

St. John's Visitor

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HONDURAS MISSION UPDATE

The next Honduras Mission trip starts on March 26. Dr. Randy Shelley from St. John's is the lead medical professional on this trip. Dr. Charlie Wyont (another local dentist) and his wife, Karen, are also helping with the dental ministry. There are a total of eleven missionaries on this trip. In addition to the dental ministry, this trip will also include construction efforts to assist local schools and improve the facilities at the church compound. Dr. Shelley is pictured with a local Honduran named Gloria. She serves as the head cook for the missionary teams. She is just one of the many local staff persons who take care of us while we are in Quimistan. Please keep Dr. Shelley, the other team members, and our staff in Honduras in your prayers. We pray for them to have a successful and blessed trip.

Two future trips are currently planned. Jeff Ray has agreed to lead the next trip on June 11 through 21. Other St. John's members participating are: Bob Prather (and two grand-daughters from Texas), Collin Ray, Beth Eberhard, and Christa Eberhard. There are still one or two openings for adults on this trip. The projects are expected to include home construction, school project construction, and vacation bible school type events. A second summer trip is planned for July 9 through 19. Projects will be similar to the June trip. About ten slots are still available. Contact Jeff Ray or Michael Norton for more information. See the foundation website for a detailed orientation manual (www.HondurasAgape.com). Please consider joining in this mission effort.



Dr. Randy Shelley with Gloria

March 2008 Honduras GO Team March 26 - 30 Mission Trip

Focus areas: Dental/Medical & Evangelism
Please pray :

- ◆ *God's will to be done and not our own.*
- ◆ *We might bring physical healing and spiritual encouragement to those with whom we come in contact.*
- ◆ *We might experience the joy and strength that comes from being in God's will.*
- ◆ *Our Lord will reveal a greater purpose for us than any we might imagine at this time.*
- ◆ *Praise God from whom all good things come for those who believe.*
- ◆ *Safety and health for the team traveling to and from.*

March 16, 2008 - Easter Sunday

"HE IS NOT HERE"

Scripture: Matthew 28: 1 - 10

Dr. George K. Howle

**Identical services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
in the sanctuary.**

Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

See more information on the mission effort at
www.scprojectagape.com

Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 20

9:30am Bible Study
5:00pm Fellowship Supper
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
7:00pm Last Supper Tableau

Friday, March 21

Church Offices Closed
7:00pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, March 23

8:15am Coffee House
9:02am Contemporary Worship in Gym
9:45am Chancel Choir Breakfast

No Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 25

7:00pm Church Council

Wednesday, March 26

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

Serving This Week

Acolytes - Christa & Annalise Eberhard
(Maundy Thursday)

Adam Bumpus & Connor Kane
Thomas Osteen - Lighting
(Friday Tenebrae Service)

Crucifer - Randi Hyche (8:30 Easter)

Breann Staubs (11:00 Easter)

Acolytes-Colby Hozey, Rachael Perkins (8:30)

Alan Kelly, Max Madden (11:00)

Altar Guild - Mary Musick, Lynda

Troutman, Sharon West, Sherry Williamson

Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Darby Copeland

Toddlers - Rebecca Harker

2-3 Yr Nursery - Amanda Stefanakos

3-4 Yr Nursery - Tracey Smith

Greeters 8:30 - Paula & Barry Clayton,

Claudette Strickland, Ed Farmer

Sunday School Greeter - Beverly Burch

Greeters 11:00 - Walt Croft, Lee Poe,

Marcia Harris, Sherry West,

Nancy Vernon, Charlie Thorngate

Sunday AM Host (March 23)

Dave Sherburne

Evening Hosts

Sunday (March 23) - Rick Endler

Monday - Matt Beckum

Tuesday - Jim Wert

Wednesday - Tom Brown

Thursday - Bob Kosky

Friday - Marc Nadeau

Saturday - Jeff Ray

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVALS: *Eleanor Grace Irwin*, new granddaughter of *Jean Irwin*, has joined the family of *Bill and Tara Irwin* in Cumming, GA.

