

# St. John's Visitor

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## Vacation Bible School 2009

June 8<sup>th</sup>-June 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Register now online at [www.stjohns-ume.org](http://www.stjohns-ume.org).

### *Imagine...*

- ... a child hearing about God's love for the first time.
- ... kids worshipping in powerful ways.
- ... children praying for each other.
- ... adults and teens modeling Jesus' love to children.
- ... the kids in our church and community sharing gifts of love with children who are hurting.
- ... children serving each other.



For this amazing ministry event, we need lots of volunteers for vacation bible school who can give some time, energy, and love to the kids who will attend. To volunteer, please contact one of our vacation bible school directors, Allison Beatty at 644-5819 or Denise Musiek at 649-6869.

**Interested? Volunteers, Come Join Us on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-5 In Ward Hall**

**Additional opportunities to help children grow in Christ include:**

Co-Director of OARS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade with Julie Moore Whitesell- an AWESOME person to share in this fun experience!!!

Director for Children's Church is also needed. Not as demanding as it sounds! The year is already planned and the volunteers are in place!

**April 19, 2009 - Second Sunday of Easter**

**"OVERCOMING TEMPTATION"**

**Scripture: Matthew 4: 1 - 11**

**Rev. Keith Stewart**

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

**Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.**

**Called Charge Conference**

**Sunday, April 19, 2009**

**in the Chapel at 5:00pm**

**Purpose: To consider and vote on the purchase of twenty acres of land located on Vaocluse Road**

*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, April 16**

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

**Friday, April 17**

10:00am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal  
7:00pm Bridge Group

**Saturday, April 18**

8:00am Grace Kitchen

**Sunday, April 19**

8:15am Coffee House  
12:00noon Spaghetti Dinner  
4:00pm VBS Volunteer Meeting  
5:00pm **Called Charge Conference**  
5:00pm Youth Choir  
5:40pm Confirmands & Mentors  
6:00pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

**Monday, April 20**

8:00am First Place  
9:30am Exercise Class  
10:30am Sunny Monday  
12:30pm Al-Anon  
7:00pm Finance Committee  
7:00pm Book Club/Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 21**

12:30pm Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm ARMC Program  
7:00pm Men's Bible Study & Bell Rehearsal  
7:00pm Strategic Planning Committee

**Wednesday, April 22**

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

**Serving This Week**

**Crucifer** - Lindsay Carpenter  
**Acolytes** - Katherine Weigle  
**Altar Guild** - Virginia Morris, Linda Endler, Mimi Wiland  
**Crib Rm** (11am) Krissy Zeigler  
**Toddlers** - Stephanie Shick  
**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Michelle Orr  
**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Roslyn Ingram  
**Greeters 8:30** - Ann Carter, John & Andrea Downs  
**Greeters 11:00** - Dorothy Brannon, Tom Brown, Marcia Harris, Jack & Libby Taylor  
**Sunday AM Host (4/19)** - Bryan Staubs  
**Evening Hosts**  
Sunday (April 19) - *Charlie Neill*  
Monday - *Chuck Bryan*  
Tuesday - *Barry Pearson*  
Wednesday - *Jim Minear*  
Thursday - *Rick Endler*  
Friday - *Matt Beckum*  
Saturday - *Jim Wert*

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

**ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to **Melba & Loren Fair** who celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on April 18.

**BIRTHDAY:** St. John's good friend and neighbor, **Miss Ola Hitt**, celebrates her 98th birthday on April 18.

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

**Dinah Bunn** in the death of her brother, **Dixon Dwight Plyler**, in Martinez, GA, on April 1.

**Mimi Wiland** in the death of her aunt, **Martie Armstrong**, in Greenville, SC, on April 7.

**Charlotte Holly and Kimberly Brown Corley** in the death of Charlotte's sister-in-law, **Deborah Storey**, in Texarkana, TX, on April 10.

**HOSPITALIZED:** ARMC - Bob Rehn; **Discharged** - Warren Muir

Thank you for all the prayers, love and support given to me over the last six weeks. I am doing much better with the leg fracture the last week or two. Nick and I appreciate all that our loving church family has done for us. Love, Nancy Martin

**SUNNY MONDAY** meets next week on April 20 at 10:30am in Ward Hall. Lunch follows the program and reservations may be made by calling the church office. This month Robbie Yarborough from *Epecially Seniors* and Kim Rayfield of *Aiken Center for Clinical Research (diabetes research)* will give the program. The menu will include chicken/wild rice soup, open-faced tomato-mozzarella croissants, cornbread and banana pudding.

**YOUR CHURCH WANTS YOU INCLUDED! ONLY TWO WEEKS REMAIN** for the new Church Family Album portraits. Make an appointment online or call Claudette Strickland (215-6917 or 649-5405), or Susan Lawson (648-5079) or St. John's (648-6891.) Transportation can gladly be provided.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** is April 26. Please contact Nancy Reed or Anne Hawkins in the office if interested in joining St. John's.

