

# St. John's Visitor

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## **Under the Steeple** **The U.S. Army Chorus in Free Concert** **Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary** **No Reserved Seats. Doors Open at 7 pm.**

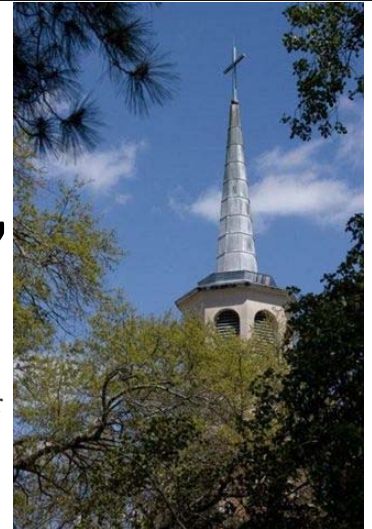
For the last 50 years the U.S. Army Chorus, a component of the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," has been America's vocal ambassador to the world — from singing for private dinners with foreign high-ranking military officials, to state dinners at the White House, and community concerts in churches and concert halls across the country.

The U.S. Army Chorus was founded with this mission in mind and has provided our nation's leaders with a powerful asset in dealing with their foreign counterparts through the one language we all understand — music.

Today, the authorized size of the U.S. Army Chorus is 28 singers and two pianists, and the group's performing schedule has never been busier. One of eight official elements of The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," the Army Chorus' current roster is no longer made up of volunteer bandsmen who could carry a tune

The chorus singers and pianists are selected by a rigorous audition process, and represent many of our nation's finest music schools and conservatories. All members of the Army Chorus must successfully complete Basic Combat Training. Most members hold graduate degrees in music, including four current members having doctorates.

St. John's member Gary Lamb, retired Colonel, U.S. Army, and current leader of Aiken's Community Band, once conducted this prestigious group.



**April 18, 2010 - Third Sunday of Easter**

**"GRACE FOR ALL OUR SINS"**  
**Scripture: John 21: 1 - 19**

**8:30 and 11:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**  
**Rev. Dr. George Howle**

**9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym**  
**Gene Aiken**

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, April 15**

- 9:30 & 10:30am Bible Study
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 6:30pm GOLT
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:30pm Army Chorus - *Under the Steeple*

**Saturday, April 17**

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen
- 3-5pm - Miss Ola Hitt's party at First Baptist**

**Sunday, April 18**

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00am Worship
- 11:00am Spaghetti Lunch
- 4:00pm Vacation Bible School meeting
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Youth Group/Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Bible Study

**Monday, April 19**

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:30am Sunny Monday meeting
- 1:00pm Senior Adult Council
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study/Finance Comm

**Tuesday, April 20**

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

**Wednesday, April 21**

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am Bible Study
- 4:00pm Griefshare Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp
- 7:00pm Bible Study

**Serving This Week**

**Crucifer -**

**Acolytes** - John Boone, Ryan Carpenter  
**Altar Guild** - Virginia Morris, Linda Endler,  
 Carol Fraser, Anne Barham

**Crib Rm** - Susan Lawson

**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Kimberly Canada

**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Charity Leigh

**Sunday AM Host (Apr 18)** - Bryan Staubs

**Evening Hosts**

- Sunday - (**Apr 18**) - *George Kelley*
- Monday - *Charlie Neill*
- Tuesday - *Chuck Bryan*
- Wednesday - *Barry Pearson*
- Thursday - *Bruce Burns*
- Friday - *Rick Endler*
- Saturday - *Matt Beckum*

**CONDOLENCES:** *Deepest sympathy is extended to Norma Conatser in the death of her father, Robert Wessel, in Old Hickory, TN, on April 7.*

Soon we will be **GOING GREEN** with our table service. One of these times, you will notice your plate has become permanent rather than the throw-away Styrofoam variety. This change does mean the dishes will have to be loaded into the dishwasher, but that's pretty easy and our kitchen is equipped with first-rate equipment. We hope you will like this change and we know it is better for the environment!!

**QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** have been mailed. Should you have questions, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the Finance Office.

**SUNNY MONDAY GROUP** has their next meeting on April 19 when Mary White of the Aiken Museum is presenting her *Trunk Talk*. Lunch follows and your reservation is appreciated.

