

# St. John's Visitor

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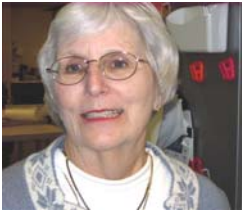
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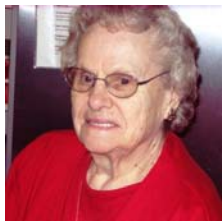
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## HELP WANTED!!

**OUR BLESSING:** We average 200 guests who come for a delicious supper every Wednesday evening! What great fellowship we enjoy!

**OUR PROBLEM:** We average only 35 volunteers who cook; set tables; deliver ministry meals to homes; collect money; serve supper; replenish food to the serving tables; clean up Ward Hall and help clean the kitchen.

**OUR NEED:** We need YOU! Come and enjoy Wednesday Night Supper and VOLUNTEER to help our faithful few who keep giving of themselves to make Wednesday Night Suppers possible.

**OUR REASON:** We seem to have the same faithful people who serve us every week, and we'd like to give them a break now and then. We can charge more for the meal and hire help to enable us to continue with Wednesday Night Suppers, but we'd rather spread the joy among ourselves and continue as a volunteer ministry.

**OUR PLEA:** We would love to see your name on the sign-up sheet (located in the hall near the Office during the week and near the Cashier's table on Wednesday).

**OUR PROMISE:** We are sure you will enjoy getting to know other folks who sign up to help, and you will feel great about serving others. We would love to have one-hour shifts for the help needed during the dinners – that way everyone could enjoy some fellowship time AND some ministry time.

**OUR THANKS:** We thank all of you who have volunteered in any way! We thank the rest of you for considering this ministry. Genie Farmer is such a gracious hostess, and she needs your help in continuing our Wednesday Night Suppers. If those of us who are able will volunteer just once every three or four months, our needs will be met. Please contact Mary Kosky (648-6891) for more information.



Ray Ward



Cynthia Stapleton



Anita Allen



Liz Benton

**February 22, 2009 - Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**"COME AND WALK IN THE DEEP END"**  
**Rev. Keith Stewart**  
**Scripture: Luke 5: 1 - 11**  
**Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.**



Sherry Williamson, Beth Green, Beth Kelly

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, February 19

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, February 20

- 10:30am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal
- 7:00pm Bridge Group

Saturday, February 21

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, February 22

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:45am Getting to Know St. John's series
- 10:30am Soup Lunch - All invited
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 5:30pm Fireproof Marriage Bible Study
- 5:40pm Confirmands & Mentors
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, February 23

- 8:00am First Place
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 10:00am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 24

- 12:30pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Church Council
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds

Wednesday, February 25

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl/Quilting
- 9:30am Bible Study
- 3:30pm Grief Share
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men's & Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Thomas Osteen
- Acolytes** - Ryan Carpenter, Sarah Eliz. Davis
- Altar Guild** - Betty Mullikin, Ann Prather, Frances Burnham, Pat Sauls
- Crib Rm** (11am) Ashley Donaldson
- Toddlers** - Kimberly Canada  
Grandparent - Helen Randall
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Kelly Boni
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Dawn Mahoney
- Greeters 8:30** - Claudette Strickland, Sharon West
- Greeters 11:00** - Monnie Pitts, Walter Croft
- Sunday AM Host (2/22)** - Mick Ferrell
- Evening Hosts**
  - Sunday (Feb 22) - Jim Minear
  - Monday - Rick Endler
  - Tuesday - Matt Beckum
  - Wednesday - Jim Wert
  - Thursday - Tom Brown
  - Friday - Bob Kosky
  - Saturday - Marc Nadeau

**NEW ARRIVAL:** *Tanner McTeer Padgett, son of Russ and Kristin Padgett, was born December 8 in Aiken.*

*Olivia Joy Chavis, daughter of Whitten and Brad Chavis was born February 8 in Aiken. New grandparents are Jim & Sharon Stewart and great-grandparents are Jimmy & Ruth Stewart.*

**CONDOLENCES:** *Deepest sympathy is extended to the following persons who have recently lost family members:*

*Jewell Burckhalter in the death of her brother, John Pettigrew of Edgefield, SC, on January 14.*

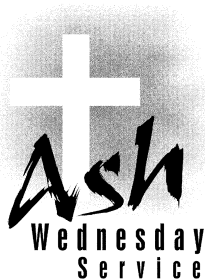
*Mary Ann Findley in the death of her father and former St. John's member, William "Bill" H. Stallworth, Jr., in Pittsboro, NC, on February 14. Mr. Stallworth was also the grandfather of Kent Findley.*

*Carolyn Tucker in the death of her sister, Judy Hendrix, on February 6 in Gilbert, SC.*

