

# St. John's Visitor

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## “So That All May Know” (Hebrews 8:11)

Our third Global Impact Celebration was once again such a joyful success! Hundreds of volunteers and participants joined the visiting missionaries from Aiken, our region, and to the ends of the earth. Chair Charlotte Holly was ably assisted by Gary and Alice Allington, who will lead our next GIC. Last week's VISITOR included Charlotte's heartfelt thanks to so many members who made this event so exciting, broad-based, and inclusive. Already, Faith Promises received total \$128,607 to date; and this year's Commitment Service was particularly moving.

Added feature this year was *Satur-Day of Service*, chaired by Jan Gilbert. Rain didn't stop our teams of members and missionaries from making such a difference in places of need in Aiken.

253 of us, not counting the missionaries who spoke at the various sessions, attended Meet a Missionary gatherings around Aiken, in homes and neighborhood centers.

Check the kiosk for a full array of photos capturing the events of GIC. Here are just a few of the sights from January 27-31, 2010. If you missed the sermon of Dr. Steve Dodson, catch it on our website at [www.stjohns-umc.org](http://www.stjohns-umc.org).

There is a post-GIC luncheon on February 21, for anybody interested in considering a short-term mission trip. Gather at 11, for those who are done after Sunday school. Lunch will be at noon for all those interested in mission trips; and, another meeting will follow for those who attended the 11:00 service. Several international trips are planned in 2010, including Russia, Kenya, Honduras, and potentially Colombia.



Shirley Townsend-Jones, GBGM  
Danny/Judy Armstrong, SE Asia



Grace Kitchen—Satur-day of Service



Faith Promises Received



Travis Pearson preaches at  
Life Commitment Service



Opening Service - Rev. Gregg Parris



Left - Brian Eberhard  
at My Father's House

Right -  
Michael Agwanda,  
Kenya missionary



**February 14, 2010**  
**Last Sunday after Epiphany**  
**8:30am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**  
**Message by**  
**Rev. Keith Stewart**  
**9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym**  
**11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**  
**Message by Gene Aiken**  
**Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:18 - 4:2**

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, February 11**

- 9:30am Women's Bible Study
- 11:30am Valentine Lunch
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00pm Preschool Valentine Program

**Friday, February 12**

- 9:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal

**Saturday, February 13**

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

**Sunday, February 14**

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

**Monday, February 15**

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 10:30am Sunny Monday Meeting
- 12:30pm Al-Anon
- 1:00pm Senior Adult Council
- 7:00pm Book Club

**Tuesday, February 16**

- 9:30am Stephen Ministry Training
- 12:30pm Bible Study
- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds/Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 17**

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am TF Bible Study
- 4:00pm Griefshare Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:30pm Children's Choirs
- 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Bible Study

**Serving This Week**

- Crucifer** - Andrea Mikes
- Acolytes** - Brittany Campbell, Whitney Campbell
- Altar Guild** - Betty Mullikin, Ann Prather, Pat Sauls, Frances Burnham

- Crib Rm** - Heather Yeh
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Teresa Crain
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Robin Vitali
- Sunday AM Host (Feb 14)** - Ken Alexander
- Evening Hosts**

- Sunday - (**Feb 14**) - Gene Usher
- Monday - Jim Fuqua
- Tuesday - Dan Fabrick
- Wednesday - Eric Randall
- Thursday - George Kelley
- Friday - Charlie Neill
- Saturday - Chuck Bryan

**NEW ARRIVAL:** *Anna Allston Thome, daughter of Becca & Eric Thome and granddaughter of Tom & Peggy Thome, was born Feb 4 in Charleston.*

**BIRTHDAY:** *Special greetings to Maxine Choate who celebrates 90 years on Wednesday, February 10.*

**CONDOLENCES:** *Deepest sympathy is extended to the following members in their recent losses of family members:*

*Sandra Cantwell in the death of her father, Chalmers Plyler, in Lancaster, SC, on January 30.*

*Jane Wilson (sister of Mary Ward), whose father, William V. Brown, died in Aiken on January 30.*

*Marty Gillam whose father, William Barton Gillam, passed away in Charleston, SC, on February 7.*

**HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Eleanor Emslie, Virginia Morris; Discharged to Carriage Hills: Dottie Sanders, Ray Hydrick; Discharged - Ruth Stewart, Mary Anne Clyburn, Janel Poe**

**SUNNY MONDAY GROUP** has the first meeting of this year on February 15. Martha Vinson will demonstrate the art of story-telling with the added feature of musical accompaniment. Please make your lunch reservation by calling the church office, 648-6891.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** has multiple opportunities throughout the year to remember or honor a loved one with altar flowers. Please contact the church office, 648-6891, if interested.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** takes place next week in the Chapel on February 17, at 6pm. Lenten Communion Services will continue, also in the Chapel, during the Wednesdays of Lent.



