



FINANCIAL CHATTER



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I'M TRYING SOMETHING NEW - I was out for a walk/run one morning last week (let's be honest, more walking than running) and I was ready to quit. All of a sudden, I caught a whiff of a gardenia, one of my favorite scents, and I was encouraged and refreshed and was able to finish what I'd



set out to do. I realize that years ago, when my neighbors planted that gardenia, they had no idea I'd benefit from it at a time when I really needed it. It reminded me that we may not get

to see all of the benefits of the work we are doing now to plan and serve our St. Andrew's community. Legacy gifts are another great example - the givers will not necessarily see the benefits, but they give so that others may receive. And so we continue to do the work, knowing by faith that God already knows who will be encouraged and refreshed from our actions. At our charge conference, we confirmed that we will move forward with the Transformation Journey Ministry Action Plan set out by the conference team. In the upcoming weeks, we will have guides assigned to different teams to begin the work on this plan. I encourage you to see how you can be a part of planting something for both the near and distant future for St. Andrew's.

The third quarter from a financial point of view has brought some challenges along with blessings. Some of the challenges were a slump in giving, expenses to relocate our Pre-School to the Emerywood wing, and cost increases for maintaining our building. But, we have been

blessed to receive a legacy gift that helped with our shortfall and reduced our mortgage balance, support from the Pre-School to cover relocation costs, and confirmation from Alliance for Education that they will be coming this fall with their full day pre-school ministry. Alliance has paid for a number of upgrades to the Archdale wing and the playground and will bring building use income that will help cover our building costs. We look forward to this new partnership. To help us end 2023 in a positive way, we are asking for your help to raise \$50,000 in second-mile giving so that we can end the year in a strong position financially as we head into 2024.

Thank you to those who have generously and continuously given, your quarterly giving statement is enclosed. If you have not yet had an opportunity to give, we encourage you to take the next step and partner with us in cultivating fruit. No gift is too small. Gifts can be made through cash, checks, Electronic Funds Transfer (<https://secure.myvanco.com/YPJ6/home>), or text (833-718-0142). We can also accept stock and other asset transfers.

Thank you for your support.

Yours in Christ,

- Lisa Pool - Church Council Chair
- Tom Patton - Finance Chair
- Kenn Bullock - Trustee Chair
- David Lisk - Archdale Community Center Chair

“We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.”

(Madeleine L'Engle)

LET'S COUNT THE FRUIT WE'VE SEEN IN THIS 3RD QUARTER!



We welcomed our District Superintendent, Dan Pezet, to the pulpit. He asked us to think about how we can be a tree, helping people to see Jesus, rather than a forest that can crowd people out.



We introduced our new youth minister, Brad Kirksey, who is leading our cooperative youth group with Sedgefield, Southpark, and Woodlawn Community churches.

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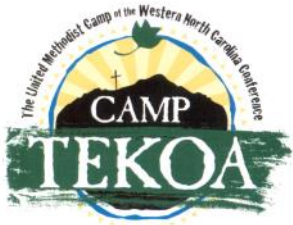
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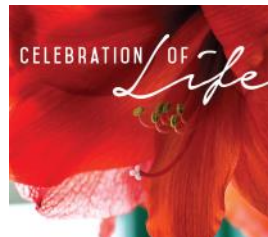
Eight members of our congregation volunteered with the NALEO Citizenship Event, helping some soon-to-be citizens complete their applications.



We helped our Preschool set up new rooms to welcome a new group of students back to school. We welcomed new Preschool staff.



We gathered with new and old friends at Camp Tekoa for our fellowship weekend.



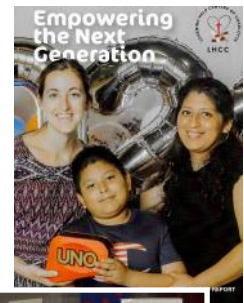
We celebrated the lives of dear members who have entered the Church Triumphant.



We hosted a back to school breakfast for the Montclair Elementary staff.



Learning Help Centers of Charlotte completed their summer camps, serving children and families in our community.



Our list continues to grow - It is your stewardship that helps these things happen - your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. There's always a way that YOU can be involved.