

St. John's Visitor

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IT'S BACK!

Hope to See You Around the Table!

After taking a year off, our popular Dinner for Eight Program is returning to St. John's. The Dinner for Eight concept is simple and has proven to be a wonderful way to build friendships through Christ.

Eight individuals (couples and/or singles) meet monthly for four consecutive months to make new Christian friends, share meaningful fellowship, and good food. Hosting responsibility rotates among each group's members. Groups may meet in homes (preferably), or restaurants (Dutch treat), according to their choosing, for dinner, lunch, breakfast...whatever they decide within their group. When meeting in homes, it is sometimes the practice for the hosting member(s) to provide the main course and the others to bring supporting dishes.

Just think about it. By the time you have shared a meal with someone four times, you have pretty well formed a friendship.

Dinner for Eight is the perfect venue for the newest members of St. John's to experience the warmth and welcome of their church family. And folks who have been members for years widen their circles of friendship.

During the month of January, please indicate your interest in joining the Dinner for Eight fellowship by phoning the church office. In early February we will have aligned the groups and you will be notified when and how to begin this enjoyable adventure.

We offer two sessions each year, in the Spring and again in the Fall, with a new registration period each time.

Church Council - 2007

Chairperson - Virgil Sauls

Vice-Chairperson - Dennis Fish

Recording Secretary - Tom McCollum

Members at Large

Class of 2007

Lance Goodlove
Billie Johnson
Andy Parlantieri
Shirley Parlantieri
Nancy Sjostrom
Bob Stokes

Class of 2008

Jim Bodie
Frankie Lambright
Tom McCollum
Leigh Norton
Virgil Sauls
Bud Zobel

Class of 2009

Darby Copeland
Rick Endler
Dennis Fish
Doris Hoffman
Gail Marine
Nancy Perrine

Lay Leader - Brent Boore

Lay Members, Annual Conference

Bob & Ann Prather, Lamar Keisler
John & Jean Geiger

Reserve Members, Annual Conf

Rick & Linda Endler, Vera Keisler,
Catherine Stapleton Nance

Treasurer - Mae Croft

Assistant Treasurers

Trent Arnold, Ray Hydrick

Presidents

UMW - Renée Reid

UMM - Archie Hargett

UMYF - Marshall Mahoney

Ministry Area Chairpersons

Administrative

Endowment - John Troutman
Finance - Liz Benton
Staff Parish - Al Snell
Stewardship - Mark Mikes
Strategic Planning - Tom Hallman
Trustees - Bobby Coker

Nurture, Outreach & Witness

Congregations Care - Jeanette Isaacson
Education - Beth Eberhard
Evangelism - Jim Holly
Missions - Dave Kelly
Worship - Diane Miniard
Family Life Council - Judy Jernigan

Program Staff Relating to Council

Minister - George Howle
Staff & Planning - Harry Sampson
Congregational Care - Terry Fleming
Facilities - Neil Flowers
Music Ministries - Catherine Stapleton Nance
Preschool/MDO - Michelle Pearson
Volunteer Coordinators - Mary Kosky, Mimi Wiland
Missions Coordinator - Jan Gilbert

Sunday, January 14
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

"WHAT A WEDDING!"

Scripture: **John 2: 1 - 11**

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, January 11

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study
- 12:00 noon Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 6:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee

Sunday, January 14

- 8:15 am Coffee House
- 9:45 am Combined Adult/Youth SS
- 6:00 pm Bible Study-Men's & Women's

Monday, January 15

- 8:15 am First Place
- CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 16

- 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee

Wednesday, January 17

- 9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group
- 4:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm Grief Support Group
- 5:00 pm Fellowship Supper
- 7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm Men's/Women's Bible Study

Serving January 14

- Crucifer** - Rebecca Tuten
- Acolytes** - Lauren Pearson, Jimmy Rodgers
- Altar Guild** - Pat Crawley, Fratie Hardgree, Selona Murph, Nancy Vernon
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Rosalind Crenshaw
- Toddlers** - Charity Leigh
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Denise Musick
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Teresa Crain
- Children's Worship** - TBA
- Greeters 8:45** - Elizabeth Dill, Lee & René Boylston
- Greeters 11:00** - Ivey Alexander, Keith & Julie Polk, Mary Gardner, Shirley Powell
- Sunday AM Host (Jan 14)**
John McMurtrie II
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (Jan 14) - Gene Usher
- Monday - Jim Fuqua
- Tuesday - Dan Fabrick
- Wednesday - Eric Randall
- Thursday - George Kelley
- Friday - Charlie Neill
- Saturday - Chuck Bryan

Last Week's Attendance

	2007	2006
8:45	207	227
11:00	498	676
Ski Trip	30	48
Total	735	951
SS	375	362

NEW ARRIVALS: *Abigail Grace Eckle*, daughter of *Laurian & Bryan Eckle* and granddaughter of *Ambrose & Gwen Schwallie* was born December 31 in Arlington, Virginia.

