

# St. John's Visitor

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*Schedule  
Change*

**ATTENTION  
PRIMETIME  
SUNNY MONDAY**  
*Please note change  
in meeting date and  
format!!*

Sunny Monday **will not meet** on Jan. 21 and will meet on **Thursday, Jan 24 at 11:15 am** for a business meeting in Ward Hall. You are then invited to join all St. John's Seniors for the GIC Senior's Luncheon and program at 12 noon **in the gym**. Please make reservations as usual by calling the church office or by indicating your plans on the GIC form.

**The GIC Prayer Team** invites you to prayer walk our St. John's campus in preparation for the Global Impact Celebration. The prayer walk will take place **Sunday, January 20, immediately following the 11 o'clock service**. The concept is simple - prayer suggestions in hand, you walk the block, praying silently or aloud for your church. The event is not time intensive, but, hopefully, it is prayer intensive. Meet at the fountain!

**TIME CHANGE TO NOTE:** *Sunday, February 3*, the starting time for early worship in the sanctuary **changes to 8:30 am**.

**2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** were mailed Friday, January 11. Please notify Nancy Fairgrieve **by January 29** if you notice any discrepancies.

## HOW WILL THEY HEAR? St. John's first Global Impact Celebration January 23-27, 2008

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Wednesday, January 23

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 5:30-6:30 pm | All church Dinner with Missionaries ( <i>Gym</i> )   |
| 7:00-8:15 pm | Opening Celebration Service * ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )<br><b>Rev. Jorge Acevedo, Guest Speaker</b> |
| 7:15-8:20 pm | Children's Missions Service ( <i>Ward Hall</i> )   |
| 8:15-8:45 pm | Missionaries' Displays ( <i>Gym</i> )  |

#### Thursday, January 24

- |               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 12:00-1:30 pm | Seniors' Luncheon ( <i>Gym</i> )   |
| 6:30-8:00 pm  | Leadership Social * ( <i>Gym</i> ) |

#### Friday, January 25

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|--------------|---|
| 6:00-7:55 pm | Children's Mission Banquet ( <i>Ward Hall</i> ) |
| 6:15-7:45 pm | International Missions Banquet * ( <i>Gym</i> ) |

#### Saturday, January 26

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|---------------|--|
| All Day Youth | Day Salkehatchie Project ( <i>Off Site</i> )     |
| 8:30-9:45 am  | Men's Breakfast ( <i>Gym</i> )                   |
| 12:00-1:30 pm | Women's Luncheon ( <i>Gym</i> )                  |
| 6:30-9:00 pm  | Children's Missions Program ( <i>Ward Hall</i> ) |
| 7:00-8:30 pm  | Global Home Briefings * ( <i>In Homes</i> )      |

#### Sunday, January 27

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|---------------------------|---|
| 9:45-10:45 am             | Missionaries in adult, youth and elementary children's classes ( <i>SS Classrooms</i> ) |
| Sunday School             | Faith Commitment * Service  |
| 8:45-9:30 am & 11:00-noon | <b>Dr. Wes Griffin, Guest Speaker</b>   |
| 5:00-5:45 pm              | Youth Event: Missionary Sharing ( <i>Youth Rm</i> )                                     |
| 6:00-7:15 pm              | Life Commitment Service * ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )  |

\* **Childcare Provided**

**January 20, 2008**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Day of Christian Unity - Annual Pulpit Exchange**  
Sermon by  
Rev. Doug Slaughter  
Visiting Minister from Second Baptist Church

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, January 17**

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

**Friday, January 18**

9:15am Preschool Council  
7:00pm Primetime Bridge Group

**Sunday, January 20**

8:15am Coffee House  
4:30 pm Men's Praise Choir  
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth  
6:00pm Women's Emmaus  
6:00pm *Christian Believer* Bible Study  
6:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Monday, January 21**

