



## SCARCITY AND SACRIFICE

Nehemiah 5 ; 2 Cor 9:10-15; Matthew 6:1-4

October 11, 2026 - Pastor Ben Schrank

God builds through \_\_\_\_\_ people who don't have enough... to do more than they thought... because He is more than \_\_\_\_\_.

We are all "Building when \_\_\_\_\_."

"Each labored on the \_\_\_\_\_ with one hand and held his \_\_\_\_\_ with the other." Nehemiah 4:17

- 1) Sometimes external opposition can shift to internal \_\_\_\_\_.

"There arose a great \_\_\_\_\_." (5:1)

- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ focuses on what we don't have instead of focusing on \_\_\_\_\_ that God has for us.

"But it is not in our \_\_\_\_\_ to help it (5:5)

- 3) A good \_\_\_\_\_ speaks Truth and Grace.

"We will \_\_\_\_\_ these and require nothing from them" (5:12)

- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ reflects the heart of the giver.

"There were at my table \_\_\_\_\_ men." (5:17)

"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through \_\_\_\_\_ will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11

To whom have you been intentionally generous? \_\_\_\_\_

"\_\_\_\_\_ you give to the needy..." Matt 6:3

*For next week, please read Nehemiah 6.*



### Didn't get all the blanks?

Sermon audio and notes are available online: [sjlchurch.org/sermons](http://sjlchurch.org/sermons). LIFEWork pages can be found at Welcome Centers.

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# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S



## FIGHT POVERTY WITH... EDUCATION

### VISIT THE COURTYARD AND SPONSOR A CHILD TODAY

MORE INFO



## PUMPKINFEST

## OCT. 24 - 4-7 PM



## CELEBRATE • SERVE • DONATE



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## Surviving the Holidays

LOCATION:  
EVENT CENTER

DATE:  
NOVEMBER 4

TIME:  
6-8 PM

Love God and Others  
Learn to be and Make Disciples  
Lead Others to Discover and Live out their Calling

 [WWW.SJLCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.SJLCHURCH.ORG)  
 661-665-7815  
   @sjlcbakersfield

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**WHERE ARE THE RESTROOMS?** The restrooms are located in the lobby, across from the Nursery

**IS THERE SUNDAY SCHOOL?** Yes, we have a Nursery, (0-35 months) and Sunday School, (3 yr.-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

\*Please check your child into Sunday School before the start of service at the kiosk in front of the Nursery.

## PRAYERS

**Health Concerns & Illnesses:** Luke David Cooper, Pete Espinoza, Phil Fee, Dr. Miguel Gambetta, Steve H., Lance Hall, Muriel Hayward, Randy Horne, Dave & Sally Segesman, Brad Suburu, Paul Williams, Scott Ziemann

**Praise & Thanksgiving:** Gail & Charlie Vorhees welcomed their 12<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild, Rosie Marie, on September 24. Judie & Ken Walker welcomed their great-grandson, Joseph Allen Goss, on September 29. Denise & Jeff Sande welcomed their grandson, Carter James Sande, on October 5. Mom & Dad, Jennifer & Eric, are blessed with a son to join big sister, Hannah.

**Comfort & Strength:** Garey & Linda Schaub at the passing of their son, James Hulsey.

**Continued Concerns:** Todd Albright, Michelle Braughton, Cary Elliott, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Jeff Goossen, Kevin Green, Nancy Green, Marv Laurente, Sheila Long, Julie Martin, Michael Pennington, Dorothy Sundberg, Lisa Vorhees

## HONORING OUR VETERANS!



YOU CAN SUBMIT YOURSELF OR  
YOUR LOVED ONE AT EITHER OF  
THE WELCOME CENTERS

ALL NAMES DUE BY NOVEMBER 2

## REFORMATION SUNDAY



**OCTOBER  
26**

**WEAR RED IN  
CELEBRATION**

## ST. JOHN'S GIVING

Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year 2026-2027:  
Budget—\$2,044,300 / Last Week's Giving—\$33,644.00  
Budget to Date—\$517,821 / Year to Date—\$429,874.08  
Year to Date Variance—\$(87,947)

## ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1

THE CHURCH WILL  
HONOR BELIEVERS  
WHO HAVE PASSED  
AWAY IN THE  
LAST YEAR.

SUBMIT YOUR LOVED ONES  
BY OCTOBER 26

SEND NAME, PICTURE,  
DATE OF BIRTH, AND  
DATE OF PASSING TO:

[DMACKALL@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:DMACKALL@SJLCHURCH.ORG)

## NEED WIFI?

Wifi password:  
Welcome2SJLC

## OCTOBER IS:

Pastor Appreciation  
Month!

For all events and  
Bible studies, visit  
[sjlchurch.org/events](http://sjlchurch.org/events)



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

**SUN**

**Zoom Prayer Meeting** @5am - Contact Pastor Marvin  
**Traditional Worship** @9am - Sanctuary  
**Contemporary Worship** @10:30am - Worship Center  
**Adult Bible Study** @10:15am - Event Center Conf. Room  
**High School Night** @6pm - The Garage

**MON**

**Women's Bible Study** @3pm  
Hosted by Shirley Darling / Jan Lundy - OFF-CAMPUS

**TUES**

**Women's Bible Study** @1:30pm  
Hosted by Judie Fanucchi - Event Center Conference Room  
**Widow to Widow Luncheon & Bible Study** @11:45pm - Large Conf. Room

**WED**

**Men's Bible Study** @6:15am - Large Conference Room  
**Women's Bible Study** @8:45am - Worship Center Lobby  
**Level One Yoga** @11:15am - Music Room  
**Celebration Choir** @6pm - Music Room  
**AWANA** @6pm - KC  
**Faith Instruction** @6pm - Event Center Conf. Room / Large Conference Room  
**Junior High Night** @6pm - The Garage  
**Adult Bible Study** @6pm - Event Center

**THUR**

**Men's Bible Study** @8:30am  
Hosted by Dean Nulton - Small Conference Room  
**Handbell Rehearsal** @6pm - Music Room

**FRI  
SAT**

**Kidz 56** @6pm  
Hosted by Kidz Min for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Kidz Connection

**Men's Bible Study** @7am  
Hosted by Lynn Wheeler - Large Conference Room

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Junior High, High School, & Young Adults

### WAKE UP!

**October 25**  
during the 10:30 service

### WINTER CAMP

JH: Jan 22-2 | HS: Feb 5-8  
[sjlchurch.org/wintercamp](http://sjlchurch.org/wintercamp)

### OCTOBER HANGOUTS

**Junior High**  
Oct 28 @ 6-7:30pm  
Costumes & Karaoke

**High School**  
Oct 25 @ 6-8pm  
Costumes & Scavenger Hunt

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Oct 18 & Nov 1

Instagram: [@sjstudents\\_bakersfield](https://www.instagram.com/sjstudents_bakersfield)  
TikTok: [@sjstudents\\_bakersfield](https://www.tiktok.com/@sjstudents_bakersfield)  
YouTube: [SJ Students Bakersfield](https://www.youtube.com/SJStudentsBakersfield)

## KIDS MINISTRY

Nursery through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

### AWANA & FAITH INSTRUCTION

**Wednesday**  
6:00-7:30 pm

### KIDZ 56

**October 16**

6:00-8:00 pm Costumes / Dinner / Games

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Pumpkinfest - Oct 24**

Volunteers needed -  
Sign up to serve 1 hr. with us!!

Insta: [@stjohnskidz\\_bakersfield](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnskidz_bakersfield)

