

# St. John's Visitor

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## Have You Seen Angels Among Us?

Angels come in all shapes and sizes, it seems! In these photos are pictured some amazing men of St. John's who were honored recently by this letter to the church:

*"I saw a group of "ANGELS" last Wednesday afternoon. They didn't have any wings, and I noticed that some of them were having trouble bending over and getting back up, but they had to be angels. I know this because God sent them.*

*The Senior men of your church built a ramp for my father last week. I must say I'm very impressed with the workmanship and quality of the ramp. I never envisioned that it would look this nice. My father has been bedridden since last December, but we are going to try to get him in a wheel chair this week and get him outside for some fresh air. He always liked the outside, and we hope it will help to get his spirits up. We never could have planned this if it hadn't been for those special "ANGELS" that came by last week.....(Signed) Love in Christ – Rudy Brooks".*

Letters like this come often, for the Jack Meeks Memorial Wheelchair Ramp Ministry efforts. You can ask Brenda Meeks about the praise heaped upon these willing volunteers. Also pitching in from staff from time to time are Harry Sampson, Gene Aiken, Keith Stewart (formerly a contractor) and Nancy Fairgrieve, paying the bills. Deep appreciation to all whose financial and moral support underpin all of these jobs, not least the wives of the volunteers! (In fact, some of the workers probably didn't complete their "Honey Do" lists at home last week at all, since they built the longest ramp in recent history, at 12 feet, when most are closer to 6-foot range!) Lunch for the workers is served by ladies of the UMW Circles, as well as Joseph's Coat Ministry members who also provide a comfy lap shawl for each ramp recipient.

The proceeds from the 2010 St. John's Golf Tournament to be held on **Friday noon, May 21<sup>st</sup>** will benefit this wonderful ministry. Ken Perrine has coordinated these efforts most recently, and he will continue to help with the build. This spring the leadership will be turned over to another among us willing to step up to the task. Talk to Harry Sampson about this, if God is calling you to serve in this unique and fulfilling way.



*Longest ramp in recent history*



*Clayton Smith, Brent Boore, Bob Dunn, Ken Perrine, Tom Brown John Bowman*



*Mick Ferrell, Ken Perrine, Jack Roberts, Virgil Sauls, Bob Prather, Clayton Smith, Bob Dunn, Dan Fabrick, Steve Lathrop*

**May 2, 2010 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 & 11:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
"LOVE ONE ANOTHER"**

**Scripture: John 13: 31 - 35  
Rev. Dr. George Howle**

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

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

**Meetings to Note**

**Thursday, April 29**

- 9:30 & 10:30am Bible Study
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Saturday, May 1**

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

**Sunday, May 2**

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth
- 6:00pm Bible Study

**Monday, May 3**

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:30am Fun Monday for Retirees
- 10:30am UMW Executive Meeting
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, May 4**

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

**Wednesday, May 5**

- 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 MEN ONLY
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp
- 7:00pm Bible Study
- 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (ALL)

**Serving This Week**

- Crucifer** - Christa Eberhard
- Acolytes** - Sarah Elizabeth Davis, Ryan Fogle
- Altar Guild** - Peggy Boykin, Nancy Martin, Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell, Sandra Dunn
- Crib Rm** - Susan Vernon
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Lisa Ray
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Katie Proctor
- Sunday AM Host (May 2)** - Jay Bilyeu

**Evening Hosts**

- Sunday - (May 2) - Robin Dillman
- Monday - Kevin Buchanan
- Tuesday - Jon Paul Hyche
- Wednesday - Jimmy Moore
- Thursday - Danny Perrine
- Friday - Edward Yeh
- Saturday - Charles McKeel

**NEW ARRIVAL:** *Emily Campbell Poole, daughter of Mandy & Stephen Poole and granddaughter of Donya & Tony Long, was born April 1 in Augusta.*

**BAPTISM:** *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 18, was Hayden James Woods, son of Wendy Woods and grandson of John & Gale Soares.*

**HOSPITAL REPORT: Discharged** - Jim Ross

*The family of Clifford A. "Red" Rinehart would like to thank the Fellowship Class for being honorary pallbearers and for their cards, prayers, lunch, and hospital visits.*

*The family of Delores, Dennis & Kathy Fish would like to thank each of the members of St. John's for their cards, food, visits and other expressions of sympathy following the loss of their father, Loman. We are truly blessed with a loving and caring family at St. John's.*

*The UMW Executive Board thanks the ladies of St. John's who made their spring brunch a wonderful celebration. We were grateful for the opportunity to share in Christian fellowship.*

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** will be May 16. Contact Nancy Reed or Anne Hawkins in the church office (648-6891) if interested in membership at St. John's Church.

