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"Whom Shall I Send?"
Isaiah 6:8

January 21-25, 2009
St. John's United Methodist Church
Aiken, South Carolina
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WHOM SHALL I SEND?

ST. JOHN'S GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION
January 21-25, 2009

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, January 21

1:00 – 4:00 pm Missionary Registration and Hallway Display set-up (*Gym*)
4:00 – 5:00 pm Missionary Orientation (*Youth Room*)
5:00 – 6:30 pm Dinner: missionaries and members (*Gym*)
6:45 – 8:00 pm **Opening Celebration Service** * (*Sanctuary*)
Rev. Max Wilkins, Senior Pastor
The Family Church, Gainesville, FL
6:55 – 8:05 pm Children's Missions Service (*Ward Hall*)
8:00 – 8:30 pm Missionaries at displays to meet people (*Gym*)

Thursday, January 22

9:00 – 10:45 am **Pastors' time with missionaries** (*Youth Room*)
11:00 – 12:30 pm **55-Plus Luncheon** with all missionaries (*Gym*)

Friday, January 23

6:00 – 7:55 pm **Children's Missions Banquet** (*Ward Hall*)
6:15 – 7:45 pm **International Missions Banquet** * (*Gym*)
Program: Special music + Missionary Forum

Saturday, January 24

All Day **Youth Event: Off Site**
8:30 – 9:45 am **Men's Breakfast** (*Gym*)
Program: Missionary men's forum
Daytime activities
11:00 – 12:30 pm Missionaries with host groups
7:00 – 8:30 pm **Women's Luncheon/Missionary Shower** (*Gym*)
Global Home Briefings (*In Homes*)

Sunday, January 25

Sunday School **Missionaries in adult, youth and elementary children's classes** (*SS classrooms*)
Worship Services **Faith Commitment Services** * (*Sanctuary*)
8:30- 9:30 am **Dr. Phil Granger**, Preaching
9:02-10:00 am President and CEO, *The Mission Society*
11:00-12:00 noon
12:15 - 1:30 pm **Debrief Luncheon Meeting with** (*Ward Hall*)
Missionaries, Staff, GOLT & GIC team leaders
5:00 - 5:45 pm **Youth Event: Missionary Sharing** (*Youth Rm*)
6:00 - 7:15 pm **Life Commitment Service** * (*Sanctuary*)
Dr. George Howle, Preaching

* Childcare Provided

January 18, 2009
Day of Christian Unity
Annual Pulpit Exchange

"ONWARD AND UPWARD"
Scripture: 1 Samuel 3: 1 - 11
Rev. Fred Andrea
Visiting Minister from
First Baptist Church

Services at 8:30 and 11:00 - Sanctuary
Contemporary service at 9:02 - Gym

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, January 15

9:30am Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Evangelism Committee
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, January 16

10:30am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal
7:00pm St. John's Bridge Group

Saturday January 17

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, January 18

8:15am Coffee House
9:45am Confirmation Class
5:00pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Women's Emmaus
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth & Parents

Monday, January 19

8:00am First Place

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, January 20

12:30pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Joyful Sounds

Wednesday, January 21

(also see page 1 activities)

9:30am Bible Study
3:30pm Grief Share???
5:30pm Chancel Choir
6:30pm Children's Choirs

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Victoria Lockridge
Acolytes - Jordan Kelley, Rachael Perkins
Altar Guild - Judy Bilyeu, Pat Crawley, Fratie Hardigree, Nancy Vernon
Crib Rm (11am) - Amy Jernigan
Grandparent - Susan Lawson
Toddlers - Charity Leigh
2-3 Yr Nursery - Amanda Ingram
3-4 Yr Nursery - Casey Seawell
Greeters 8:30 - Joe & Leah Lewis
Lee & René Boylston
Greeters 11:00 - David & Sandra Jameson,
John & Joyce Bowman
Johanna Gibbs, Henriann Goddard
Sunday AM Host (1/18)
Bryan Staubs
Evening Hosts
Sunday (**Jan 18**) - George Kelley
Monday - Charlie Neill
Tuesday - Chuck Bryan
Wednesday - Barry Pearson
Thursday - Jim Minear
Friday - Rick Endler
Saturday - Matt Beckum

