

# St. John's Visitor

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## Ministry Development Team

A team of St. John's members has been charged with evaluating, developing and transitioning the Church Council and Lay Leadership of St. John's from Committees to Ministries. The team consists of Leigh Crain, Linda Calhoun, Mike Uhle, and Al Snell with staff advisors Harry Sampson and Midge Rothrock.

Certain committees are mandated by the Book of Discipline and the District Superintendent i.e. Finance, Gifts, Time & Talent (formerly Stewardship), Pastor Parish Relations, Trustees and Endowment. The other committees of Education, Family Ministry, Youth Ministry, Congregational Care, Evangelism and Worship will become Ministries.

First, this is being done to focus more of the efforts on the ministry itself. With such a cumbersome committee structure, the programs and ministries often had little time to devote to their actual missions; instead, much time was devoted to meetings and preparation for reporting. Now, the emphasis is on the content and doing the work.

Next, each ministry will be filtered by the Ministry Development Team to make sure it fits with the Vision, Mission and Core Values and the Strategic Plan Goals set for 2019 of St. John's. There are so many potentially worthy efforts and we cannot do them all, so this will keep the focus aligned with our plan and goals.

Third, with so many new members and for some who just might want a change of pace, it will be good to have a complete understanding of all the ministries being done at St. John's, what purpose they each serve, who participates, how much time might be required, cost and completion date. Some of the long-term ministries need to offer rotations, to get fresh ideas and, and offer opportunities for new participants as well.

Since the team was formed in December, it has developed a spreadsheet for identification of the ministry, description of that ministry's service, the ministry leader, total number of volunteers needed to support the ministry, the frequency of service, length of time for the service and budget requirements

Using the forms and the line items of the budget, the team members have begun interviews with committee chairs and known ministry leaders of the church to capture all the information. Interviewed committee chairs are being asked for commitments to maintain their position or recommend successors as we transition.

After this round is complete, any other committees of the church not interviewed, such as GOLT, will be asked to complete a similar form, so the information compiled for sharing with new members and with those wanting to find a new opportunity to volunteer will be a complete picture of all programs and ministries of St. John's.

It is a daunting task to quantify over 100 ministries currently existing at St. John's. The Ministry Development Team pledges to keep you informed.

### Core Values of St. John's UMC

- **St. John's Core Value is to make disciples, to grow, and to be followers of Christ.**
- **We are a loving, caring, nurturing congregation to each other.**
  - **We are striving to be a more welcoming congregation.**
  - **We are striving to accept people who they are, and where they are.**
- **We cherish and nurture children.**
- **We are very mission minded.**
- **We foster and develop ministers.**
- **We are there for the community in a variety of different ways.**
  - **We are striving to be good stewards of our resources, gifts, services and facilities.**
- **We are a Safe Sanctuary.**
- **We are open to changes so that we can grow.**

*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, February 4**

9:30am Sisters Bible Study  
1:30pm Joseph's Coat  
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday, February 5**

9:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal

**Saturday, February 6**

8:00am Grace Kitchen

**Sunday, February 7**

8:15am Coffee House  
8:30am Worship  
9:02am Contemporary Worship  
9:45am Sunday School/David Dill Program  
11:00am Worship  
4:30pm Men's Praise Choir  
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
5:00pm Youth Choir  
6:00pm Bible Study/Sunday Night Youth

**Monday, February 8**

8:00am First Place 4 Health  
12:30pm AI-Anon  
6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee  
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, February 9**

12:30pm Bible Study  
6:30pm GOLT  
7:00pm Joyful Sounds/Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 10**

9:30am Quilting Fellowship/TF Bible Study  
4:00pm Griefshare Group  
5:00pm Fellowship Supper  
6:30pm Cottage Meeting  
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group/Bible Study