*Church Offices Closed*

10:00am UMW Executive Committee  
7:00pm Finance Committee

**Tuesday, January 22**

7:00pm Church Council

**Wednesday, January 23**

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups  
9:30am TF Bible Study  
4:00pm Grief Share Group  
5:00pm All Church Dinner w/missionaries  
7:00pm Opening Celebration Service  
7:15pm Children's Missions Service  
8:15 pm Missionaries Displays

**Serving This Week**

**Crucifer** - Jimmy Rodgers  
**Acolytes** - Matt Hudgins, Rachael Perkins  
**Altar Guild** - Pat Crawley, Fratie Hardigree, Selona Murph, Nancy Vernon  
**Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Casey Young  
**Toddlers** - Holley Kring  
**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Tara Long  
**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Rosalind Crenshaw  
**Greeters 8:45** - Tom & Pam McCollum, Paula & Barry Clayton

**Sunday School Greeter** - Diane James  
**Greeters 11:00** - Keith & Julie Polk, Mary Gardner, Shirley Powell, Monnie Pitts  
**Sunday AM Host (January 20)**

*Bryan Staubs*

**Evening Hosts**

Sunday (**Jan 20**) - *Chuck Bryan*  
Monday - *Barry Pearson*  
Tuesday - *Jim Minear*  
Wednesday - *Rick Endler*  
Thursday - *Matt Beckum*  
Friday - *Jim Wert*  
Saturday - *Tom Brown*

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:45	164
11:00	504
Total	668
SS	370

**A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY:** *Marion Leach*, St. John's oldest member who resides at Cumberland Village, celebrated 106 years on December 30.

**ANOTHER GRADUATE:** **MARIE ADAIR LONG**

B.S. - Mechanical Engineering Clemson University

**WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS** received January 13:

**Marvin & Shirley Rosine**

3155 Glenview Dr. 644-4161

**CONDOLENCES:** *Sincere sympathy is extended to Cynthia Stapleton in the death of her sister, Mary Enos Granger, in North Carolina on January 7.*

*Deepest sympathy is also extended to the Lee Poe in the death of his brother, Michael Hoke Poe, in Birmingham on January 10.*

**HOSPITALIZED:** **Aiken** - Judy Emslie, Donnie Brown; **Discharged** - Walker Davis (infant)

*Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and food given to us during the loss of our Mom. We all love St. John's and could feel your love come shining through in all that you did for her and us during this difficult time. May God bless each of you always.*

**The family of Ivey Alexander**

*Words do not come easy at a time like this but we want the congregation of St. John's to know that we have never seen such an outpouring of love during Dick's year of illness: the concern, cards, calls, visits, prayer shawl, food, transportation, flowers, prayers and youth yard work. Retiring here just 10 years ago, we feel this is where God wanted us to be and shall always remember and cherish the friends we have made. Our thanks and God bless you all during this new year.*

**The family of Dick Irwin**

*Dear St. John's friends and family, Carla and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the generous gift that you gave us at our going away reception. We have been deeply moved by your words and expressions of support as we begin this next chapter in our ministry. For the past six years, our family was blessed to call you friends and to call Aiken home. While we won't be with you during the week or on Sundays, please know that you will be ever present in our hearts. St. John's is a truly amazing congregation. Please know that you are always welcome in our home. Elloree is just down the road and we would love nothing more than to have you drop by.*

Many blessings, **Terry Fleming**

*Those with standing reservations for Wednesday supper are asked to re-confirm reservations for the GIC/Wednesday supper on January 23 by telephoning the church office, 648-6891.*

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** will meet one week later than normal to avoid conflict with other scheduled church activities. The speaker for January is Dr. Melvin Buckner whose subject is *Use of Hydrogen for Energy and Transportation.*

**PRIMETIME BRIDGE PLAYERS** will meet in Ward Hall at 7 pm Friday, January 18. Doug Leader is contact.

**Financials for week ending January 12, 2008**

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 33,523
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 67,083
Actual expenses to date	\$ 19,237
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,420,508

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS**

**Menu for January 23 (Wed.)**

*Seasoned baked chicken breasts  
Tomato-mozzarella pie  
Green beans  
Dessert*

**Menu for January 24 (Thurs)**

*Two soups  
Cole slaw w/slaw dressing  
Pasta salad Cornbread  
Assorted desserts*



St. John's  
youth ministry

**No Youth Choir rehearsal this week.  
Sunday Night Youth Meeting  
6:30 - 8:00**

**Please note change in time.**

The meeting this week will be a practice for the contemporary worship scheduled to begin February 17.