Please remember to notify the church office with **CHANGES IN ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBERS!**

**Financials for week ending Feb 6, 2010**

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 20,487
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$356,795
Expenses to date	\$135,336
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 309,630

**Faith Promise Update**

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd 2009/2010 year	\$142,725.82
2009 Carryover	\$ 28,310.66
Disbursed YTD	\$152,705.95

**2010-2011 REGISTRATION** for St. John's Preschool, Kindergarten and Mothers' Day out is **SATURDAY, February 20**, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please make a note of the date - it's coming sooner than you think!

**VALENTINE LUNCH** for Senior Singles is this Thursday, Feb 11, at 11:30 am in Ward Hall. RSVP to the office, 648-6891.



<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>February 7</b>	
8:30	139
9:02	183
11:00	347
Total	669
SS	326

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER**

**Menu for February 17**

- Spaghetti Pie*
- Salad*
- Bread & Butter*

*Cherry Cheesecake Pie*

**Please check the volunteer sheet for ways and times you can help!**



St. John's  
youth ministry

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, February 14 6pm  
Farewell party for Gene!  
Regular mentoring meetings  
for confirmation class members resume.

Where are you? Where are you going? If you do not know the answers to these questions, or would like to know more detail, then you are invited for a journey. A study in spiritual formation will be held on the *Wednesdays during Lent* beginning Feb 24 from 7:00-8:30 pm. This study will focus on the process of "being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others." The group will use **Invitation to a Journey: A Road Map for Spiritual Formation** by M. Robert Mulholland, Jr., as a guide to help understand our relationship in God's Kingdom and equip us for the journey. Please call the church office to sign up or contact Cliff Binion at 641-7213 for additional information.

**BOOK CLUB** meets next on Monday, February 15, at 7:00pm. The current book is *Jane Austen Ruined My Life* by Beth Pattillo. All are welcome and invited to come join the discussion and to bring a friend. Sharon West is the group coordinator, 648-3824.

**UMW CIRCLE 5** was accidentally omitted from list of February Circle meetings. Their meeting is Wednesday, Feb 24, at 5:45pm in the church parlor.

### ACTS COLLECTION

FEBRUARY: *Canned Tuna or Salmon*

MARCH: *Beef Stew*

## GO Global Outreach News

**Glory Outreach Assembly (GOA)**, our mission partners in Kenya, report of a highly successful sports evangelism event in January. For two weeks, the local GOA congregation embarked on an outreach ministry to youths and fans that gathered for the soccer matches between two local tribes, the Luos and the Kisiis. During this event, over 3500 people had been reached with the Gospel, with 150 of them receiving Christ for the first time. The mission team also spoke to a local boy's school on the need to place God first in their lives, HIV-AIDS awareness and the need for peaceful co-existence between different communities. GOA writes, "This mission was fully funded by St. John UMC and this empowered the GOA mission team to travel, plan and bring the mission to a successful completion. We thank God for this significant partnership that has made us take the gospel to many corners of our country."

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:**  
MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEAR WITH JESUS  
LUKE 9: 23 - 36

**5TH-6H GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK:**  
I DARE YOU TO ACT LIKE GOD'S PERFECTLY  
CREATED CHILD THIS WEEK. I DARE YOU TO  
PRAY EVERY DAY THIS WEEK, THANKING GOD  
FOR THE GIFTS HE HAS GIVEN YOU AND ASK-  
ING GOD TO HELP YOU REMEMBER JUST HOW  
PERFECTLY HE CREATED YOU.

**INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIPS** are given to active members of the congregation who are continuing their education. Application forms are available in the office. Phyllis Coker is the contact for additional information.



Next sessions of *Getting to Know St. John's* take place on March 7, 14 & 21 from 10-10:45am in Ward Hall. These programs are for visitors interested in learning more about St. John's, recent new members and any who have been a member for a while but wish to learn more. Nancy Reed is the person to contact for more information or to sign up.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** is February 21 (all services.) Please contact the office if interested in becoming a member of St. John's Church.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Saturdays** - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am  
**February 11** - Valentine Lunch  
**February 17** - Ash Wednesday (6pm service)  
**February 20** - Preschool Registration  
**February 24** - Lenten Luncheons begin at St. Thaddeus  
**March 15** - Marriage Enrichment Seminar  
**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  
**April 16** - U S Army Chorus (Under the Steeple)  
**April 25** - King's Brass (Under the Steeple)  
**May 23** - Confirmation Sunday  
**May 30** - Graduation Sunday  
**June 10-13** - SC Annual Conference, Florence

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the Good News of Jesus Christ, through  
worship, nurture and service.*



## Serving you...

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