**Serving This Week**

**Crucifer** - Zach Madden

**Acolytes** - John Boone, Ryan Carpenter

**Altar Guild** - Betty Mullikin, Ann Prather,  
Pat Sauls, Frances Burnham

**Crib Rm** - Krissy Zeigler

**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Dana Massey

**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Amanda Ingram

**Sunday AM Host (Feb 7)** - Virgil Sauls

**Evening Hosts**

Sunday - (Feb 7) - Edward Yeh  
Monday - Charles McKeel  
Tuesday - Dennis Fish  
Wednesday - Mike Uhle  
Thursday - Keith Polk  
Friday - Brian Eberhard  
Saturday - Adam Bates

**Attendance - Jan 31**

8:30	97
9:02	277
11:00	392
Total	766
SS	297
Evening Service	140

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

**NEW ARRIVAL:** Carter Mills Randall, son of Dr. & Mrs. John D. Randall, grandson of Eric & Helen Randall and great-grandson of Mary Ellen Randall, was born January 26 in Lexington, SC..

**BIRTHDAY:** Special greetings to **Eleanor Rorex** who celebrates 90 years on Tuesday, February 2.

**CONDOLENCES:** Deepest sympathy is extended to the following in their loss: **Jackie Hyche** in the death of her aunt, **Barbara Jackson**, in Aiken on January 25. **Mary Ward** in the death of her father, **William V. Brown**, in Aiken on Jan. 30. **MDO worker Elaine Ray** in the death of her mother on Jan. 30 in Pennsylvania.

**HOSPITALIZED:** ARMC - Eleanor Emslie, Ray Hydrick; MCG: Janel Poe; **Discharged:** Jim Ross, George Halfmann, Marvin Rosine; **Discharged to Uni-health (Mattie Hall)** - Bobbie Blackmon

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ELMER LOWRIE WILSON**

**January 29, 2010**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ELVIN DARSEY "E J" JONES**

**January 30, 2010**

*The family of Mary Fabrick is filled with gratitude at the numerous expressions of love and concern from our St. John's family. The many prayers, cards, meals, visits and kind words have lifted us up during this difficult time. How truly blessed we are to have such a caring Christian family! You are indeed the hands and feet of Christ.*

*Thank You to all GIC Volunteers!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the tremendous teamwork, loving support and many hours of hard work provided by the Global Impact Celebration Team Leaders, and also the home hosts, group hosts, Meet a Missionary hosts, Satur-Day of Service team leaders, and countless volunteers who made each event in our third annual GIC a success. Each of you has a servant's spirit and is an inspiration to me.*

*A very special thank you to Alice and Gary Allington for their loyal support throughout the year, the unending hours of hard work and creativity provided by Brett Jarriel, and the warm smiles and support from the terrific church staff. I am very grateful to each of you for the work on behalf of a mighty cause for our Lord!*

*Charlotte Holly, 2010 GIC Chair*

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

will be in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 17, at 6pm. Lenten Communion Services will continue, also in the Chapel, during the Wednesdays of Lent.

**2010-2011 REGISTRATION** for St. John's Preschool, Kindergarten and Mothers' Day out is **SATURDAY, February 20**, from 8:00am-2:00pm.

**Financials for week ending Jan 30, 2010**

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget funds rec'd fro the week	\$ 17,429
Budget Funds rec'd to date	\$336,308
Expenses to date	\$138,682
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$310,030

**INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIPS**

are given to active members of the congregation who are continuing their education. Application forms are available in the office.

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER**

**Menu for February 10**

*Fried chicken Filet Sandwich  
Tomato Soup  
Chips  
Ice Cream & Cookies*

**Faith Promise Update**

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$140,657.82
Disbursed YTD	\$152,705.95

**Faith Promise year ended 2/1/10**



**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP**  
will have a Super Bowl Party on February 7  
at Gene & Katie Aiken's home.  
Directions & time will be sent via email.

