

# St. John's Visitor

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008



It's time to get ready for Power Lab, St. John's Vacation Bible School. It's coming June 16-20. Kids and adults will be bubbling over with the power of Jesus. Power Lab is fizzing with fun for kids, teenagers, and adults, so get ready for an exciting adventure following Jesus as he heals, helps and gives power to people who need him.

Kids will start each day by forming groups called Lab Crews. We'll gather in the sanctuary for Sonic Sing and Play where we'll sing and dance to fun songs that introduce the concept of the day. Then the Lab Crews will visit different stations including Test Tube Treats (aka Snacks), Bible Blast (storytelling), Wacky Works Crafts and Missions, Hyperspeed Games, and Cheddar Theater and Science (Hands-on Science Activities).

It's not too late to join in the fun! Register your kids online - find the link on St. John's website [www.stjohns-umc.org](http://www.stjohns-umc.org) and click on **VBS Registration**. Paper registration forms are also available outside Michelle Brown's office. Teens (14 & up) and adults can register to volunteer online too!

### HELP WANTED

#### *Hyperspeed Games Leader*

Must like team sports, must be good at encouraging others to do their best, must be positive and upbeat, should be comfortable organizing and motivating children.

#### *Bible Blast Leader*

Must enjoy telling stories, must not be afraid of acting silly in public, needs to be competent at leading discussions. It helps if you enjoy surprising people!

#### *Lab Crew Leaders*

Must be at least 14 years old, must love the Lord and children, helpful if you like to have fun (because you will even if you don't!), must be willing to guide a group of 10 kids to fun and exciting activities.

**Help also needed** in the Preschool VBS classes. Many opportunities are available for crafty leaders, storytellers, Lab Crew leaders and more!

No serious applicants will be turned down!

All positions are temporary – June 16-20, 9:00-12:00  
Salary and benefits include  
lunch daily and a warmed heart

Apply by phone, in person, or online.  
Call Cheryl Stephens (644-1539)  
or Kathy Samaha (641-9741)

**A meeting for all volunteers will be held  
Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 pm in Room 200.**



### Collection for ACTS - It's New!

We learned at the GIC that we could be more helpful to ACTS if we collected one type of item per month so they do not have to purchase. For the month of May St. John's will be collecting boxes of saltine crackers. Other items are always welcome so please feel free to donate those in addition to the saltines.

**May 4, 2008 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**"ONE GOD, ONE BODY, ONE MISSION"**

**Scripture: John 17: 6 - 11**

Walter Cantwell, Ministerial Intern

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

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, May 1

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 6:45pm National Day of Prayer Service
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, May 4

- 8:00am Young Men's Breakfast
- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship in Gym
- 4:00pm VBS Volunteer Meeting
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Christian Believer Bible Study

Monday, May 5

- 8:15am First Place
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, May 6

- 6:30pm Education Committee

Wednesday, May 7

- 9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
- 4:00pm Grief Share Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Ellen Bryan
- Acolytes** - Adam Bumpus, Annalise Eberhard
- Altar Guild** - Peggy Boykin, Betty Grodahl, Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Susan Vernon
- Toddlers** - Katie Proctor
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Molly Jones
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Dawn Mahoney
- Greeters 8:30** - Joe & Leah Lewis
- Greeters 11:00** - Jack & Libby Taylor, Dot & Lee Poe, Sherry Williamson
- Sunday AM Host** (May 4) Jay Bilyeu

Evening Hosts

- Sunday (May 4) - Lamar Keisler
- Monday - Clay Jones
- Tuesday - Jerry Johnson
- Wednesday - Edward Yeh
- Thursday - Charles McKeel
- Friday - Dennis Fish
- Saturday - Mike Uhle

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	148
9:02	136
11:00	317
Total	601
SS	325
Under the Steeple	106

**BAPTISM:** Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 27 was **Henry Maddox Vaughters**, son of **Bauer & Deedee Vaughters**.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcomed into St. John's church family on April 27: **Tom & Dianne Meyer**

30 Silver Maple Ct 644-9239

**BIRTHDAY:** A special birthday greeting to **Virginia Lybrand** at **Shadow Oaks** who celebrates 90 years on April 29.

**CONDOLENCES:** Deepest sympathy is extended to **Claire Hesse** in the death of her mother, **Lula C. Snyder Coleman**, in **Saluda, SC**, on April 23.

Sincere sympathy is also extended to **Tommy Allen Grier** in the death of his father, **Tony Allen Grier**, in **Aiken** on March 25.

