

St. John's Visitor

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"God I'll do anything but please don't send me to Africa!"

As you probably know by now, God is sending our beloved Pastor to Africa. It was during St. John's Global Outreach Weekend last February that George was "convicted to go." He will be one of a group of pastors from the United States who will be participating in a Missions Mobilization Conference (similar in content to our GO Seminar) in Kericho, Kenya from August 27-30. There, they expect to serve approximately 150 Kenyan pastors and lay leaders from about 10 denominations. George will have the opportunity to participate by (a) teaching one or more sessions, (b) being an intercessor during the conference, and (c) serving behind the scenes in a variety of different ways.

I know that God will move mightily through the work of these men. But God's plan and purpose for this conference is not limited to the work of these few. It begins right now with you and me as well. How? You can become an extended member of George's team through your prayers and financial gifts. I hope you will start by putting George, his fellow team members, the conference and the conference participants on your prayer list. If you're not sure what to pray for, simply begin by asking for God's will to be done and that His name will be glorified.

I also ask that you pray about and consider a gift of financial support for George's trip and this ministry. **The total cost for his portion of the trip will be about \$3,500.** If God leads you to make a financial contribution, please write a check payable to St. John's UMC with "Kenya Missions" on the memo line of the check **by no later than May 31, 2007.** All funds collected above and beyond George's immediate travel costs will be used to help with other expenses relating to the Kenya Missions Mobilization Conference.

This trip is likely to be a life changing experience for George and, as a result, for St. John's. Thank you in advance for your prayers and donations. If you have any questions, please call me at 646-0451 (cell).

Blessings,

Jan Gilbert
St. John's Missions Coordinator

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

April 15, 2007
Second Sunday of Easter

"GOD'S GRACE ENDURES FOREVER . . ."

Scripture: **II Corinthians 9: 8 - 9**

Dr. Kennon Callahan

Anthem

Joyful Sounds

Offertory

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

The Chancel Choir

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, April 12

9:15 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, April 15

8:15 am Coffee House
5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm Women's Emmaus
6:00 pm UMYF/Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm UMYF Parents Prayer Group
6:30 pm Movie Night (Family Ministries)

Monday, April 16

8:15 am First Place
10:30 am Primetime Sunny Monday
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 pm Global Impact Mentoring
7:00 pm First Place

Wednesday, April 18

9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
9:30 am Old Testament Bible Study
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group
4:00 pm Women's Bible Study
5:00 pm Fellowship Supper
6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Men's/Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Warren Durrett

Acolytes - Colin Brathwaite,
Kathleen Brannon

Altar Guild - Mildred Karraker, Virginia
Morris, Betty Mullikin, Ann Taylor

Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Molly Jones

Toddlers - Michelle Orr

2-3 Yr Nursery - Deedee Vaughters

3-4 Yr Nursery - Laura Rowan

Children's Worship - Page Hall & daughter,
Mary Cornelius, Keisha Uhle

Greeters 8:45 - Hilda Secrist, Ann Carter,
John & Andrea Downs

Sunday School Greeter - Diane James

Greeters 11:00 - Jimmy & Ruth Stewart,
David & Sandra Jameson,
Selona Murph, Sherry Williamson

Sunday AM Host (Apr 15)
John McMurtrie, II

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Apr 15) - Jim Fuqua

Monday - Dan Fabrick

Tuesday - Eric Randall

Wednesday - George Kelley

Thursday - Charile Neill

Friday - Chuck Bryan

Saturday - Barry Pearson

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to **Melba and Loren Fair** who will celebrate fifty-five (55) years of marriage on April 18.

BIRTHDAY OF NOTE: Also on April 18, St. John's good friend and neighbor, **Miss Ola Hitt**, will turn 97.

CONGRATULATIONS: Basketball Church League Season Champions from St. John's included members of the **Small Fry Girls (9-10)** and the **U-15 Boys**.

