

St. John's Visitor

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THIS CHURCH WILL NEVER BE THE SAME!!!

"The master was full of praise, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant...'" (Matthew 25:21)

Thanks to anyone and everyone who played a role in making St. John's first annual Global Impact Celebration the successful event that it was. To God be the glory!



Parade of Flags



All Church Dinner w/missionaries



Men's Breakfast



Faith Offering Received



Q & A time w/missionaries at Internatl Banquet



Dr. Wes Griffin preaching



Global Home Briefings (Sauls' home)



Faith Commitment Service



Missionary David Sherbrooke & Asbury Class

February 3, 2008
Last Sunday after the Epiphany
"ON THE MOUNTAIN"

Rev. Dr. George Howle

Scripture: Matthew 17: 1 - 9

My Savior's Love

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

The Chancel Choir

Schwoebel

Wren

Anthem
Offertory

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, January 31

6:30pm United Methodist Men
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, February 2

8:00am UMM meet for trash pick-up

Sunday, February 3

8:15am Coffee House

Early Service begins at 8:30am!!

4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00pm Youth Super Bowl Party (w/parents)
6:00pm Women's Emmaus

No Christian Believer Study this Sunday

6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, February 4

8:15am First Place
10:00am Visitation Committee
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 5

6:30pm Education Committee
7:00pm First Place

Wednesday, February 6

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
9:30am TF Bible Study
4:00pm Grief Share Group
5:00pm Fellowship Supper
6:00pm *Ash Wednesday* Service
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00pm Men/Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Victoria Lockridge
Acolytes - Annalise Eberhard, Adam Bumpus
Altar Guild - Phyllis Campbell, Ann Prather, Mary Ann Ray, Mildred Whitaker
Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Susan Vernon
Toddlers - Katie Proctor
2-3 Yr Nursery - Molly Jones
3-4 Yr Nursery - Dawn Mahoney
Greeters 8:45 - Claude & Marie Goodlett, Phyllis & Bobby Coker
Sunday School Greeter - Carla Dillman
Greeters 11:00 - Ray & Mozelle Hydrick, Dorothy Brannon, Tom Brown, Debi Rood, Charlotte Holly
Sunday AM Host (February 3) - Jay Bilyeu
Evening Hosts
Sunday - Kevin Buchanan
Monday - Lamar Keisler
Tuesday - Clay Jones
Wednesday - Jerry Johnson
Thursday - Edward Yeh
Friday - Charles McKeel
Saturday - Dennis Fish

BAPTISM: *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 27, was Mitchell Ian Farmer, son of Laura Anne and Bill Matthews and grandson of Mary and Bob Kosky.*

WEDDING: *Congratulations to William Wade Johnson and Erin Ann Cox who were married at First Baptist Church on Saturday, January 26.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Leighton McLendon, Jr., in the death of his father, Leighton Clark McLendon, in Savannah, on January 23.*

Sincere sympathy is also extended to Sandra S. Holman in the death of her husband, Jan L. Holman, in Aiken on January 25.

Also, Walter M. Coakley, who attended frequently during the last year, passed away in Aiken on January 24. Sympathy is extended to his widow, Barbara P. Coakley.

HOSPITALIZED: *Aiken - Judy Emslie, Jimmy Player; Augusta - Donnie Brown; Discharged to Wesley Woods, Atlanta - Sue Corley*

*Dear St. John's family,
I express the deep gratitude I feel for everything you did for me during my illness and recuperation period. For every thought, every prayer, every note, every card, every gift and delicious food, I thank you from my heart. Best wishes to each of you for much happiness in the New Year and may God bless you all.*

My Christian love, Mildred Whitaker

Life Commitment Follow up Luncheon Meeting

As a reminder, there will be a Global Outreach (Missions) Life Commitment luncheon meeting on Sunday, February 10, in Ward Hall immediately following the 11:00 Worship Service. During the meeting, you will receive more detailed information about how you can begin serving in missions locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Even if you were unable to attend the Life Commitment Service on January 27, we hope you will plan to attend. Contact Jan Gilbert at 646-0451 (cell) or jan.gilbert@stjohns-umc.org if you have any questions.

THE FAMILY LIFE COUNCIL has a Valentine gift for married couples in our church family. Look for the large heart in the narthex - after February 6 - and pick up your couples' devotional while supplies last!

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 6, will be observed in a service led by Rev. Dr. John Stapleton in the Chapel at 6:00pm.

