

St. John's Visitor

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Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday: 7 pm, Last Supper Presentation

Good Friday: 7 pm, Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday: A Glorious Celebration
8:30 and 11: Full Choir and Brass
9:02: Contemporary Service

Easter Egg Hunt: 3 pm on the church campus
with an *extra special surprise*

Sunny Monday Events

Mark your calendars for two extra special upcoming presentations
Helping to Celebrate Aiken's 175th Anniversary

April 19 @ 10:30 Bill Olson has arranged for Mary White of the Aiken Museum to present her "Trunk Talk".

May 17 @ 10:30 Jim Harrison, the famed painter, writer, speaker, philosopher and historian stands as a self appointed protector of old things and old ways, saying, "*To look at the past is to learn, and to learn is to look to the future.*"

April 4, 2010 - EASTER DAY

8:30am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
Rev. Keith Stewart

9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
Rev. Dr. George Howle

"INVESTIGATING AN EMPTY TOMB"
Luke 24: 1 - 12

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00pm Last Supper Dramatization

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

- Church Offices Closed**
- 7:00pm Tenebrae - Service of Shadows

Saturday, April 3

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Day

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00am Worship
- 6:00pm Bible Study

Monday, April 5

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 10:30am Fun Monday for Retirees
- 12:30pm Al-Anon
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 6

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

Wednesday, April 7

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am Bible Study
- 4:00pm Griefshare Group
- No Wednesday Supper**
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp
- 7:00pm Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Sydney Beckner (8:30am Easter)
- Christa Eberhard (11:00am Easter)
- Acolytes** - Adam Bumpus, Daniel Lunn (Fri),
Ryan Fogle (Fri Lighting)
- Collin Ray, Michael Rogers (8:30am Easter)
- Casey Beckum, Danielle Smith, (11:00am Easter)
- Altar Guild** - Virginia Morris, Linda Endler,
Carol Fraser, Anne Barham

- Crib Rm** - Sherry Williamson
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Molly Jones
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Emily Moore
- Sunday AM Host (Easter)** - Frank Smith III
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday - (Easter) - Jon Paul Hyché
- Monday - Jimmy Moore
- Tuesday - Danny Perrine
- Wednesday - Edward Yeh
- Thursday - Charles McKeel
- Friday - Dennis Fish
- Saturday - Mike Uhle

BAPTISM: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 28, was **Danielle Reese Zimmerman**, daughter of **Andy & Denise Zimmerman**.

NEW ARRIVAL: **Wesley Noel Herron**, son of **John "T J" & Erin Herron**, was born March 15 in Augusta, GA.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Jean Geiger** in the death of her sister, **Jane May Jones**, on Saturday, March 27, in Dallas, TX.

HOSPITALIZED: **ARMC** - Marie Durrett; **Univ:** Staff member Willie Green; **Charleston** - Bill Mobley; **Discharged to Carriage Hills** - Joe Bumpus; **Discharged** - Lou Davis, Ruth Stewart

I want to thank the members of St. John's for their prayers, cards and visitations during the numerous times I was in the hospital. **George Halfmann**

Thank you, St. John's, for an unprecedented **450 dozen** cookies, prayer vigil sign-up, other prayers and 11 volunteer team members. You are truly Christ's Body reaching out to some of "the least of these brothers" of the Lord. For your many expressions of Christian love and compassion we thank you but believe that in His time and in His way you will be truly rewarded by the only One that matters.

Kairos Weekend 33 Team

INVITATION FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Please join friends and Family at a Community-wide Celebration of the **100th birthday of Ola Ruth Hitt** on Saturday afternoon, April 17, 2010, 3:00 - 5:00 pm at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 120 Chesterfield St NE. (No gifts, please.)

PRAYER GARDEN COLUMBARIUM

All who have notified the Columbarium Ministry Team of their interest, either through return of the postcard or by personal contact, will be called and invited to an informational session. These will be on Sunday morning, April 25, at 10 am or noon, whichever time suits your schedule. Please come to Ward Hall to see samples of the niches, and hear more details. **Any others who are interested in learning more are also encouraged to attend one of the two briefings.**

REMINDER

**CHURCH OFFICES WILL CLOSE
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2**

Financials for week ending Mar 27, 2010

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 19,967
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Rec'd to date	\$ 501,311
Expenses to date	\$ 412,580
John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$295,338

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	\$171,827.00
Rec'd to date	\$ 67,316.00
Expenses to date	\$ 3,350.00

PLEASE REMEMBER!!