Max Dien Rubenstein, son of *Eric and Elizabeth Musick-Rubenstein* and grandson of *Craig and Mary Musick* was born January 2 in Atlanta, Georgia.

WEDDING: Congratulations to *Lindsey Marie Carlberg* and *Carlisle Vance Livingston III* who were married Saturday, January 6, in the sanctuary.

NEW MEMBER: Welcomed into St. John's Church on Sunday, January 7, was *Mrs. Nancy Tisdale*

1406 Hayne Ave SW 644-1228

CONGRATULATIONS: Recognized at the 11 am worship last Sunday was former Church Administrator *Ellen Miller* who has retired after 6½ years at St. John's. Ellen was presented with a framed sketch of the church, a monetary gift and the good wishes of the congregation by former PPRC Chair, *Dennis Fish*.

ANOTHER MIDYEAR GRADUATE

JAMES NATHAN STEWART

B.S. - Business Administration, Lander University

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to *Erwin Whitaker* in the death of his brother, *Bill Whitaker*, in Columbia, SC, on December 22.

Dear St. John's Family - We would like to thank you for the lovely recognition of *Marion's 105th birthday*. She was so pleased with the framed picture of her church and the beautiful prayer shawl. Knowing that her church family had said prayers over this lovely shawl touched her greatly. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful congregation.

The Leach Family

Sunday service is broadcast over
WKSX 92.7 at 12 pm
one week delayed.

PLEASE

NOTE that email addresses for staff members have changed. A complete listing is found on the last page of each newsletter. Remember to make these changes in your mailbox.



JANUARY CIRCLE MEETING
Monday, January 15

2:30 pm # 3 Jewel Dailey
824 Magnolia St.

Financials for week ending December 27, 2006

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 38,100
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 46,900
Budget needs to date	\$1,287,050
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,451,507
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$2,404,708.32

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Menu for January 17

Vegetable Soup

Pimento Cheese Sandwiches **OR**

Chicken Salad Sandwiches

Chips Cake Squares

Volunteers welcome and needed!

Please sign by date desired.

PRIMETIME SUNNY MONDAY

has been rescheduled this month because of the Martin Luther King holiday. This month's meeting will be January 22. Vicki Bukovitz, a St. John's member, is Executive Director of ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving) and will be the guest speaker on that day. Telephone the church office to make your lunch reservation.

St. John's Youth News

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR

6:00 PM UMYF MEETING

The Church Office



Will Be Closed:

REMINDER

The church offices will close
Monday, January 15
Martin Luther King, Jr
Birthday Observance
*Regular office hours,
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
resume Tuesday, January 16*

Registration has been extended through Friday for the seminar hosted by St. John's and entitled *What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty*. The date is Saturday, January 20, from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm with doors opening at 8:00 am. The presenter is Rev. Bill Ehlig from Missouri Street Church of Christ in Baytown, TX, author of a book by the same name. Registration fee of \$25 includes refreshments, lunch and a copy of the book. You may find this seminar changes the way you think about people who live in poverty.

PRIMETIME BRIDGE GROUP resumes on Friday, January 19, at 7 pm. A cordial invitation is extended to anyone interested in joining. New players are most welcome - simply notify the church office you plan to attend or contact Hilda Secrist (642-4028) or Sarah Perkins (648-1965.)



PRESCHOOL NEWS

The time is fast approaching for the 2007-2008 preschool registration. The Preschool Council has voted to make some changes in the registration process. January 16, 2007, will be registration for church members who have children currently enrolled in MDO or Preschool. January 17 will be for church members who aren't currently in the program. January 18 will be for non-church members already in our program. Open House will be the following week, Jan. 22-26; registration will open to the public at that time. *The registration times are going to change.* We will post the sign-up sheet on the back parking lot doors at 4:00 pm. Registration will begin at 5:00 pm. You may only sign up one family. Please mark your calendars now. If you have any questions please see me. We hope these changes will improve the registration process.



Children's Corner



Happy New Year!

The holidays are over, and we hope that you all had wonderful celebrations with family and friends. As we are blessed with a new year, we pray that we will continue to remember the gift that God gave to us in Jesus.

In August 2006, all parents were invited to a meeting to discuss their wants and needs for our Children's Ministry program. We are planning to have a follow up meeting in the near future. Be sure to check out Children's Corner in the next couple of weeks for the date.

LOCAL AUTHOR and founder of *I'm Normal I AM Ministries* has written a book of Christian Devotionals entitled *I'm Normal. I AM.* On Saturday, January 13, he will sign copies at Christ Central Mission, 3605 Richland Ave, between 12:30-2:30 pm. The book will be available for purchase with one-half the proceeds donated to the mission. The author may be reached at 292-7983 or you are invited to visit the ministry's website at

<http://www.imnormal.com>

O.A.R.S. schedule for Sunday, January 14:

1st Grade	Hollywood Cinemas
2nd Grade	Thou Art
3rd Grade	From BC to PC
4th Grade	Joyful Noise
5th & 6th Grade Girls	Creation Station
5th & 6th Grade Boys	Palms & Psalms



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