

# St. John's Visitor

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## Cottage Meetings Resume This Week

Dear St. John's Family,

I need you to *do me the honor* of attending one of the upcoming Cottage Meetings, which begin again on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. They will also be held on January 13, 20, and February 3<sup>rd</sup>. An invitation is being sent your way, with a specific date. Be assured your attendance is important at ANY of the Wednesdays, so if the date suggested does not work, come to a different one. Each session (except January 6<sup>th</sup>, which is at 6:45) will begin at 6:30 pm. All are held in the Sanctuary.

**Why this meeting?** Why is it so essential for you to attend? You are such a valuable piece of St. John's, and *your opinion really does matter*. You DO influence the direction of this church. This is such an important gathering of the church body. It really is about YOU: your wants, your thoughtful input, your consideration of the future direction.


**First**, we will have a **congregational overview** where we'll look at where we have been, where we are now, and where I see us heading into the future. We will review those things we have done so well, and look at where we have not done as well. All this is considered to strengthen our congregation, as we begin 2010.

**Then**, we will look at some possible **Sanctuary changes**. As a direct result from feedback received at the earlier Cottage Meetings (held the first half of 2009), key leaders including Trustees and myself literally went "back to the drawing board". We switched vendors, while cutting costs and options. Now, it is time to again "take the temperature" of our members concerning these proposed much-needed refurbishments as well as some minimal structural changes to our beautiful Sanctuary. Together, we need to see what changes we can support.

Of course, the sentiment often heard "*We love St. John's – just like it is!*" "*Why change anything?*" is more pleasant than practical. Look around at the conditions of our beloved church, and see close-range where changes are necessary, just in some cases to stay safe, in compliance, and cost-effective in 2010 and beyond.

You can understand, then, why I am so interested in having you attend and thoughtfully consider the path forward in 2010 and beyond.

Serving with you,



George Howle

**January 10, 2010**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**

**Services at 8:30 and 11:00am**  
**in the sanctuary**

**"REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM"**  
**Rev. Dr. George K. Howle**  
**Scripture: Matthew 3: 13 - 17**

**Contemporary service-at 9:02 in the gym**  
**Message by Gene Aiken**

*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, January 7**

- 9:30am Sisters Bible Study
- 1:00pm Renovation Committee
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday, January 8**

- 10:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal

**Saturday, January 9**

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

**Sunday, January 10**

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:01am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School/Kenya Program
- 11am - 1pm Lasagna Lunch
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 5:00pm Youth Choir/Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00pm Bible Study/Sunday Night Youth Grp

**Monday, January 11**

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:30pm AI-Anon
- 6:00pm Pastor Parish Committee
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, January 12**

- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds
- 7:00pm Board of Trustees

**Wednesday, January 13**

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am TF Bible Study
- 4:00pm Griefshare Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Serving This Week**

**Crucifer** - Adam Bumpus

**Acolytes** - Zach Harrington, John Luke Nance

**Altar Guild** - Judy Bilyeu, Pat Crawley,  
Fratie Hardigree, Nancy Vernon

**Crib Rm** - Jennifer Willoughby

**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Michelle Orr

**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Meg Massie

**Sunday AM Host (Jan 10)** - Tom Nance

**Evening Hosts**

Sunday - (Jan 10) - Mike Uhle

Monday - Keith Polk

Tuesday - Brian Eberhard

Wednesday - Adam Bates

Thursday - Gene Usher

Friday - Jim Fuqua

Saturday - Dan Fabrick

**Attendance - Jan 3**

8:30	96
9:02	186
11:00	353
Total	635
SS	289

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

**NEW ARRIVAL:** *Henry William Bodie, son of Jason & Hannah Bodie, grandson of John & Brenda Bodie and great-grandson of Jim & Idella Bodie, was born December 30 in Charleston, SC.*

**GRADUATES:** *Congratulations to the following year-end graduates:*

**Kellie Denise Fish**

*M. A., Clinical Psychology Spalding University, Louisville, Ky.*

**Christopher Paul Mashburn**

*(grandson of Frances Burnham)*

*B.A., Finance Kennesaw State University*

**BAPTISM:** *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Dec. 27 was Henry William Lawson, son of George III & Amy Lawson of Nashville, TN, and grandson of George, Jr., & Susan Lawson.*

**CONGRATULATIONS:** *Among 5 area high school seniors recognized by the local chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution for being good citizens was Lauren Norton of Aiken Prep.*

*Warren Durrett has been selected as defensive coach for the All-American High School Football Championship Game in January.*

**NEW MEMBER:** *Welcomed into St. John's at the 9:02 service on Jan. 3 was:*

**Earl Melton**

*117 Sugar Hill Dr, Graniteville 29829*

*663-3065*

**CONDOLENCES:** *Deepest sympathy is extended to these persons who recently lost family members:*

*Vera Keisler in the death of her sister, Nancy Bonnette, in Lexington on Dec 22.*

*Nancy Reed in the death of an aunt, Elizabeth Boozer, in Newberry on Dec 24.*

*Bill Hillan in the death of his mother, Verda Hillan, in Aiken on Dec. 25.*

*Warren Muir in the death of his mother, Dorothy Dauphinais Muir, in Columbia on Dec 26.*