**Financials for week ending April 11, 2009**

Budgetary needs for this week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 73,687
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$529,171
Actual expenses to date	\$432,950
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$707,808

**Faith Promise Update**

Fiscal Year 2009-Faith Promise	\$176,312.00
Fiscal Year 2009-Rec'd YTD	\$73,133.62
Fiscal Year 2009-Disbursed YTD	\$64,425.00

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

**QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are being mailed this week. Please direct any questions that you have to Nancy Fairgrieve, 648-6891.

Remember that Seekers of Good News Class will be serving a **SPAGHETTI DINNER** from 11am-1pm on Sunday. Donations will be gratefully accepted for the August *Life for Children Camp* in Kisumu, Kenya.

**KAREN UJEREH**, GBGM missionary to Senegal, will visit St. John's on Sunday, April 26. Learn about her family's work in Africa at 10:00am in Ward Hall.

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
**April 22**  
Roast Beef  
Creamed Potatoes & Gravy  
Broccoli Casserole  
Ambrosia Salad  
Chocolate Chess Pie

Attendance	
Maundy Thursday	225
Tenebrae	75
April 12- Easter	
8:30	316
9:02	199
11:00	715
Total	1230



## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

April 19 - 6 pm

*Tigers, Go!* team worked on 3 houses in New Orleans during spring break. "The kids learned to be hands & feet of Christ to serve others and to give while coming to understand just how good we really do have it." **Gene Aiken**

**Summer Matchmaker!** Interested in a short term summer bible study? If so, contact Judy Jernigan, 648-9859 or jern527@bellsouth.net and let her know if: **1)** you're interested in being matched with a small group for a study. Group would set schedule, topic, etc. but help would be available to help start the group **OR 2)** you have a small group but would be interested in a list of materials available at St. John's. "***Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***" **Romans 10:17**

Davie Surrentt, member of the 2009 UMW Executive Board and current **Chairperson for PROGRAM RESOURCES**, reminds members that 2009 leadership materials are available in the church library for Circle use.

Because of scheduling conflicts, **DIVINE DINNERS** are delayed until **May 2** at 10:30 in the church kitchen. Come prepare 6 different freezer-ready, healthy meals (each serving 4 people.) Ingredient cost is divided among participants. Contact Kathy Samaha for more details and to reserve your spot: samaha\_a@bellsouth.net or 641-9741.

*ACTS COLLECTION in APRIL - Canned Fruit*  
MAY - 1# bags rice and/or 1# bags beans

**Missionary Prayer Focus:** Praise God for the ministry of ACTS and for God to continue to meet the needs of those who ask, seek and knock.

## GO Global Outreach News

**Grace Place** is a new, short bible study for our Grace Kitchen guests. Please contact Bobby Coker (439-6596) or Jan Gilbert (641-3882), if you are interested in assisting with this weekly mission outreach.

**Christ Central Aiken** will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Monday, April 20, at Town Creek Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall from 6:00-8:00 PM. RSVP Judy Floyd (640-1708) if you are able to help celebrate this milestone. There is no cost for the meal.

**Aiken Pregnancy Care Center's** Annual Spring Fund Raising Banquet will be Thursday, April 30 from 7:00- 9:00 PM. Seating will begin at 6:45. The event will be held at St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church in St. Angela Hall. Please contact APCC at 642-3949 if you would like to host a table or simply attend as a guest.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009  
ARE YOU A WITNESS FOR JESUS?"

ACTS 1:8

**"BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES TO ME IN JERUSALEM, & IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."**

ALL OARS GROUPS MEET IN THE GATHERING ROOM FOR THE ENTIRE LESSON.

**ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY** is Wed, April 15, during the Fellowship Supper. Elementary ages: please come prepared to recite your memory verses! Preschool ages: come show us your praying hands and try to recite a memory verse! Trying will get you ice cream and toppings!

**BOOK CLUB** meets Monday, April 20, 7pm in Rm 204 to discuss *Between Sundays* by Karen Kingsbury. Sharon West, 648-3824, is your contact. Come & bring a friend!

**WANTED: A few (good? not so good?) MEN to sing for Mother's Day.** Join the Chancel Choir Men and the Men's Praise Choir on Sunday, May 10, 11am service. *Talent at singing is optional; enthusiasm is required!* Requirements: come to one (or both) of the two rehearsals - Wednesday, April 29, and Wednesday, May 6, 6:45 to 7:15 in the Choir Room. Two (easy) pieces will be prepared. All ages boys and men are welcome. Come sing and have some fun!

**First Annual St. John's UMC Golf Tournament** is not far off. The event takes place on Friday, May 22, at the Golf Club at Cedar Creek. Registration forms are available at the volunteer desk in the lobby.



## LOOKING AHEAD

**April 24-25** - Youth Choir Trip

**May 17** - Confirmation Sunday

**May 22** - St. John's Golf Tournament at Cedar Creek

**May 31** - Graduation Sunday

**May 31-June 3** - South Carolina Annual Conference

**June 8-12** - Vacation Bible School

**June 13-20** - Sand River Salkehatchie

**July 5** - Single service

**August 16** - Blessing of the Backpacks

**August 17** - Public School resumes

**October 4** - World Communion Sunday

**November 1** - All Saints Day - Daylight Savings time ends

**November 7** - AppleFest

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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  
29 KEITH STEWART  
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON  
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