Evan Monroe DePriest, son of *Doug & Kim DePriest*, joined their family on March 8.

Arriving in Silver Springs, MD, from Guatemala on March 1 was *Mateo Cruz Donnelly*, son of *Becky & Matt Donnelly* and grandson of *Allen & Nola Radcliffe*.

NEW MEMBER: Welcomed into St. John's Church on March 16:

Mrs. Barbara Coakley

763 W Pleasant Colony Dr

649-1121

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to *Marvin Rosine* in the death of his mother, *Bina Rosine*, on March 11 in Flynt, MI.

HOSPITALIZED: *Aiken* - Harry Carey, Eleanor Cool, Carolyn Heaton, Alda Keeter, Arlene Usher, Fred Penix

IN MEMORIAM

MINERVA "MERVE" JOHNSON LEFLER

March 13, 2008

All men of the church are invited to attend the next monthly meeting of **UNITED METHODIST MEN** on Thursday, March 27, 6:30pm, in the gym. This will be the Annual Fish Fry with the main course provided by Jimmy Stewart and several other members. The speaker for the evening will be Richard Church, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Aiken County.



APRIL 19 is the day construction begins on the next Habitat House being built by St. John's along with several other groups.

Financials for week ending March 15, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 21,427
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 407,698
Actual expenses to date	\$ 316,827
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,133,608

Faith Promise report for week ending March 15

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,152.48
Received last week	3,431.32
Received YTD	27,085.36
Balance for which to pray	\$206,067.12

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Menu for Wednesday, March 26

Chili Hot Dogs

French Fries

Pickles Cole Slaw

Peanut Butter Pie

BRIDGE PLAYERS please take

note: The third Friday this month is Good Friday so the bridge game will be postponed to **March 28 (fourth Friday)** rather than the usual date. You are invited to attend Tenebrae (Service of Shadows) in the sanctuary at 7 pm this week.



Last Week's Attendance

8:30	129
9:02	102
11:00	611
Total	740
SS	317



St. John's youth ministry

SALKEHATCHIE

Registration forms are now due for Pee Dee and Santee Salkehatchie camps. Please remember that the Aiken Salkehatchie is for those who have already been to that camp.

THE GREAT ESCAPE

This summer retreat in Cleveland, TN, at Lee University is for current 6th-8th graders. The week will feature thought-provoking devotional times, wonderful speakers, great band and amazing games. Sign-ups are currently ongoing. See Gene Aiken for details and cost.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2008:

- 1ST GRADE: FROM BC TO PC**
- 2ND GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B**
- 3RD GRADE: THE ARKADE**
- 4TH GRADE: CREATION STATION**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: THOU ART**



DO YOU HAVE A PASSPORT? An opportunity to visit Kenya with Michael Agwanda's *Life for Children* organization is available. Dates for the trip are April 14-22. Please contact Frances Os-teen, 648-2548, ASAP, for details.

"A Time of Prayer"

All who believe in the power of prayer are invited to attend!

Life for Children Ministry
Trip to Kenya

Sunday, March 30 10:45 in the Chapel

NEEDED - Blank puzzle pages (clean and unworked) from the Aiken Standard, Augusta Chronicle and the State newspaper. Please leave in the green basket outside the church office.

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY is looking for a few loving hands to help out on Easter Sunday in the nursery from 10:45-12:00. If you would be willing to volunteer please contact Molly Jones or Michelle Brown at the church.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008 takes place June 16 - 20 (Monday-Friday.) This year's theme is *POWER LAB*. Cheryl Stephens and Kathy Samaha have agreed to serve as Directors and are excited about making this a special week for the children who attend. *Please let these two know how you can help.*

REMINDER

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL CLOSE
GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21

LOOKING AHEAD

- March 20** - Last Supper Dramatic Presentation and Communion
- March 21** - Tenebrae - Service of Shadows
- March 16** - Palm Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt
- March 23** - Easter Sunday
- April 5-10** - Mission trip to New Orleans
- April 27** - Organ Concert
- May 18** - Confirmation Sunday



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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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23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
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25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
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57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
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33 MARY KOSKY
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