

# St. John's Visitor

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*New cabin under construction*



*Dining Hall*



*View of a cabin*

## ASBURY HILLS SUMMER CAMP

Located at Cleveland, South Carolina

2009 Theme: Ignite, Fuel the Fire

Do you want to IGNITE your life? At Asbury Hills, camp is all about friends, fun and faith.

*This year there are NEW cabins with air-conditioning, showers and bathrooms.*

*Music, canoeing, swimming, creek hiking and much, much more are in store for you.*

Summer Camp is for Grades 2 through 12

Camp sessions begin June 14 and continue through August 7, 2009

and last from 3 days/2 nights to 6 days/5 nights.

*Asbury Hills has several special weekends FOR FAMILIES*

*which give parents/grandparents a chance to experience our wonderful camp:*

*Father/Child Weekend June 19-21*

*Mother/Child Weekend July 10-12*

*Family Weekend September 5-7*

*Open House at Asbury Hills is Sunday, May 3, 2009, from 1-4pm which will give you an opportunity to see the camp. Asbury Hills is located above Greenville in the beautiful foothills of South Carolina.*

Check out the website

[www.sccampsandretreat.org](http://www.sccampsandretreat.org)

An Asbury Hills Representative will be

at St. John's on Wednesday April 15 at 7 pm

St. John's would like to help families carpool to camp, so contact Nancy Reed in the church office if you are interested in having your child attend camp.

Details for having your photograph made for the new

St. John's Family Album  
(Pictorial Directory)

are provided in an insert in today's *Visitor*. Please read this information and be prepared to make your photo appointment in person next Sunday or on line today!

March 1, 2009 - First Sunday in Lent  
Youth Sunday

"SPREADING ROOTS AND WINGS"

Scripture: Ephesians 3: 16 - 19

Messages by Thomas Osteen and Erin Kelly

Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.

Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

## NEWS OF THE FAMILY

**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcomed into St. John's membership last Sunday:

**Jim & Barbara Barclay**

122 Bridge Crest Ct.

649-1973

**NEW ARRIVALS:** **Robert Grant Eddy**, great-grandson of **Flo Conrad**, was born February 16 in West Columbia, SC.

**Nathan League**, son of **Chris & Sally League** and grandson of **Ken & Nancy Per-rine**, was born February 18 in Greenville, SC..

**CONDOLENCES:** Sincere sympathy is extended to **Sarah Proctor** in the death of her brother, **Francis K. "Buck" Fowler**, in West Columbia on February 16.

Deepest sympathy is also extended to **Mary Ann, Jeff & Joel Ray** in the death of **Jim Ray's** sister, **Helen Ray Bartlett**, in Hendersonville, NC on 2/14.

**HOSPITALIZED:** **ARMC** - Earl Bruorton; **Doctor's** - Jane Selman; **Dis-charged** - Shel Rideout, Jeanette Isaacson

### IN MEMORIAM

**ANNIE BASS "SALLY" EWING**

**February 17, 2009**

*Thank you, thank you to my beautiful church family for your loving care and concern during my recent time of illness. You carried me through. I'm finally feeling much better, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.*

*Surrounded, with you, in His love, Doris Hoffman*

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** will meet this week on Thursday, February 26, at 6:30pm in Ward Hall. Guest speaker this month is Clay Killian, Aiken County Ad-ministrator. All men of the church are invited to bring a covered dish and attend.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be in the Chapel on Wednesday (February 25) at 6pm. Lenten Communion Service will continue on Wednesdays thru Lent.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** of United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, March 3, at 1:00pm in the UMW Room.

#### **Financials for week ending February 21, 2009**

Budgetary needs for two week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 19,618
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$326,245
Actual expenses to date	\$208,673
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 784,608

#### **Faith Promise Update**

Fiscal Year 2009-Faith Promise	\$174,112.00
Fiscal Year 2009-Rec'd YTD	\$58,209.50
Fiscal Year 2009-Disbursed YTD	\$ 4,950.00

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

**INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP** is given to active members of the congregation who are continuing their education. Application forms are available in the office.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

##### **Wednesday Night Suppers**

*Cook, Set Tables, Make Tea  
Collect Money, Serve, Clean Up  
Coffee House*

*Replenish Coffee & Refreshments  
Remain to Clean up*

#### **Fellowship Supper - March 4**

*Potato & Vegetable Soups  
Assorted Sandwiches*

*Pumpkin Pie Square - Brownies  
Cookies & Ice Cream*

#### **Attendance February 22**

8:30	114
9:02	181
11:00	450
Total	745
SS	301

### *Meetings to Note*

#### **Thursday, February 26**

9:30am Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm United Methodist Men  
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