**HOSPITALIZED:** ARMC - Earl Bruorton, Univ. - Shel Rideout; **Discharged** - Ann Gillam, Allen Fellers, Mozelle Flynt

*There are no words with which to tell you all the love and support of St. John's has meant to Marv and me during these recent months following my back surgery and convalescence. I quite literally "felt" your prayers and there is no doubt those prayers speeded my recovery. The many meals you prepared for us, the cards, visits, bringing communion to me, the visit of the youth choir at Christmas - all these beautiful gifts demonstrate the love this parish showers on one another, and I am so grateful and blessed to have been the recipient of your caring. I am getting stronger every day and look forward to thanking each of you personally for your many kindnesses and gifts of love and encouragement.*

**Shirley Rosine**



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

6:00pm February 25  
in the Chapel

The St. John's **BRIDGE GROUP** will meet Friday, February 20, at 7pm at the church. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. If there are questions, please call Harry Shade at 648-9313 for more information.

Remember the **SOUP LUNCH** after church next Sunday, February 22. Serving will begin at 10:30 for those attending early services. Although there is no charge, the Friendship Class will appreciate your donations which will be used to underwrite mission projects.

**Fellowship Supper**  
**Menu for February 25**  
*Hot Dogs &/or Hamburgers*  
*Baked Beans French Fries*  
*Pickles*  
*Ice Cream Sundaes*

**Financials for week ending February 14, 2009**

Budgetary needs for two week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd last two wks	\$ 130,641
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$306,627
Actual expenses to date	\$182,439
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 784,608

**Faith Promise Update**

2008 Faith Promise	\$173,588.00
Received this week	\$56,778.50
Received YTD	\$64,608.98
Disbursements to date	- 0 -

**\*\*2009 Faith Promise year = 2/1/09 thru 1/31/10**

**Attendance February 15**

8:30	104
9:02	151
11:00	387
Total	642
SS	278 (est.)



St. John's  
youth ministry

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

February 22  
6pm

**FINAL SESSION** of *Getting to Know St. John's* begins at 9:45 Sunday morning. Information about the ministries and missions of this church will be presented. Although designed for newer members, all interested persons are welcome to attend the class.

**NEW YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** for young marrieds (age 25 & up) begins Sunday, March 1, and will meet in Room 207. Contact person is Molly Jones who may be reached at 644-5267 (H) or 221-3830 (cell.)



**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.

Time to bake **COOKIES FOR KAIROS** again. Please contact Jennifer Willoughby at 646-8146 if you are willing to bake a batch (needed by March 24.)

*ACTS COLLECTION IN FEBRUARY: BEEF STEW*

**Missionary Prayer Focus:** For souls to be saved and lives enriched through the Christ Central mentoring program and praise to God for Memorial Baptist Church providing a place for the program.

## GO Global Outreach News

**Epworth Children's Home** is holding a campus workday on March 21 from 9-3:00 PM. Activities will include raking and painting. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to help out, please contact Maureen Bernard (221-9635).

**David Williams**, our field missionary in Ethiopia, will be visiting St. Johns on Sunday, March 15. He will preach and present a program during the Sunday school hour.

Volunteers are needed to help teach/bake cookies at **Helping Hands** on March 7 at 3:00 PM. We will be baking cookies with the teen girls/boys and also the 12 and under group. Please contact Sandy Miller at 643-9084.

The **Tigers GO** trip to New Orleans will be April 4-9. Both youth and adults are needed. Please contact Gene Aiken (648-6891) for more information.

**Prayer** is the means of support most requested by our missionaries. If you would like to join a prayer request team for a specific ministry, contact Renee Reid (642-8951).

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009

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

**SUNDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** begins a 6-week study of *The Purpose Drive Life* by Rick Warren, which leads us to God's 5 purposes in living out His incredible plan. DVD's will enhance the principle teachings. If you have the book bring it. If you don't, contact Flo McElmurray @ 642-5763 or email: flomcelm@aol.com (put on subject line: Bible study.) There is a cost for the material. Study begins promptly at 6:00pm and closes at 7:30.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHESES/DEVOTIONS** will again take place on Wednesdays from 12-1pm beginning March 4. St. John's has responsibility on April 1. Location this year is St Mary's Catholic Church.

**INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP** application forms may be obtained in the church office. This scholarship is given to students who are active members of the congregation and who are continuing their education.



**THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** has begun *Praying in God's Time*, a practical study of prayer at 9:30am. Contact persons are Glenna Lathrop (649-4508) or De Bumgardner (652-7121). New faces are welcome!

### LOOKING AHEAD

**February 25** - Ash Wednesday

**March 1** - Youth Sunday

**April 4-9** - Mission Trip to New Orleans

**April 4** - Lent Lunches begin - St Mary Catholic Church

**April 5** - Passion/Palm Sunday

**April 5** - Easter Egg Hunt

**April 12** - Easter Day

**April 24-25** - Youth Choir Trip

**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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