Remember that on January 26 there will be a one-day Salkehatchie in Gloverville. Work will be done on a building for Christ Central to enable them to do more effective ministry there. It will involve cleaning, painting, roof work and other assorted jobs. This project requires a lot of help so, in order to participate, please make sure you have an up-to-date medical form on file with Gene Aiken and notify him ASAP of your interest.

**BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION**

**Thursday morning Bible Study** begins a 5-6 week study on the Book of James on February 7 led by Heather Yeh. Interested persons are invited to come to the Backsliders Room (116) from 9:30-11:00 am. Contact Glenna Lathrop at 649-4508 or glennalathrop@bellsouth.net for further details.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** has both vases open next Sunday, January 20, as well as a good selection of dates throughout the year. Please telephone the church office if you would like to honor or remember someone special to you with altar flowers.

**YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** met for the first time last Sunday. This class is for singles and couples in their 20's to 30's. If you fit that profile, you are invited to join them in Room 207.

**FINAL REMINDER - P-L-E-A-S-E** remember your offering envelopes located on tables outside of Ward Hall. Those remaining at the end of the week will be mailed.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION SCHEDULE**

**January 28, 4pm** - Church members enrolled in program.

**January 29, 4pm** - Church members not in the program.

**January 31, 4pm** - Non-members enrolled in the program.

**February 1, 8am** - Open to the public.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE:** THE ARKADE  
**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE:** PALMS & PSALMS  
**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE:** HOLYWOOD CINEMAS  
**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** THOU ART  
**5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS:** FROM BC TO PC  
**5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS:** MARY & MARTHA'S B & B

**Perspectives Experience on Missions:** On January 19, David Sherbrooke, one of the missionaries visiting St. John's for our GIC, will lead a workshop hosted by Millbrook Baptist Church called *Perspectives Experience*. Participants will get a glimpse of *Perspectives on the Christian World Movement* ([www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org)), a 15-week course that will be offered in the CSRA starting August, 2008. The one day workshop is an interactive experience that will encourage participation in missions and enrollment in the *Perspectives* course next summer. It will be held on Saturday, January 19, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. The cost, which includes lunch and materials, is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Pre-register by sending your name, address, city, state, zip, phone and e-mail address along with a check for \$8 made payable to Millbrook Baptist Church, Attn: Susan Overman, 176 East Pine Log Rd., Aiken SC, 29803. Call or e-mail Jan Gilbert at 646-0451 (cell) or [jan.gilbert@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jan.gilbert@stjohns-umc.org) with questions.

**The GIC Children's Committee** needs volunteers to help with our Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday evening activities (January 23, 25 and 26). The planning committee will have done all the "hard" work - we just need some friendly helpers! Please contact Wendy Hirsch (649-5434) or Michelle Brown at the church office if you are interested or available.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**January 23-27** - Global Impact Celebration

**February 6** - Ash Wednesday Service

**February 14** - Valentine Widow/Widowers' Luncheon

**February 10** - Organ Concert

**March 20** - *Last Supper* Dramatic Presentation  
and Communion

**March 23** - Easter Sunday

**April 5-11** - Mission trip to New Orleans

**April 27** - Organ Concert

**UMW OFFICERS ELECTED ON DECEMBER 17, 2007**

**President:** Mary Lou Wallace

**Vice-President:** Nancy Perrine

**Secretary:** Sally Bradley

**Treasurer:** Hilda Secrist

**Sec'y-Program Resources:** Davie Surrett

**Chair-Nominating:** Pat Sauls

*These people form the Executive Committee along with  
circle chairpersons and Pastor George Howle.*

**LOST BUT NOW FOUND:** A set of keys including a car remote. Please check with the office if you think they may belong to you.

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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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