#### UMW FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

##### Monday, February 8

11:00am # 4 Church Parlor

##### Tuesday, February 9

11:30am #11 The Bowery

12:30pm # 9 TBA

2:00pm #10 Resource Room

7:30pm # 1 Betty Holloway  
113 Dewberry Ln

##### Friday, February 12

10:30am # 2 Church Parlor

##### Monday, February 15

2:30pm # 3 Church Parlor

##### Tuesday, February 16

7:00pm # 8 Meets at church

##### Wednesday, February 17

7:00pm # 7 - Meets at church

##### Wednesday, February 24

**HAVE I GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!** St. John's has about 40 individuals who serve as Evening and Sunday Morning Hosts. These individuals open the Church, monitor activities and secure the Church every evening and each Sunday morning. St. John's currently needs two individuals to serve as Evening Hosts for about 3 hours one evening a month. If you are interested in joining this elite group of individuals please call **Mick Ferrell at 648-3039**.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP** is forming to be led by Cliff Binion. The topic is *Spiritual Formation* and the group will meet on Wednesday evenings. Call the church office if interested.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** - February 21. Please call the church office if interested.

#### ACTS COLLECTION

FEBRUARY: Canned Tuna or Salmon

MARCH: Beef Stew



**David Dill** (Elizabeth Dill's grandson) will visit St. John's on February 7 to give a presentation on his mission service as an architectural intern in Uganda this past fall. The presentation will be at 10:00 a.m. in Ward Hall. Contact **Michael Norton** at 648-9740 or [norton905@bellsouth.net](mailto:norton905@bellsouth.net) for more information.

**The Helping Hands Partnership Team** needs large plastic bins and a chest of drawers for storage. If you are willing to make a donation, please contact **Sue Frushour** at 648-8126 or [rsfrush@bellsouth.net](mailto:rsfrush@bellsouth.net).

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's **Global Impact Celebration** such a success. In addition to raising awareness about our expanding efforts in missions, the missionaries themselves expressed their appreciation for the hospitality shown to them by St. John's. Many related how they felt spiritually renewed and energized by the whole experience.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:**  
FISHERMEN ARE ASTONISHED BY  
A MIRACULOUS CATCH  
LUKE 5:1-11

**5TH-6H GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK:**  
THIS WEEK I DARE YOU TO READ A CHAPTER OF  
THE BIBLE EACH DAY AS YOU LEARN MORE ABOUT  
GOD'S MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO YOU.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** (Ladies' group) begins a Lenten study, *Easter from the Backside*, on February 10 at 7pm. Please call Carolyn Roberts, 649-6975, to sign up or for more information.

**FINAL COTTAGE MEETING** is Wednesday (Feb 3) at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. If, for some reason, you have not received the invitation or were unable to attend previous meetings, you are welcome and invited to attend at this time. Your input is valued and important to this process.

**February 7, 2010**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**8:30am & 11:00am**  
**Traditional Worship-Sanctuary**  
**"LEAVE ME ALONE" - Luke 5: 1-11**  
**Rev. Dr. George Howle**

**9:02am Contemporary Worship-Gym**  
**Rev. Keith Stewart**

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Saturdays** - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am

**February 3** - Cottage Meeting

**February 11** - Valentine Lunch

**February 17** - Ash Wednesday

**February 24** - Lenten Luncheons begin at St. Thaddeus

**March 21** - Scout Sunday

**March 28** - Passion/Palm Sunday

**April 1** - Maundy Thursday (Last Supper Presentation)

**April 2** - Good Friday (Tenebrae Service)

**April 4** - Easter Sunday

**May 23** - Confirmation Sunday

**May 30** - Graduation Sunday

**June 10-13** - SC Annual Conference, Florence

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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...

### Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE  
29 KEITH STEWART  
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON  
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE  
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE  
27 GENE AIKEN  
57 NANCY REED  
34 ANNE HAWKINS  
21 PAULA SAWYER  
30 MICHELLE PEARSON  
61 ALLISON BEATTY  
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK  
27 JIMI WHITESSELL  
58 ALLEN RADCLIFFE  
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### THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

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Director of Staff and Planning  
Director of Music Ministries  
Financial Services  
Missions & Evangelism  
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries  
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Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries  
Director, Children's Ministries  
PR/Communications Coordinator  
Director of Youth Ministries  
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