A FEW SPOTS FROM OUR SIGN-UP GENIUS BELOW. WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING HOMEMADE COOKIE DONATIONS, SIGN UP BELOW AS WELL! LET'S MAKE THIS EVENT THE BEST IN JAMESTOWN!

**Rain date is October 5th, 12-4pm*

COOKIE SIGN UP [Cookie Donations](#)

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP [Volunteer Signup](#)



THANK YOU!

I want to extend a special thanks to my church family, for their thoughts and prayers during the illness, and passing of my nephew, John Pappas.

Your prayers meant so much to our family, and we were so thankful for each of them. Thanks for the many special cards, emails, text, and telephone calls, which I received. What a blessing to be a part of such a loving & special church family.

In Christian Love,
Anne Wright



JPC COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

The JPC Community Garden is still producing a lot of tomatoes, okra, green beans and peppers. We have not had any luck with squash this year probably due to all of the rain and some squash vine borers! Stop by the garden and pick up some okra and tomatoes for the following recipe.

We are looking forward to a little cooler weather and planting some fall crops soon. Thanks to all of our new volunteers that have kept things going so well over the summer! If you would like to join us, please let Nancy Seay know at seaywhat7@aol.com. We have a great team but would enjoy having you be a part too!

Roasted Shrimp With Okra and Tomatoes Recipe

- 1 pound (21 to 30 count) peeled and deveined shrimp (tails on)
- 2 tablespoons dried oregano
- ½ tablespoon smoked paprika
- Salt and black pepper
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 pound small to medium okra, trimmed
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes

Step 1 Heat the oven to 450 degrees and line a sheet pan with aluminum foil. In a medium bowl, combine the shrimp, oregano, smoked paprika, a few pinches of salt and 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Mix well and set aside.

Step 2 Add the okra and tomatoes to the pan, season with salt and several cracks of black pepper, then drizzle the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil over top. Mix well, spread evenly then place on the top rack of the oven. Roast until the okra is softened and the tomatoes are soft and have released their juices, about 15 minutes.

Step 3 Take the pan out of the oven, put the tomatoes and okra in a large bowl, then spread the shrimp evenly on the same pan and toss to coat in the pan juices. Return the pan to the oven and roast until the shrimp are cooked through, 4 to 5 minutes.

Step 4 Remove the shrimp from the oven, then toss with the okra and tomatoes, along with any pan juices. Taste for salt. Serve on a large platter and finish with a squeeze of lemon.

~NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY~

September 7th

Congress passed the resolution on August 3rd, 1978
President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation.



DONATIONS

Donation to the Orange Feather Community School was made in honor of Joan Brisley and Jo Brech's birthdays, by Jim and Darryl Ray

Donation to the Avery Snead Preschool Scholarship was made in memory of Dennis Snead, and in honor of JPP teacher Alicia Moore, by Eddie and Travis Oakley

WE ARE BACK!

Youth group is ready to ramp up! We will be doing a back to school bash AND parent meeting on September 7 from 5-7 at the picnic shelter. We will have pizza, ice cream and games! I'm so excited about what's in store this year! We will be starting back with Sunday school and youth group on September 21.



Please RSVP to jamestownprezyouth@gmail.com or text 336-687-5527 so I know how much pizza to order!

You are cordially invited to Nancy Guiton's 100th Birthday Celebration!



Saturday, September 20th
1:00 – 2:00 pm
Brookdale NW
 (5809 Old Oak Ridge Road, Greensboro)



Nancy can't wait to see you at her birthday party! No RSVP is required.

Nancy kindly requests that no gifts are given; if you have a special charity or JPC fund you would like to donate to, she asks that you do that in lieu of any gift.



CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Declare His glory among the nations....

Psalm 96:3

It's time again for our JPC congregation to join with many other church, as we fill Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Prepare to pack one or more shoeboxes, which will be sent to children around the world. Our collection dates at JPC will be October 5th through November 9th, 2025. Please pick up a box or boxes during these dates, fill them & donate \$10, to help with shipping.

Our goal is to fill 100 shoeboxes. May we join hands together, as we fill shoeboxes to put smiles on children's faces, who receive them.

If you have questions, please contact Anne Wright, 336/210-3270 or Betty McCray, 336/906-9958.

The **Chosen season 2** is coming to JPC in September! Please save these dates:

September 17th, 24th

October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

November 5th

5 PM to 7 PM, dinner and childcare included

* Please sign up starting in September following the 9 AM service



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 25, 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 join us for our next Leisure Fellowship trip: a Trolley Tour of Winston Salem with Twin City Trolley Tours on September 18th! The tour will focus on the colleges in Winston Salem and the history of the city. We will meet at 12:45 at JPC (please eat lunch before you come!) and drive straight to Winston Salem. The tour leaves at 1:30 and lasts about 1 1/2 - 2 hours after which we will stop for ice cream. We should return to JPC between 4:00 - 4:30 PM. The trolley only holds 14 people plus the driver so our trip will be first come, first serve, and yes, it is air-conditioned! We already have 9 people signed up, which only leaves 5 spots available, so please don't wait too long!

The cost for the trip will be \$36.00 each. There will be no charge for the church bus this time. Please make your check payable to JPC and mark it for the 'Trolley Tour' and give it to Jenn, Charlotte or me by Monday, September 8."

This promises to be a fun and informational event so please join us!!! If you have any questions, please call either Anne Barts (336-255-0809) or Charlotte Griner (336-402-5001). Hope you can come!

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is scheduled for October 1 from 2:30 pm-7:00 pm. You can sign up through this link [HERE](#) or by emailing Brenda Davis at BQDORTDAWG@aol.com. If you would like to volunteer to help with the blood drive please contact Brenda. Thank you in advance for donating life saving blood!



OUTREACH PARTNERING WITH OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES IN HIGH POINT

We are now partnering with Open Door Ministries, preparing and serving meals to the hungry in the High Point area. Several folks on our Outreach team and our Clerk of Session served their first breakfast to 85 homeless friends this past Saturday. What a blessing to be able to nourish those in the community!



Waves of Wonder

~THANK YOU~

A huge shout out to Jordan Smith for leading the Vacation Bible School this year. Jordan did a fantastic job from beginning to end and the kids enjoyed all the planned activities. Jordan's leadership skills along with her enthusiasm was exceptional. We have been truly blessed to have such a talented young lady lead our VBS this year.

Please keep her in your prayers as she navigates her college campus with crutches! With much thanks and appreciation for all your hard work for a successful, fun, and well planned VBS!

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