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken** - Martha Culler; **Specialty-Augusta** - Shirley Foster; **Univ. Specialty Select** - Jimmy Player; **Discharged** - Paul Bowers; **Discharged to Shadow Oaks:** Mary Herold

IN MEMORIAM

ALICE LeCOMPTE COLLINS

March 31, 2007

IN MEMORIAM

BRYAN TOMPKINS OWENS

April 3, 2007

IN MEMORIAM

IDA TYLER COURTNEY

April 7, 2007

IN MEMORIAM

MAUDE CAMPBELL LAIN

April 7, 2007

Thank you, St. John's! Words do not seem adequate to say "thank you" for the many acts of kindness shown to us during Charles' lengthy hospitalization. The cards, phone calls, altar flowers, visits and prayers meant a great deal to us. Special thanks to the men who built the ramps and the ladies who made the prayer shawl. My family and I are most appreciative.
Helen Lide

Would the person who picked inadvertently picked up the wrong **London Fog raincoat** after worship Sunday please return it to the

UPCOMING EVENT PREVIEW

Guest speaker for the April 26 meeting of **United Methodist Men** will be Elliott Levy, Director of the Aiken County Historical Museum.

ATTENTION, SENIORS - Sunny Monday group meets next Monday, April 16, at 10:30 am in Ward Hall. Featured speakers this month are Dr. & Mrs. Robert B. Hibbard who will present a slide lecture entitled: **"Going 'Down Under' to Get Right Side Up"** portraying their recent journey to New Zealand, Tasmania and Australia. Lunch menu includes hot chicken salad, buttered peas, cole slaw and chocolate layer dessert.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Menu for April 18

Baked Ham

Carrot Souffle Broccoli

Ambrosia Salad Rolls

Strawberry Delight

Financials for week ending April 7, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 32,189
Budget funds rec'd to date \$ 443,938
Actual expenses to date \$ 345,315
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$1,954,708

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	362
11:00	756
Total	1118
SS	349

St. John's Youth News

CHILDREN'S CORNER

St. John's April Family Outing

Sunday, April 15
5:00 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm Regular UMYF Meeting
(Pizza Cooking!)
Pick up a permission slip for the trip to Mt. Horeb UMC.
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Parents' Prayer Group

Where: Augusta Green Jackets' Stadium
When: April 22, 2007 - Game time is 5:35 pm

Cost will include a buffet, a ticket and a Green Jackets' baseball cap.

Please e-mail Bauer at bauerv@bellsouth.net to confirm. At least 20 are needed in order to get the group plan. Below is the link for the Augusta Green Jackets' website:

<http://www.greenjacketsbaseball.com/schedule/games/index>

Sunday, April 22
4:45 pm Leave from church parking lot to join the UMYF group of Mt Horeb UMC at Lexington, SC.



FAMILY MINISTRIES ACTIVITY

Movie night is April 15
 6:30 pm in Ward Hall

"FACING THE GIANTS"

Guaranteed good family entertainment involving football and teens and trust.
Refreshments provided!

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP application forms are available in the office. Applications are due by May 15. High school grads & non-traditional students may apply.

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007:
1ST GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
2ND GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S BED & BREAKFAST
3RD GRADE: THE ARKADE
4TH GRADE: CREATION STATION
5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: PALMS & PSALMS
5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2007

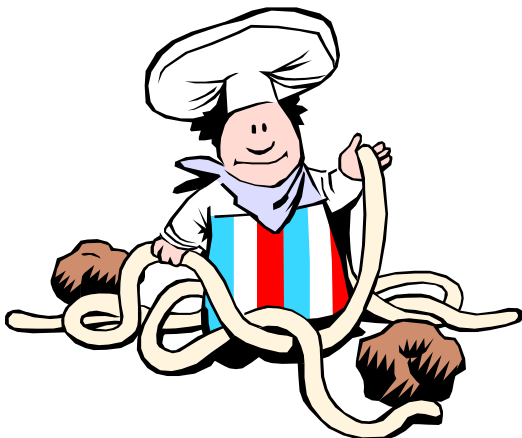
JUNE 11 - 15

Come and bring a friend!

DAY OF PRAYER

Tuesday, April 24

6:00 am - 7:00 pm Sanctuary
 Come singly, as a family or in a group.



Please plan to join the Seekers Sunday School Class for a **SPAGHETTI DINNER** following the 11 am service on Sunday, April 22. Proceeds will benefit Honduras and local missions.

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*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
29 TERRY FLEMING
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
CARLA F. FLEMING
27 NEIL FLOWERS
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
21 PAULA C. SAWYER
30 MICHELLE I. PEARSON
33 MARY KOSKY
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Assistant to Ministers
Church Secretary
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