To honor or remember your mother in the **Mother's Day bulletin**, plan to see a member of UMW Circle 10 on May 2 after 8:30 or 9:02 service or before & after the 11am worship.

Is there a **COLLEGE GRADUATE** in your family? Please notify the church office (graduate's full name, name of degree and name of school) so that this accomplishment can be recognized.

**Attendance last Sunday**

8:30	105
9:02	121
11:00	362
Total	588
SS	291

**Financials for week ending April 24, 2010**

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 16,750
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget Funds Rec'd to date	\$ 613,409
Expenses to date	\$ 518,160

St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$287,675

**Faith Promise Update**

Faith Promise 2010	\$173,027.00
Rec'd to date	\$ 73,609.50
Expenses to date	\$ 38,000.00

Interest was running high among those at the **COLUMBARIUM INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS** held last Sunday. A display may be viewed on the table outside of Ward Hall. Contact Nancy Fairgrieve or any member of the planning team for more details.

**MEN WANTED** to sing for Mother's Day. Come to one (or both) of two rehearsals (Wednesday, April 28, and Wednesday, May 5 from 6:45 to 7:15 in the Choir Room.)

**FUN MONDAY** for retirees takes place the first Monday of each month in the youth room. Join the group at 10:30am next Monday for a time of exercise, refreshments and fellowship.

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER**

**Menu for May 5**

- Pork Roast*
- Rice and Gravy*
- Broccoli Casserole*
- Fruit Salad*
- Assorted Desserts*

**Next week (May 12) will be the last supper before summer recess.**



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP AND YOUTH CHOIR

May 2 Regular Meetings

Fuel Retreat is May 14-16

Your information is needed this Sunday if you plan to participate!

Seniors - please turn in your graduation data for publication.

Remember St John's Golf Tournament Friday, May 21 at Cedar Creek Golf Club Registration forms available at the Volunteer desk in the church lobby.

An APPLEFEST MEETING will be held on May 4, 7pm, in room 116 for all co-chairpersons and their booth leaders. People who wish to play an active role are welcome to attend the initial planning for this annual UMW fundraiser on November 6, 2010.

ACTS COLLECTION

MAY: Macaroni & Cheese JUNE: Pasta

GO Global Outreach News

Aiken Pregnancy Care Center will be hosting a benefit dinner at St. John's on Thursday, April 29. The St. John's 9:02 band will be performing at the event. Please call APCC directly at 649-9890 for more details.

"A Bike Ride to the Park," offered by the Aiken-based Honduras Agape Foundation, is set for May 22, as a way for local bicyclists to stretch their legs while helping needy families in Honduras. Plans are for a safe, escorted ride from H. Odell Weeks Activities Center to Aiken State Park.

The professionally managed ride (not a race) was planned with the help of the Aiken Bicycle Club. Riders can pick their own pace and do all or part of the ride. The maximum distance is 36 miles (a round trip). Starting time is 10 a.m.

Registration is \$25, due by May 10, and includes insurance and a T-shirt. Forms are available in the church office, and participating riders are asked to solicit sponsors to contribute either on a per-mile basis or a fixed amount.

Please contact Dave White at 642-4894 for more information. Ministry details are at: www.hondurasagape.com.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE: AN ANGEL FREES PETER FROM JAIL ACTS 12: 1 - 18

WHY DON'T YOU TRY THIS? When you're going through tough times, everyone has advice. But often it isn't advice you need - it's caring. Stephen Ministers are trained to give this care by listening instead of telling you what to do.



Come join Book Club for our last two meetings before summer break. May 17th we will discuss Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert and on June 7th we will discuss Look Again by Lisa Scottoline. We meet in room 204 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and bring a friend. More info call Sharon West at 648-3824.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday, May 6. Aiken's 18th observance of this day takes place in the St. John's sanctuary at 7pm with prelude music at 6:45pm. The theme is Prayer for Such a Time as This. An hour of music, prayer and scripture reading is planned. Everyone is welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

- Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
May 7 - Preschool Mother's Day Program
May 12 - Last Wednesday Supper before summer recess
May 14-16 - FUEL Youth Retreat
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
October 3 - World Communion Sunday
November 6 - AppleFest 2010
November 7 - All Saints Day (Daylight Savings time ends)
December 5 - Children's Musical Program
December 19 - Christmas Music Sunday

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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  
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON  
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE  
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE  
27 GENE AIKEN  
57 NANCY REED  
34 ANNE HAWKINS  
21 PAULA SAWYER  
30 MICHELLE PEARSON  
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60 MIDGE ROTHROCK  
27 JIMI WHITESSELL  
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