When donating stock to the church, it is necessary to notify the Financial Secretary of your plans since no information regarding the donor is provided to the church.



Attendance - March 14	
8:30	123
9:02	186
11:00	435
Total	740
SS	337

**NO WEDNESDAY SUPPER
ON APRIL 7
(Spring Break and
Master's Week!)**

**SUPPERS WILL RESUME
ON APRIL 14**



St. John's
youth ministry

**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
AND YOUTH CHOIR**
will not meet Easter Sunday, April 4, or
final Sunday of Spring Break, April 11,

PLEASE REMEMBER
Youth Group has responsibility for
Grace Kitchen on April 17. Your help is needed!

Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study begins a study on Hebrews entitled *Looking Forward in Faith* on April 14 at 7pm. Contact person is Carolyn Roberts, 649-6974.

On Friday, May 21, 2010, you are invited to participate in the **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** at Cedar Creek Golf Course, do some good while you are enjoying yourself on the course, and maybe even win a prize! Pick up a form to enter at the receptionist desk, or ask Steve Lathrop, tournament chair and President of the United Methodist Men, to get one to you. For questions, call the church office, 648-6891; or, Steve Lathrop at 649-4508. For \$75 per individual player/\$300 per foursome, enjoy lunch at 11:30 before your round, and know that this will benefit a wonderful cause strongly identified with the men of St. John's, the *Jack Meeks Memorial Wheelchair Ramp Ministry*. Entry form and fee must be received by May 11, 2010.



GO Global Outreach News

The next **Honduras Agape Foundation Mission trip** will take place from April 3-10. Team members from St. John's include Beth and Annalise Eberhard and Jeff and Abby Ray. Please pray for their safety throughout the trip and that God will use them to accomplish his will for the people of Honduras. You can follow their daily activities by going to www.hondurasagape.com and clicking on "Blog".

The Seekers of Good News Sunday school class is helping to host a **spaghetti lunch** with the Life for Children Aiken Outreach group on Sunday, April 18. Lunch will be served from 11:00 - 1:00 in Ward Hall. Donations will go toward the Kenya LCM Bible Camp in August and travel expenses.

Mission Trip Opportunities for 2010

Location	Team Leader	Dates
Russia	Deedee Vaughters	July 6-15*
Honduras	TBD	June 9-19; June 23- July 3; July 6-16
Colombia	Matt Willoughby	June 22-30*
Thailand	Jackie Hyche	July 23-August 6
Kenya	Frances Osteen	August 4-17

Please contact Frances Osteen at 648-2548 for additional in-

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010

3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
JESUS APPEARS TO MARY
JOHN 20: 1 - 18

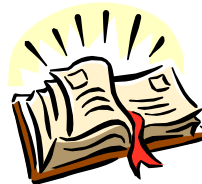
5TH-6H GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK:
TBA

A FRIEND IN NEED - **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

In times of trouble, we look to caring Christian friends to listen to us while we work through our feelings. A Stephen Minister can be such a friend, either to you or to someone you know. This week our Stephen Ministers will be studying *Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief* as they continue to learn ways of caring for people with needs. These Stephen Ministers are committed to providing Christian care for others experiencing many different needs. Please continue to support the class with your prayers.



Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study group begins a new study on April 25: *Me, Myself & Lies* by Jennifer Rothschild. This is a DVD driven, 7-week (including Intro) study dealing with our destructive, unrealistic, self-talk. This group meets Sunday from 6:00-7:30pm in room 115 at the church. Cost of the workbooks is to be determined. Contact Janel Poe if interested: 648-4541.



LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesdays during Lent

Noon - St Thaddeus Episcopal **Lenten Lunch/Devotions**
6:00pm - St. John's Chapel, **Lenten Communion Service**

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
April 1 - Maundy Thursday (*Last Supper* Dramatization)
April 2 - Good Friday (Tenebrae - *Service of Shadows*)
April 4 - Easter Sunday
April 16 - U S Army Chorus (Under the Steeple)
April 17 - Miss Ola Hitt's 100th birthday celebration
April 24 - UMW Brunch
April 25 - King's Brass (Under the Steeple)
May 21 - St. John's Golf Tournament
May 23 - Confirmation Sunday
May 30 - Graduation Sunday
June 10-13 - SC Annual Conference, Florence
June 14-18 - Vacation Bible School

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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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26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE HAWKINS
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