

St. John's Visitor

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"For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity." Psalm 122:9

During the Global Impact Celebration (GIC) in January, many of you signed prayer commitment cards to pray for one or more missionaries and/or mission ministries. Thank you! A number of these prayer teams are in place and actively praying. Others are still being formed. Each prayer team has a coordinator who communicates with the ministry to share prayer requests and information. One team has subdivided into four groups, each meeting once a month to pray together. This was at the request of the missionary who wanted people to gather and pray each week. A prayer team for a local ministry has been offered the opportunity to tour the ministry to meet the staff/volunteers and learn more about it in order to pray more effectively. *The Life for Children - Kenya* prayer team is near and dear to my heart because their prayers, and yours, sustained me while I was in Kenya. I felt the prayers consistently day and night as I traveled and met with the people of Kenya. **It's never too late to sign up for a prayer team.** Come join this exciting aspect of our church ministry! We are seeing the power of God at work.

Prayer commitment cards are located on the prayer table outside the church office. If you completed a card, but didn't include your name, let me know so I can add you to a team. We particularly need people to pray for our local ministries and to start prayer teams for *Grace Kitchen* and our Senegal missionary partner, Karen Ujereh. Prayer is our communication back to God. Time spent in prayer for others is the most precious and important gift we can give. For more information on prayer teams, please contact Frances Osteen, GO Prayer Team Leader, at 648-2548.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15

Frances Osteen

The next CHURCH TOUR will be on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 6pm. Please gather in the Lobby near the main office and enjoy learning more about our church. Please RSVP to church office.

Is there a COLLEGE GRADUATE in your family? Please share the details - full name, name of school and name of degree.

May 18, 2008 - First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday Confirmation Sunday

"I'LL BE WITH YOU"
Scripture: Matthew 28: 16 - 20
Dr. George K. Howle

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

Meetings to Note

Thursday, May 15

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00pm Congregational Care Committee

Friday, May 16

- 7:00pm Primetime Bridge

Sunday, May 18

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship in Gym
- 4:00pm Honduras Team Meeting
- 5:00pm Final Christian Believer Bible Study
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, May 19

- 8:15am First Place
- 6:00pm Evangelism Committee
- 6:00pm Finance Committee
- 7:00pm Senior Adult Ministries
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 21

- 9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
- 4:00pm Grief Share Group
- 5:00pm LAST Fellowship Supper
- 6:00pm Tour of Church
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Women's/Men's Bible Study

Thursday, May 22

Preschool/MDO Final Day

- 7:00pm Kindergarten Graduation

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Eric Dillman
- Acolytes** - Sydney Beckner, Danielle Smith
- Altar Guild** - Peggy Boykin, Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Casey Young
- Toddlers** - Holley Kring
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Tara Long
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Rosalind Crenshaw
- Greeters 8:30** - Joe & Leah Lewis
- Greeters 11:00** - Jack & Libby Taylor, Dot & Lee Poe, Sherry Williamson

Sunday AM Host (May 18)

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Evening Hosts

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

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	121
9:02	127
11:00	485
Total	733
SS	271

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

BAPTISMS: *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 11, was Noah Andrew Shick, son of Stephanie and Charles Shick, Jr.*

WEDDINGS: *Congratulations to Joshua Edward Stewart and Erin Elizabeth Parks who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, May 10.*

Congratulations also to Ryan Stephen Lawson and April Dawn Edge who were married in Atlanta, GA, on May 10. Ryan is the son of George & Susan Lawson.

CONGRATULATIONS: *Nicole Neill was selected by the faculty at South Aiken High School to receive the West Point Leadership award designating her as best all-around junior.*

Olivia McNeil won the Sharon Jean Johnson Journalism Scholarship Award at South Aiken High School.

Thank you, Roger & Charlotte Coney, for your continued and very faithful support in the Resource Center, and also to Jean Harris for her unflagging and determined assistance. Other interested persons are most welcome and may be trained. Contact the church office if interested.

Joyce Upham, Coordinator

To my St. John's Family - Over the past year, I have felt a love that words cannot describe. You embraced me immediately giving me a place where I could learn and grow as I continued to discern my call into ordained ministry. The opportunity to be able to serve my home church has been a gift that I will always cherish. Thank you for your support of me in my journey into ministry. I will carry your love with me wherever I may go in the coming years. I also would like to thank you for providing me the ability to spend a year with my family in these trying times. This year has been a true blessing to me and to my family! Thank you.

Grace and Peace, Walter Cantwell

New Members will be received on Sunday, May 25, 2008, at all services. Please contact Nancy Reed if you are interested in joining on this Sunday or at another time.