#### **Friday, February 27**

10:30am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal  
11:00am GIC Meeting

#### **Saturday, February 28**

8:00am Grace Kitchen

#### **Sunday, March 1**

8:15am Coffee House  
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, March 2**

8:00am First Place  
8:30am Dr Seuss' birthday party  
10:00am Women's Bible Study  
10:00am Exercise Class  
10:30am Fun Monday  
7:00pm Women's Bible Study  
7:00pm Stewardship Committee

#### **Tuesday, March 3**

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

#### **Wednesday, March 4**

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

#### **Serving This Week**

**Crucifer** - Jimmy Rodgers

**Acolytes** - Annalise Eberhard, Ryan Fogle

**Altar Guild** - Lynda Troutman, Sherry

Williamson, Mary Ann Ray, Mary Musick

**Greeters 8:30** - John & Betty Jossey

**Greeters 11:00** - Johanna Gibbs, Henriann

Goddard, Keith Polk, Julie Polk, Debi Rood

**Sunday AM Host (3/1)** - Bobby Coker

#### **Evening Hosts**

Sunday (**March 1**) - Jeff Crenshaw

Monday - Robin Dillman

Tuesday - Kevin Buchanan

Wednesday - Lamar Keisler

Thursday - Jimmy Moore

Friday - Jerry Johnson

Saturday - Edward Yeh



St. John's  
youth ministry

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6pm March 1

*Come and bring your friends!!*

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** are found on a number of household products including some paper products and packaged food. An example is shown below. Last year the St. John's Preschool redeemed these coupons for about \$700 worth of playground equipment. If you put these coupons in the same wicker basket with the soup coupons, the ladies will see to it that they get to the Preschool.



*Typical "Box Tops for Education" coupon.*

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday 6 pm - *Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren  
begins March 15 (*note new starting date*)

Wednesday 7pm - *3:16* by Max Lucado

Thursday 9:30am - *Praying in God's Time*

**The Friendship Class thanks everyone** who participated in their soup & salad lunch on February 22. Through the generosity of our congregation it is possible to donate \$450 each to ACTS and to Aiken Pregnancy Care Center. Also, during the months of March and April, the children of Friendship Class members will be sponsoring a drive to collect items for the Aiken Pregnancy Care Center. Watch for more information in the coming weeks regarding this mission project.

**COMMUNITY LENT LUNCHESES** begin March 4 at noon at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

### ACTS COLLECTION FOR MARCH:

*Macaroni & Cheese*

**Missionary Prayer Focus:** May our missionaries look for God at work in their daily lives and this week receive a special encouragement from our Lord.

## GO Global Outreach News

**Looking for ways to volunteer?** We are a small group that meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at **Helping Hands** to sort donated clothing. Call Renee Reid for more info (642-8951). Come join us Thursday, Feb. 26.

**Cookies!** Volunteers are also 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 (643-9084).

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

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009

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

**ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL** still has a few spaces available in 3K and Kindergarten classes. Call Michelle Pearson for more information.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**, is the date of the first meeting of the new *Young Adult Sunday School Class* for young marrieds ages 25 & up. Come to Room 207 at that time or call Molly Jones at 644-5267 (H) or 221-3830 (Cell) with your questions.

**PLEASE COME!** David Williams, our missionary partner serving in Ethiopia, will be sharing information about his ministry on Sunday, March 15, in Ward Hall from 10:00-10:45am in addition to preaching at all 3 services. David has been called to Ethiopia to reach out to the Harari Muslims, an Unreached People Group. Sunday School classes are encouraged to attend, of course, but **everyone is invited**. In addition, David will be meeting with those who may be interested in learning more about a short term trip to Ethiopia this fall. This gathering will take place in Ward Hall immediately after the 11:00 worship service. For questions, call Gene or Nancy Reed in the church office.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**February 25** - Ash Wednesday-6pm Service in the Chapel

**March 1** - Youth Sunday

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

**March 15** - David Williams, Visiting Missionary Partner  
from Ethiopia

**March 26** - Joseph Martin Concert

**March 29** - Musical Lenten Journey - Chancel Choir

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

**April 5** - Passion/Palm Sunday

**April 5** - Easter Egg Hunt

**April 9** - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

**April 10** - Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Shadows

**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 - *Crocodile Dock*

**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...

### Ext

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Director, Adult & Senior Ministries  
Assistant to Ministers  
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Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries  
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