On Thursday, April 22, **UNITED METHODIST MEN** will be in Ward Hall at 6:30 for their covered dish meeting. The program which follows the meal will consider *What Is This Thing Called Stephen Ministry?*

**INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?** Please contact Nancy Reed or Anne Hawkins in the church office, 648-6891.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** - May 21 at Cedar Creek.

**Financials for week ending April 10, 2010**  
 Budget funds rec'd this week \$ 44,770  
 Budget needs for the week \$ 33,091  
 Budget Funds Rec'd to date \$ 571,378  
 Expenses to date \$ 454,059  
 John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$290,175

**Faith Promise Update**  
 Faith Promise 2010 \$173,027.00  
 Rec'd to date \$ 71,563.50\*\*  
 Expenses to date \$ 38,000.00  
 \*\*Incorrect amount reported last week

**MADE YOUR RESERVATION YET?** April 24 is fast approaching when the UMW have invited all St. John's women to their **Spring Brunch** at 10:30 in Ward Hall. Contact the church office and let them know you're coming.

**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, 3:00-5:00pm at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 120 Chesterfield St NE. (No gifts, please.)*

**BRIDGE GROUP** which normally meets on the third Friday has postponed playing by one week for this month only. This will enable members to attend the Army Chorus concert in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome on Friday, April 23, at 7pm. You don't need a partner to come and play. Call Doug Leader at 649-6003 with questions.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** will again be observed at St. John's in the sanctuary on Thursday, May 6. The theme this year is **PRAYER FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS**. All are welcome to participate in this event.

Attendance	
8:30	107
9:02	118
11:00	337
Total	562
SS	264

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER**  
**Menu for April 21**  
*Chicken Tetrazzini*  
*Tossed Salad Garlic Bread*  
*Chocolate Chip Pudding*



**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP  
AND YOUTH CHOIR**

**Sunday, April 18 Regular Meetings**  
**PLEASE REMEMBER: Youth are responsible for  
Grace Kitchen this Saturday. Your help is needed!!**

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010**

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:  
SAUL MEETS JESUS NEAR DAMASCUS  
ACTS 9: 1 - 20**

**THE SANCTUARY RENOVATION COMMITTEE** would like to update the congregation on the current status of our project. We have conducted presentations for over 500 members. We have received over 100 written responses and many more verbal responses to the presentations. Based upon the feedback, the committee has decided to recommend to the Church Council we delay the project until the middle of 2011. Many members of the church felt that the current economic conditions needed to improve. Also, due to the feedback received, the committee is recommending the following changes to the scope of the project:

- Keep the cross,
- Eliminate the screen and visual aids for presentations in the sanctuary,
- Change the stained glass windows to an opalescent glass with a much more muted color pattern,
- Keep the kneeling height the same at the kneeling rail,
- Conduct a normal capital campaign rather than asking for contributions for purchase of particular items that are for part of the project, and
- Eliminate the memorial in the narthex that recognizes those that contribute to the project.

We have set the budget at \$850,000 to allow for inflationary increases in costs. The Renovation Committee will recommend a capital campaign be conducted in the spring of 2011. The Trustees and Finance Committees will evaluate the results of the campaign and the overall economic condition of the church and recommend to the Church Council whether we proceed as planned with the project or delay beyond the middle of 2011.

**GO Global Outreach News**

Come to the **Cookout for Kids** at Epworth Children's Home for a BBQ fundraiser at the campus circle on Saturday, April 17, from 11am to 4pm. Support the children and enjoy delicious BBQ prepared by award-winning chefs from across the Midlands. There will also be multiple bluegrass bands, a bake sale, vintage cars and more.

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

Four St. John's members have signed up for the Colombia trip. Please contact Frances Osteen at 648-2548 for additional information on any short term trip.

*ACTS COLLECTION - APRIL: Cereal*

**DANGER vs OPPORTUNITY:** Did you realize that the average crisis lasts for about six weeks? By the end of a month and a half, people usually come to some solution. Sometimes the solutions are good, but sometimes they just cause more painful problems. Stephen Ministry can help people find positive resolutions to crises.



**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Saturdays** - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
- 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 6** - Commissioning of Stephen Ministers
- June 10-13** - SC Annual Conference, Florence
- June 14-18** - Vacation Bible School
- July 4** - Single Service & Churchwide Picnic
- August 15** - Blessing of Backpacks
- August 22** - Churchwide Bible Study-Sunday School Hr

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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...

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29 KEITH STEWART  
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26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE  
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE  
27 GENE AIKEN  
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Missions & Evangelism  
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Director of Youth Ministries  
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