PRIMETIME SUNNY MONDAY meeting takes place Monday, May 19, at 10:30 am in Ward Hall with a luncheon following. All retirees are invited. Please make reservations if you plan to stay for lunch.

NEW MEMBER Sunday Coffee hosted by Congregational Care will be held on Sunday, May 25, 2008, at 10am in Ward Hall. If you have joined recently please RSVP to church office by May 21st.

Financials for week ending May 10, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 41,380
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 632,250
Actual expenses to date	\$ 557,454
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,086,608

Faith Promise report for week ending May 10

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	2,388.50
Received YTD	47,474.11
Balance for which to pray	\$185,778.37

SOUP KITCHEN on Saturday mornings 8:00-9:30am is planned for St. John's. Volunteers are needed so responsibilities may be shared over a period of time. Check the bulletin board outside Ward Hall!

**LAST FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
Menu for Wednesday, 21**

- Pork Roast*
- Rice Casserole*
- Green Beans*
- Baked Fruit*
- Lemon Pie*

**PRIMETIME BRIDGE
GROUP** will meet

this Friday evening, May 16, at 7:00pm in Ward Hall. If you can play please call the church office at 648-6891 or Elizabeth Dill at 648-1115.





St. John's
youth ministry

Everyone going to Carowinds on Saturday, May 17, should be at the church by 7 am.

Pool Party on Sunday, May 18, at the home of Jim & Carolyn Moore, 1643 Huntsman Dr, from 6:00-7:30.

On May 25 the youth group will hold a worship service to which Parents and all Youth are invited.

Collection for ACTS is 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. Also, **VOLUNTEERS** needed to deliver donations to ACTS on Mondays. Contact Barbara & George Zirps, 649-3281.

St. John's **PrimeTimers Travel Group** invites others to join in for their day trip on *Thursday, May 22*, to tour the new state-of-the-art **Billy Graham Library** in Charlotte, NC. Lunch will be at the Graham Brothers Dairy Bar located inside the Library (Dutch Treat.) Capitol Tours will supply the motorcoach and driver. Plan to leave Aiken by 8:30 am and return around 5:00pm. If you are interested in this day trip, please call Spence Grotheer (642-0084) for more details.

The speaker for **UNITED METHODIST MEN** at the May 22 meeting will be Jon Scott, Public Relations Director for the (Methodist) Wesley Commons Retirement Community in Greenwood, SC. All men of St. John's are invited for this first-hand opportunity to hear details and evaluate Wesley Commons.

SALKEHATCHIE MATERIAL STORAGE UPDATE: The Sand River Salkehatchie Camp has received the use of a storage unit thanks to Jim Stewart Builders. Equally important is the capability to receive things of future camp use as they become available. If you're remodeling, some of the items you will be discarding may be a valuable asset to the camp. If this applies to you now or in the future contact Bob Kosky (642-2848) or Bobby Coker (649-1511) for details.

Under the Steeple is pleased to announce another concert this summer. The **Junaluska Singers** will appear in our sanctuary at 7:30pm on Saturday, July 26th. This is a world famous group of college-age young people who tour extensively and it is an honor to have them here. Housing will be needed for 16 of them (8 men and 8 women) for the night of the concert. If you are interested in hosting some of the group, please call Catherine at the church, ext. 26.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008:

1ST GRADE: THOU ART
2ND GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
3RD GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
4TH GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: CREATION STATION
5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: PALMS & PSALMS

Have your parents sign you up today for our exciting vacation bible school program this year, Power Lab!!

Just have them go to our website, www.stjohns-umc.org, and click on VBS registration. This week we would like to introduce you to an awesome and bubbling character from Power Lab, Fizz! Fizz shows us that *Jesus gives us the power to be thankful!* Be sure to check in next week to meet another powerful character. We are still praying for more volunteers. Please contact Michelle Brown at 648-6891 if you would like to help.



When: June 16th to June 20th from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

CHILDREN'S CHURCH offers a separate place for children to come and learn about the Lord in a fun and creative way during the 11:00 service. Volunteer, once a month, for 45 minutes, and share in this opportunity to minister to the future generations of St. John's. Also seeking - a person/couple, with a love of children and a willingness to serve, to become the Directors of Children's Church. For more details, please contact Michelle Brown and find out just how easy it is! 803-522-2010

BLOOD DRIVE is being held May 24 (4-7pm) and May 25 (7:45am-1:00pm) outside St. Angela Hall on Fairfield St and Park Ave.

LOOKING AHEAD

May 18 - Confirmation Sunday
May 22 - Preschool/MDO Last Day
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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*We grow in faith and number by sharing
the Good News of Jesus Christ, through
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