**HOSPITALIZED:** **University - Peggie Olcott; Discharged to Carriage Hills - Eleanor Cool, Harry Carey**

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM VALENTINE BAXTER

April 22, 2008

We would like to thank this wonderful church family for all of the cards, food, flowers, telephone calls, and prayers during this past week of my illness. Your words of comfort and support mean a lot to both James and me. Since becoming members of St. John's we have come to experience the outpouring of love from this congregation. Once again, thank you so much!  
**Jim and Gloria Owens**

ST. JOHN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY MEMENTOS

Several items left from last year's celebration are still available for purchase as long as supplies last. Remaining for purchase are several memorial plates showing the first white church, some plates showing the current church, some canvas tote bags, etc. Items available are displayed outside Ward Hall and may be purchased from the receptionist.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER  
Menu for Wednesday, May 7

- Baked Chicken
- Broccoli Casserole
- Ambrosia Salad
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Cobbler & Ice Cream

Financials for week ending April 26, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 25,541
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 575,395
Actual expenses to date	\$ 515,805
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,086,608

Faith Promise report for week ending April 26

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	1,663.00
Received YTD	43,810.61
Balance for which to pray	\$189,441.87

**FUN TUESDAY** - A special Birthday Celebration for **YOU!** Everyone 55 & over is invited to Fun Tuesday



on May 6, 10-11:30am. There will be cake, games and time with your St. John's friends. Please RSVP to the office so there will be enough **CAKE!**

**APPLEFEST LEADERS Needed!**



Only 6 months until Applefest '08 and 2-3 leaders are needed to oversee the festival.

Most committee areas are covered & ready to go but people are needed to coordinate. Please prayerfully consider being an Applefest leader. Past leaders are willing to advise and assist. Please call the office or Nancy Perrine, 649-0318.



St. John's  
youth ministry

**Sunday, May 4, 6 pm, at the church  
Party for Walter!**

**No Youth Group Meeting on May 11  
(Mother's Day)**

**Carowinds Trip is May 17  
Have you signed up?**

Church Women United's **MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY** is Friday, May 2, 2008 at 12 noon. The services will be held at Beaver Dam Baptist Church, located at 632 Beaver Dam Rd in Aiken. This year's theme is *God's Wisdom Inspires Hospitality*. Churches are asked to make their donations at this time to help Children's Place, Abused Women, Salvation Army, Alston Wilkes Society, Development Center and Camp Hope.

**COMPLIMENTARY FULL BREAKFAST** for *all young men of St. John's* in Ward Hall at 8am on May 4 during the early services. Please call the office to reserve a spot.

**SINGERS NEEDED** for all-male choir on Mother's Day.



Rehearsals are Wednesday, April 30, and Wednesday, May 7, from 6:45 to 7:15 in the Choir Room. Music will be familiar and easy to learn. Come and bring a friend!

Summer camp clothes for the boys and girls of **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME** are needed. Stop by the table outside the office for information about sizes. Your donations will be greatly appreciated! Look for the collection box in the hallway outside the kitchen.

**HABITAT RESALE STORES** have an urgent need for volunteers as pick-up drivers/helpers, cashiers and sales floor helpers in the Aiken Store (on Park Av SE) and also in Burnetown (on Augusta Rd.) Training will be provided - bring a friend and make a team. Eric Lenser, Program Manager, is your contact. Call him at 642-9295 x108 or email

[Eric\\_Lenser@habitataiken.org](mailto:Eric_Lenser@habitataiken.org)



**NEEDED: GREETING CARDS OR NOTE CARDS** (used) to be cut up for a project for congregational care. At this time no more Christmas cards are needed but others (birthday, get well, etc.) are needed for the pictures on the front of the card. Please leave in the office marked for Nancy Perrine. Thanks!

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR  
SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE: THOU ART**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B**  
**5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS: THE ARKADE**  
**5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS: JOYFUL NOISE**

### GIRLS SCRAPBOOK WEEKEND

Come and bring your friends, your scrapbooking materials, and a snack or an appetizer to share!

Where: Ward Hall

When: Friday, May 2, 5-9pm

Saturday, March 3, 9am - 5 pm

Anyone interested should call

*Deedee Vaughters at 439-5701 or*

*Leigh Crain at 648-4248*

### SALKEHATCHIE MATERIAL STORAGE

The Sand River Camp is seeking a storage place for extra materials and tools. Donated materials could be accepted year round if a suitable storage place were available. If you have a place suitable for storage of Salkehatchie materials, please contact Bobby Coker (649-1511) or Bob Kosky (642-2848.)



Include your mother in the **BULLETIN INSERT FOR MOTHER'S DAY** on May 11 - see a Circle #10 member on Sunday. Cost is \$1.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**May 1** - National Day of Prayer Service

**May 4** - Young Men's Breakfast

**May 6** - MDO Summer Registration

**May 9** - Preschool Mother's Day Program

**May 9-14** - Scholastic Buy 1, Get 1 Free Book Sale

**May 18** - Confirmation Sunday

**May 22** - Preschool/MDO Last Day

**May 25** - New Member Coffee

**May 22** - Kindergarten Graduation

**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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the Good News of Jesus Christ, through  
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## Serving you...

### Ext

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