WELCOMED AS NEW MEMBERS on Sunday, January 11:

Mrs. Pat Blackmon

1196 Carriage Dr 641-4026

Eric & Kelley Boetsch

Hannah Catherine Boetsch added by baptized roll

144 Ashepoo Dr 643-9529

Wally & Carol Fraser

611 Steeplechase Rd 514-2902

BAPTISM: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at 9:02 service on Sunday, January 11, was **Matthew Brown Davis**, son of **Steve & Juli Davis**.

NEW ARRIVAL: **Connor Noele Willoughby**, daughter of **Matt & Jennifer Willoughby**, was born January 7 in Augusta.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Nancy Tisdale** and her mother, **Ruth Milks**, in the death of their brother/son, **Roger Milks**, in California on January 6.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Sara Charlton, Fred Penix; Recently discharged - Kay Moody

The St. John's Staff was again overwhelmed by the many gifts brought to the church office during the holiday season. Appreciated even more than the items themselves were the caring thoughts behind them. Sincere thanks to each and every one of you from the grateful members of the staff.

Roger had a peaceful journey to be with our "Lord." George has been a blessing to me, was with me when most needed. Keith was with us the last moments with Roger and read beautiful, meaningful verses from the Bible. Monty's prayerful visits were sustaining to me. What a wonderful gift to be a part of a caring, loving Church Family at St. John's. Thank you so much!
With love, **Charlotte Coney**

ATTENTION, SUNNY MONDAY MEMBERS

This is a reminder that there is no Monday meeting in January. Instead, you are invited to attend the Mission Luncheon on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, at 11:00am** (no charge) in the gym. You are also welcome at any of the sessions shown on page 1 of this newsletter. The only charge involved is the banquet on Wednesday night which is \$4 per person. **HOWEVER, reservations are requested for the events you plan to attend which involve meals.** Simply call the office to give the information.

YEAR END TOTALS

Total Revenue for 2008	\$1,660,360.23
Total Expenses for 2008	\$1,528,364.82
St. John's loan amt w/Sec Fed	\$852,308.31

Financials for week ending 1/10/09

Budgetary needs for two week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd last two wks	\$ 27,131
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 27,131
Actual expenses to date	\$ 21,855
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 852,308

Faith Promise Report for week 1/10/09

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last two weeks	\$1,340.00
Received YTD	139,863.14
Disbursements to date	122,989.84
Balance for which to pray	93,389.34

RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED

(including from those with
Wed standing reservations)

GIC Kick-Off Dinner
January 21 - 5:00 pm

Seasoned Chicken Breasts
Tomato/Mozzarella Pie
Green Beans
Salad w/Mandarin Oranges
Hummingbird Cake Squares

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	130
9:02	153
11:00	334
Total	617
SS	330



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6pm January 18

Parents' Meeting is scheduled for all who have youth in the 6th through 12th grades. Please bring a covered dish to share and come to Ward Hall at 6pm. Parents' meeting and youth meeting will follow supper, from 6:30-7:30.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study began 2009 with four weeks' discussion on *Prayer* (Philip Yancey.) The eight week study to follow will include the history of prayer, why we pray, leading prayer, what to pray, group prayer and much more. God created us and desires to communicate with us. Prayer is the practice of the presence of God. Consider joining this group at 9:30 on Thursday mornings. Contact Nancy Reed at the church office with questions.

What is the "Ritual of Friendship" Anyway?