UNITED METHODIST MEN are meeting one week later than normal this month. January meeting will be in Ward Hall on Thursday (1/31) at 6:30pm. The speaker is Dr. Melvin Buckner and his subject is *Use of Hydrogen for Energy and Transportation.*

Reminder: Meet at church at 8 am Saturday, February 2, if you can help with trash pick-up project to help keep Aiken clean and beautiful.

GIC FIGURES

Life Commitment Cards - 80
(53 for short-term mission projects)
(1 to fulltime mission work)

Prayer Commitment Cards will be used by the GOLT Prayer team.

Faith Commitment Pledges
\$205,468.48

Financials for week ending January 26, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 17,504
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 104,554
Actual expenses to date	\$ 87,954
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,246,608

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	174
11:00	520
Total	333
SS	694



Sunday Night Youth - 6pm
Super Bowl Party this week!
Game will be on a projection screen.
Lots of food - parents invited, too.
Game will be on until the end.

GREETING CARDS (already used) are needed by the Congregational Care Committee for a project. Please leave any you care to donate in the office marked for Nancy Perrine. Thank you!!

FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

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| Monday, February 11 | |
| 11:00 am # 4 | Church Parlor |
| Tuesday, February 12 | |
| 10:00 am #11 | Church Resource Rm |
| 12:30 pm # 9 | Café Monet (RSVP to Sandy Dunn, 642-4054) |
| 2:00 pm #10 | Church Resource Rm |
| 7:00 pm # 1 | Peggy Bumpus
114 Idlewild Dr. |
| 7:00 pm # 8 | Ward Hall I |
| Monday, February 18 | |
| 2:30 pm # 3 | Church Parlor |
| Tuesday, February 19 | |
| 2:00 pm #13 | Church Resource Rm |
| Wednesday, February 20 | |
| 7:00 pm # 7 | Church - Room 116 |

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008:
1ST GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
2ND GRADE: THE ARKADE
3RD GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS
4TH GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: THOU ART
5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: FROM BC TO PC

What Do You Think? We'd love to hear from you! Good, bad or indifferent, what comments or suggestions do you have about last week's Global Impact Celebration (GIC)? Please take a minute to write down your thoughts and return them to Jan Gilbert, St. John's Global Outreach Coordinator, while it's still fresh on your mind (mail to the church, drop off at the office or e-mail at jan.gilbert@stjohns-umc.org). Thank you.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS (30'S & under) will begin *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren on Sunday, February 3, in Room 207.

COMMON EYE DISEASES AND DISORDERS is the topic of a 6:00 pm seminar on Tuesday, February 12, sponsored by Aiken Regional Medical Centers and held in Ward Hall. Dr. David Smith will be the presenter. Complimentary dinner will follow. Reservations are required and may be made by telephoning Direct Doctors Plus Physician Referral Service at 1-800-882-7445.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
Wednesday, February 6 - Menu
Beef Lasagna
Tossed Salad w/Italian Dressing
Cherry Cream Cheese Pie
REMINDER
No Wednesday Supper on February 13

- LOOKING AHEAD**
- February 6** - Ash Wednesday Service
 - February 13** - Lenten Lunch - First Presbyterian Church
 - February 13** - Lenten Communion Service in the Chapel
 - February 10** - Organ Concert
 - February 17** - Contemporary Service begins (9:00 am)
 - February 14** - Valentine Widow/Widowers' Luncheon
 - March 9** - Youth Sunday;
 - March 20** - *Last Supper* Dramatic Presentation and Communion
 - March 21** - Tenebrae - Service of Shadows
 - March 16** - Easter Egg Hunt
 - March 23** - Easter Sunday
 - April 5-11** - Mission trip to New Orleans
 - April 27** - Organ Concert
 - May 18** - Confirmation Sunday

APPLE FEST REPORT
WOW! With your prayers, wonderful contributions and hard work, our Apple Fest profit is \$22,500
Each of the following charities will receive a gift of \$7,500:
Aiken County Free Medical Clinic
Epworth Children's Home
Richland Ave Christ Central Mission
THANK YOU very much for all you did to make Apple Fest 2007 a huge success!
Hilda Secrist
Jeanette Isaacson

PLEASE REMEMBER
 Starting next Sunday
 February 3
 Early Worship
 in the sanctuary
 begins at 8:30 a.m.

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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...

Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
58 WALTER CANTWELL
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
21 PAULA C. SAWYER
30 MICHELLE I. PEARSON
33 MARY KOSKY
60 JAN GILBERT
61 MICHELLE BROWN
31 GERALD F. THOMPSON
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Director of Music Ministries
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