

St. John's Visitor

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UNDER THE STEEPLE SERIES CONTINUES



“Under the Steeple” proudly announces an event for Sunday, April 27, at 4 pm. This concert is, as always, free of charge, as a gift to the community.

Dr. Andrew Elliot Henderson of New York City is the featured artist. Dr. Henderson has vast experiences performing at the most famous venues, including St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and the Washington National Cathedral. Yet, he also has family connections in the Carolinas, to our good fortune.

Andrew is married to organist Mary Wannamaker Huff. They are the parents to two young boys, Elliot and Christian. A.V. Huff, Mary's father, is the recently retired Chair of the History Department at Furman University. Dr. Huff became acquainted with Dr. John Stapleton, while John was Senior Pastor at Washington Street UMC. A.V. Huff, an ordained minister also, wrote the history of John's famous church, and through this association, the two families became acquainted.

As a further connection to St. John's family, in January of this year Andrew Henderson performed in concert at Reid Presbyterian Church in Augusta, which was a previous home base for St. John's tremendously talented and well-known interim organist, Everett Summerall. An interesting fact about historic Reid Church is that it had the privilege to host one particularly famous member of Augusta National, former President D.D. Eisenhower, on his visits to our area.

Currently, Dr. Henderson is Director of Music & Organist at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, having received his doctorate from Julliard in 2007, with degrees in music from Cambridge University in England, and Yale University as well.

Additionally, he is the organ instructor at Teacher's College, Columbia University, and has served on the organ faculty at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. From 2001 to 2005 he was the Assistant Organist at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, New York, where he was actively involved in their renowned liturgical and concert programs.

PLEASE REMEMBER
to pray for the mission team
currently in New Orleans
doing home repair.
Team is expected to return
Thursday, April 10

April 13, 2008
Fourth Sunday of Easter

“BY HIS STRIPES”
Scripture: I Peter 2: 19 - 25
Rev. George K. Howle

Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.
Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

Meetings to Note

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

4:15pm Primitimers to Columbia Concert

Sunday, April 13

8:15am Coffee House
9:02am Contemporary Worship in Gym

No Prayer Shawl Ministry/Women's Emmaus

6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm *Christian Believer* Bible Study
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth -Aiken's home

Monday, April 14

8:15am First Place
6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 16

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 - Karyn Osteen
Crucifer - Collin Ray, Danielle Smith
Altar Guild - Linda Endler, Virginia Morris,
Betty Mullikin, Ann Taylor, Mimi Wiland
Crib Room - Allison Beatty
Toddlers - Charity Leigh
2-3 Yr Nursery - Kathy Samaha
3-4 Yr Nursery - Barbie Heath
Greeters 8:30 - Hilda Secrist, Ann Carter,
John & Andrea Downs
Sunday School Greeter - Diane James
Greeters 11:00 - Evelyn & Gail Marine, John
& Jean Geiger, Debi Rood, Charlotte Holly
Sunday AM Host (April 13)

Tom Nance substitute

Evening Hosts

Sunday (**April 13**) - *George Bodkin*
Monday - *Gene Usher*
Tuesday - *Jim Fuqua*
Wednesday - *Dan Fabrick*
Thursday - *Eric Randall*
Friday - *George Kelley*
Saturday - *Charlie Neill*

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	127
9:02	95
11:00	445
New Orleans trip	35
Total	772
SS	279

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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

Marie Priester in the death of her sister, **Elvie Brunson**, on March 29 in Florence, SC.

Fannie Lee Francis Morey, whose husband, **Robert Cranford Morey**, passed away March 28 in Warrenton, GA.

Bill Durrett and his family in the loss of his grandmother, **Neva Stamps**, on April 2 in Savannah, GA.

The family of Macey Carnley who passed away on April 7.

HOSPITALIZED: Discharged - Helen Randall; Discharged to Carriage Hills - Harry Carey

Word was received last week that **Helen Lane** had been hospitalized. Hopefully, she has been discharged and is now recovering at home. Cards from friends would be welcomed and should be addressed to her at Carmel Place, 5512 Carmel Rd - Apt 231, Charlotte, NC 28226.

CIRCLE # 3 CORRECTION

Members of Circle #3 will meet at the home of Nola Radcliffe, 117 Tall Pine Dr. on Monday, April 21, at 2:30 pm.