*Tony and Leah Jones in the death of their grandfather, Clifford David Jones, in Aiken on Dec. 27. Mr. Jones was also the father-in-law of MDO worker, Natalie Jones.*

*Mick Ferrell in the death of his father, James Albert Ferrell, in Virginia on Dec. 28.*

**HOSPITALIZED:** *ARMC - Mary Fabrick; Discharged - Jack Rogers, Ken Alexander; Discharged to Trinity Lutheran Home - Mary Wiland; Discharged to Carriage Hills - Eleanor Emslie*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**JESSIE T. BERRY**

**December 25, 2009**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**JUDITH LILLIAN EMSLIE**

**December 31, 2009**

**Financials for week ending Dec 30, 2009**

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 38,917
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,590,082
Actual expenses to date	\$1,582,406
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 316,430

**Faith Promise Update**

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$135,282.13
Disbursed YTD	\$142,155.95
<b>2009 Faith Promise year =</b>	
<b>2/1/09 thru 1/31/10</b>	

**WEDNESDAY SUPPERS**

**resume January 13**

*Chili*

*(Pizza for children)*

*Salad Cornbread*

*Brownies & Ice Cream*

Reservations appreciated

St. John's  
youth ministry**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP**

**Sunday, January 10 6:00pm**  
**Regular Meeting**

January 17 is final Confirmation Sunday School class and, that evening, the first mentor class begins.

**UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR JANUARY****Monday, January 11**

11:00am # 4 Church Parlor

**Tuesday, January 12**

10:00am #11 Church Parlor

12:30pm # 9 VZ's Big Easy Restaurant

Reservations - Peggy Thome 642-5196

2:00pm #10 Resource Room

7:30pm # 1 TBA

**Friday, January 15**

10:30am # 2 Church Parlor

**Monday, January 18**

2:30pm # 3 Church Parlor

**Tuesday, January 19**

7:00 pm # 8 Meets at church

**Wednesday, January 20**

5:45pm # 5 - Church Parlor

7:00pm # 7 - Meets at church

**STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING** began Tuesday, January 5. Please pray for all those involved.

*ACTS COLLECTION**JANUARY: Beans and/or Rice (1# bag)**FEBRUARY: Canned tuna or salmon*

The **2010 Global Impact Celebration (GIC)** is just around the corner--January 27-31! You will be able to meet with most of our existing missionary partners from Aiken County, state of South Carolina and around the globe. They will provide firsthand details of how your prayers, volunteering efforts and Faith Promise funds are helping to bring God's love to people all over the world. Several new missionaries have also been invited to share their ministry visions with us.

Be on the lookout for the GIC brochure to arrive in the mail during the week of January 11. It highlights all featured speakers and guest missionaries, has a schedule of events and includes special messages from George Howle and Michael Norton, GOLT Chair. Please take the time to review the schedule of events and make plans to attend all that are important to you and your family.

Sign-ups take place Sunday for the 12 hour **prayer vigil** to be held on Saturday, Jan 23rd, in preparation for the upcoming Global Impact Celebration. A prayer board, marked with 20 minute intervals from 8:00am to 8:00pm, will be available in the narthex. Please stop by and sign-up for a time to pray *in your home* on that day. Prayer guides will be available.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER****SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010****3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:****SATAN TEMPTS JESUS - LUKE 4: 1 - 3****5TH-6TH GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK:**

**THIS WEEK, I DARE YOU TO HIDE GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART. I DARE YOU TO MEMORIZE A COUPLE OF VERSES AND THEN USE THEM WHEN YOU NEED TO REMEMBER GOD'S POWERFUL WORD TO YOU.**

**KENYA PRESENTATION:** On Sunday, January 10, there will be an opportunity to hear about St. John's latest mission efforts in Kenya from **John and Frances Osteen**. They will give a presentation in Ward Hall during the Sunday School hour followed by a lasagna lunch from 11:00-1:00, also in Ward Hall. Cost for lunch is by donation and all proceeds will go toward the August 2010 Bible Camp.

**FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH,** a health-orientated Bible Study resumed classes on Monday, January 4, at 8:00 am at the church. If interested in joining, please contact Mary Jo Wilson, 648-1644.

**UNDER THE STEEPLE** next event is Monday, Jan 25, at 7pm when the **American Boy Choir**, a group based in Princeton, NJ, will present a concert. Admission is free. *If you are able to offer housing following the concert (boys are housed in pairs), please contact Catherine. You would need to provide breakfast on 1/26 and return them to church in time to leave on the bus.*

**LOOKING AHEAD****Saturdays** - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am**January 6** - Cottage Meeting**January 13** - Cottage Meeting**January 17** - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity**January 20** - Cottage Meeting**January 27-31, 2010** - Global Impact Celebration**February 3** - Cottage Meeting**February 17** - Ash Wednesday**February 20** - Preschool Registration**March 28** - Passion/Palm Sunday**April 1** - Maundy Thursday**April 2** - Good Friday**April 4** - Easter Sunday**May 23** - Confirmation Sunday**June 10-13** - SC Annual Conference, Florence

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*We grow in faith and number by sharing  
the Good News of Jesus Christ, through  
worship, nurture and service.*



## Serving you...

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22 GEORGE K. HOWLE  
29 KEITH STEWART  
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON  
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE  
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