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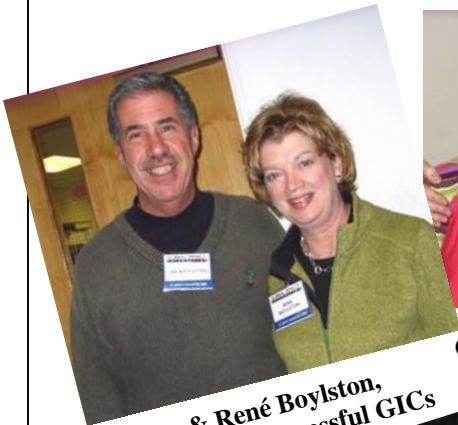
“Whom Shall I Send?” (Isaiah 6:8)

Our second Global Impact Celebration was an awesome event. It is a special gift to be able to share time with our missionaries and potential new missionary partners. I want to give a sincere thank you on behalf of the entire church to the **200+ volunteers** that made the event possible. There are many hours spent behind the scenes to plan, publicize, set-up, and cook for the celebration. We are very thankful for these efforts.

As we contemplate our personal answer to the question - Whom Shall I Send?, please consider coming to the Life Commitment Luncheon. This event will be held after the 11:00 service on February 8. The purpose of this event is to discuss opportunities to serve with our missionary partners in Aiken and around the world. God bless and thank you for participating in our Global Impact Celebration.

Michael Norton, GOLT Chair

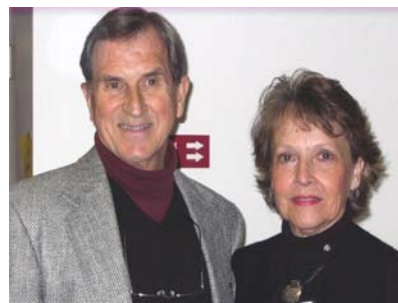
Two Hundred Volunteers Make 2009 GIC Successful



Lee & René Boylston,
leaders of two successful GICs



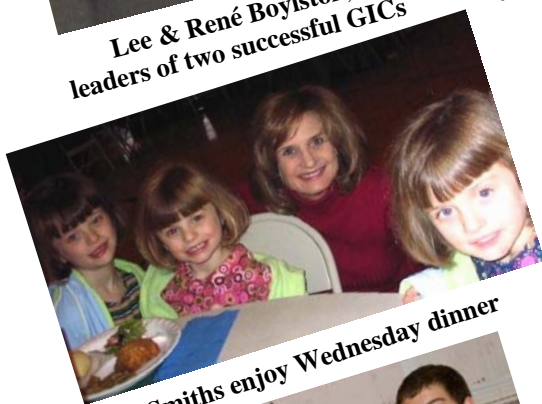
Opal Bullington, Kevin Kalbaugh,
Betty Minear - Kitchen Crew



Jack & Libby Taylor
chaired 55+ Lunch



Charlotte Holly
next year's GIC Leader



The Smiths enjoy Wednesday dinner



Arlene Usher w/ Debbie Lamb (My Father's House) at home briefing



Youth work at Christ Central



Former Missions Coordinator Jan Gilbert
interviews Jay Langley of the
International Leadership Institute
at Faith Promise Service on Sunday morning



SS Class hosts Danny Armstrong
from SE Asia

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, January 29

9:15am Bible Study
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, January 30

10:30am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal

Saturday, January 31

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, February 1

8:15am Coffee House
9:45am Confirmation Class
10:00am Osteen program on Kenya
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Group
6:00pm Women's Emmaus
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Sunday Youth Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 2

10:00am Women's Bible Study
10:00am Exercise Class
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 3

12:30pm Women's Bible Study
1:00pm UMW Executive Meeting
6:30pm Education Committee
7:00pm Joyful Sounds Rehearsal
7:00pm Applefest 2009 Meeting
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 4

9:30am Prayer Shawl
9:30am Quilting Fellowship
9:30am Bible Study
5:00pm Fellowship Supper
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Lizzie Mahoney
Acolytes - Matthew Hudgins, Danielle Smith
Altar Guild - Frances Burnham, Pat Sauls, Betty Mullikin, Ann Prather

Crib Rm (11am)

Grandparent-Sherry Williamson

Toddlers - Michelle Orr

2-3 Yr Nursery - Erin Herron

3-4 Yr Nursery - TBD

Sunday AM Host (2/1)

Jay Bilyeu

Evening Hosts

Sunday (**Feb 1**) - Jeff Crenshaw
Monday - Robin Dillman
Tuesday - Kevin Buchanan
Wednesday - Lamar Keisler
Thursday - Jimmy Moore
Friday - Jerry Johnson
Saturday - Edward Yeh

NEW ARRIVAL: *Palmer Culberson Lawrence, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Lawrence and grandson of Bobby & Phyllis Coker, was born December 11, 2008, in Athens, TN.*

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES:

H. S. & Savannah Timmons will celebrate 60 years of marriage on January 30. Bob & Nita Martin celebrate 55 years of marriage, also on January 30. Jim & Jewell Eanes will celebrate 50 years of marriage on January 31.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Sara Charlton, Doris Hoffman

February 1, 2009

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

"WHEN BEING RIGHT IS WRONG"

Scripture: I Corinthians 8: 1-13

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

**Services at 8:30 and 11:00in the sanctuary.
Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.**

2009 FLOWER CALENDAR has openings beginning February 15. Please contact the office to remember or honor a loved one with altar flowers.

UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

members are reminded of their meeting on Tuesday, February 3, at 1pm.

Those going to the **OLDER ADULT RETREAT** at Springmaid Beach next week will be privileged to have **Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor**, Resident



Bishop of South Carolina, as the conference keynote speaker during the three-day retreat. Bob & Zenith Sharpe are coordinating this trip for the St. John's group.

Financials for week ending January 24, 2009

Budgetary needs for two week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd last two wks	\$ 15,221
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$115,298
Actual expenses to date	\$ 72,140
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 790,808

Faith Promise Report for week ending Jan. 24

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received this week	\$1,459.06
Received YTD	141,767.20
Disbursements to date	124,964.84
Balance for which to pay	91,485.28

VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON, sponsored by the Older Adult Council, is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, at 11:30am in Ward Hall. All singles are invited to attend. Simply RSVP to the church office, 648-6891.



**Fellowship Supper
Menu for February 4**

*Baked Ham Biscuits
Macaroni & Cheese
Carrot Souffle
Marinated Vegetable Salad
Peach Cobbler*

Attendance January 25

8:30	98
9:02	186
11:00	426
Total	710
SS	315



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6pm - Gym February 1
Super Bowl Party!!

View the game on a projection screen with the 9:02 sound system on couches from the youth room. There will be food and drinks for everyone. Stay for all or part of the game.



No meeting on February 8 - Ski Trip!!

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY for you to hear from John and Frances Osteen about their recent mission trip to Kisumu and Wachara, towns located in Kenya on the east coast of Africa. Come to Ward Hall next Sunday (Feb 1) at 10:00 for this presentation.

GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S - a series designed primarily for new members but open to anyone interested - begins Sunday, February 8, during the Sunday School hour. New members will be received Sunday, February 22. Please contact the office if interested in joining St. John's.

APPLEFEST 2009 is only 283 days away. There will be a brainstorming meeting on Tuesday, February 3, at 7pm in Rm 217. You do not need to be in a circle to help. You don't even need to be a woman!! If you have a new idea, please come. Needed: Silent Auction Committee and someone to organize a used power & gardening tool shop. Contact Jackie Hyche at 648-9106.

ACTS collection for February: Beef Stew

GO Global Outreach News

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.

A post-GIC **Life Commitment luncheon** will be held on February 8. The purpose will be to discuss opportunities to serve here in Aiken and around the world.

Christ Central is looking for volunteers to help with their "Jobs for Life" training program that teaches unemployed and underemployed adults the skills to find and retain a job. Contact Sandy Miller (643-9084) or Christ Central directly.

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

ACTS will be collecting beef stew for the month of February. Please use the blue containers in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2009

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."

PRESCHOOL/MDO REGISTRATION for 2009-2010 takes place on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009**. All forms must be turned in that day. Please *do not* send any forms in your child's book bag. Additional information may be obtained by telephoning 648-4745.

ATTENTION, LADIES

What: 8 week Bible Study (Max Lucado's 3:16)
Carol Fraser is facilitator.

When: Begins Wed, Feb 11, 7pm-8pm in Rm 207

Why: Feed your soul!

How: Sign up by contacting Carla Dillman, 642-6390, or Carolyn Roberts, 649-6970. Pick up book in Nancy Reed's office and pay on February 11.

TAX TIME IS COMING - Free assistance in preparation and with electronic filing is available at Weeks Recreation Center on Mondays & Tuesdays during February & March. Hours are 9-4. Appointments are not necessary; taxpayers are helped on a first come-first served basis. The service is provided by the Aiken Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) group and is available to all. Homebound members can make special arrangements by contacting Rick Benton at 649-6902.

LOOKING AHEAD

February 3-5 - Older Adult Retreat, Springmaid Beach

February 6-8 - Sunday Night Youth Ski Trip

February 7 - MDO & Preschool Registration

February 12 - Valentine Lunch

February 12 - Preschool Valentine Program

February 25 - Ash Wednesday

April 4-9 - Mission Trip to New Orleans

April 1 - Lent Lunches begin - St Mary Catholic Church

April 5 - Passion/Palm Sunday

April 5 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 12 - Easter Day

May 17 - Confirmation Sunday

May 31 - Graduation Sunday

May 31-June 3 - South Carolina Annual Conference

June 8-12 - Vacation Bible School

June 13-20 - Sand River Salkehatchie

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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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29 KEITH STEWART
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
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