PRIMETIME BRIDGE GROUP

will have their monthly gathering on Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm in Ward Hall.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Menu for Wednesday, April 16

*Baked Ham
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Bean Casserole
Biscuits
Blackberry Cobbler w/Ice Cream*

Financials for week ending April 5, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 27,073
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 481,287
Actual expenses to date	\$ 417,116
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,117,608

Faith Promise report for week ending April 5

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	1,406.00
Received YTD	39,048.11
Balance for which to pray	\$194,204.37

Epworth Children's Home has put out a plea for donations of summer camp clothes. More detailed information will be available following worship services next Sunday. If you have children's summer clothes *in good condition*, please look for the collection box in the hallway outside the kitchen.

Available Flower Dates - The flower calendar has one opening on May 25 as well as openings in all remaining months of the year except December. Please contact the office (648-6891) if interested in honoring or remembering loved ones with altar flowers. Cost is \$40 per vase.



FIRST QUARTER financial statements will be printed and mailed early next week. Please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the church office with any questions regarding your 2008 financial statement.



St. John's
youth ministry

**Spring Break Missions Trip
April 5-10**

**Master's Viewing Party is
Sunday, April 13 from 4-6 pm
Gene & Katie Aiken's home.
**Great Escape permission slips
may be picked up at the party.****

ASBURY HILLS CAMP, located above Greenville, has Summer Camp for Grades 1 – 12 beginning June 8th through August 8th. Contact Nancy Reed for more information at 648-6891. We will try to have group date(s) for St. John's.

STILL NEED MORE! Do you have blank puzzle pages (clean and unworked) from the Aiken Standard, Augusta Chronicle and the State newspaper that you'd be willing to donate? Please leave in the green basket outside the church office

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God. . .*
(Psalm 84)

It is indeed a privilege to be a **ST. JOHN'S GREETER** - whether for the 8:30 or 11:00 service or for the Sunday School hour. If you are interested in joining this group of the friendly faithful, please contact Judy Jernigan, 648-9859.

.SUNDAY EVENING WOMEN'S STUDY

Breaking Free, Making Liberty in Christ a Reality in Life by Beth Moore. Based mainly on the Book of Isaiah, this video-driven study explores 5 benefits of our relationship with God and five obstacles hindering that relationship. "A Christian is held captive by anything that hinders the abundant and effective Spirit-filled life God planned for her." [11 sessions] This study will begin on April 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m., at the church in room 116. Contact Flo McElmurray with questions and/or to order your workbook.

**Teachers
needed
for VBS**



K.K.I.K. (Kicks for Kids in Kenya) - Come join our St. John's children in collecting gently used or new shoes! There are drop-off boxes in our church. Please help with this donation and pray for Kenya's children. All donations will be given to "Life for Children Ministries." Contact is Taylor Mabry, 648-9730. Thank you!!!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008:**

- 1ST GRADE: THE ARKADE**
- 2ND GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE**
- 3RD GRADE: CREATION STATION**
- 4TH GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: THOU ART**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: FROM BC TO PC**

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sundays, 6:00 pm** - Women's Group (new session 4/27)
Contact - Flo McElmurray, 642-5763
- Mondays, 8 am** - First Place (new session begins 4/14)
Contact - Betsy Wilson-Mahoney, 649-1279
- Mondays, 7 pm** - Women's Group
Contact - Frances Osteen, 648-2548
- Wednesdays, 9:30 am** - New Testament Study - Acts
Contact - Walter Cantwell, 648-6891
(Men & Women)
- Wednesdays, 7 pm** - Women's Group
Contact - Judy Jernigan, 648-9859
- Wednesdays, 7 pm** - Men's Group
Contact - Jim Holly, 648-1700 OR
Tom McCollum, 642-9414
- Thursdays, 9:30 am** - Women's Group
Contact - Glenna Lathrop, 649-4508
- Thursdays, 7 pm** - Young Adult Fellowship (in homes)
Contact - Lauren Fulmer, 645-5981



LOOKING AHEAD

- April 5-10** - Mission trip to New Orleans
- April 27** - Organ Concert
- May 18** - Confirmation Sunday
- June 1** - Graduation Sunday
- June 3** - Kings Brass Concert
- June 7-14** - Sand River Salkehatchie
- June 16-20** - Vacation Bible School, 2008
- June 28-July 5** - Pee Dee Salkehatchie
- July 12-19** - Santee 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

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
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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