On Sundays at the 8:30 & 11:00 services, you probably often hear the worship leader refer to "the ritual of friendship" pads. He or she will request that you register your attendance and pass the pad down the pew so that others may do the same. Have you thought lately about what the "Ritual of Friendship" means? *As the pads return, feel free to take a moment to review the entries.* We urge you to use this information right there on Sunday morning as a way to greet, by name, those who sit on the pew with you. If someone is visiting us, it is even more important that they receive a true, warm, St. John's welcome. Let's take care that the "ritual" doesn't take the place of the "friendship".

Missionary Prayer Focus: For safe travels, good health and smooth planning as the missionaries travel to Aiken for the GIC.

GO Global Outreach News

The **2009 Global Impact Celebration** begins January 21! You should have already received a GIC brochure in the mail (the brochure is also available on the St. John's web site). You should also have a GIC letter from George that includes a reservations card for events with meals. Please make plans to participate in this exciting celebration and return your reservation cards according to the directions.

Frances and John Osteen will make a video presentation summarizing their recent trip to Kenya on February 1 in Ward Hall from 10:00-10:45. You don't want to miss it.

Grace Kitchen's breakfast service has grown from 13 initially to 86 individuals recently. We offer Bibles to those to whom we are trying to minister. Our supply is almost out. Please open your heart by giving a Bible for Grace Kitchen.

ACTS reports a growing need for children's clothing & coats, from infant to size 16. Clothing for men & women are also needed. Donations can be dropped off at Hayne Avenue Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009

GIC PREVIEW

ROTATE AND LEARN ABOUT LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION IN OARS!

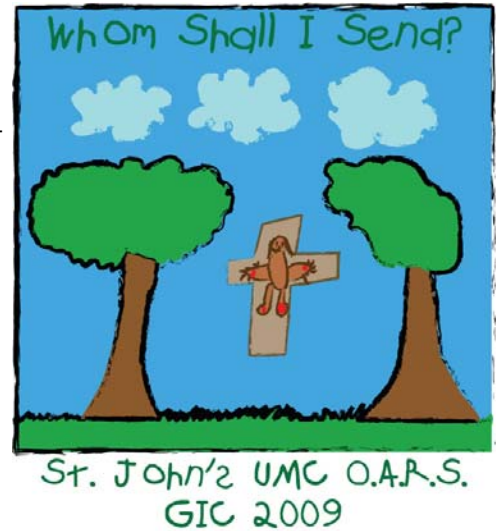
Memory Verse: Matthew 24:40

THE KING WILL REPLY, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME."

This picture was done in OARS for the GIC poster contest. Congratulations,

Ford Vaughters
and
Conner Buchanan

winner of the GIC poster contest. Their poster will be made into t-shirts for all the kids in OARS for GIC!



St. John's Bridge meets Friday, January 16, at 7pm. You do not need to bring a partner. Everyone is welcome. Hosts for this month are Doug & Elsie Leader.

OMISSION from Church Council – 2009 – Leadership: In listing the Administrative Ministry Area Chairpersons for the 2009 Church Council, the **Strategic Planning Committee**, chaired by **Tracey Smith**, was inadvertently omitted. This committee has a *full agenda* in mind for 2009. You will surely be hearing a lot from them about the plans and strategies across the various Committees of our church in the upcoming year.

LOOKING AHEAD

January 18 - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity
January 21-25 - Global Impact Celebration
February 3-5 - Older Adult Retreat, Springmaid Beach
February 12 - Valentine Lunch
February 25 - Ash Wednesday
April 4-9 - Mission Trip to New Orleans
April 5 - Passion/Palm Sunday
April 12 - Easter Day
May 17 - Confirmation Sunday
May 31-June 3 - South Carolina Annual Conference

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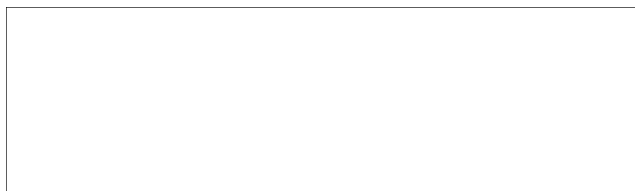
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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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27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
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