

St. John's Visitor

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Refreshing

Every year about this time my mind returns to the old lyrics, "Summertime and the livin' is easy." We all look forward to the slower pace of summer, to family time, to vacations. We all need a time of refreshing. God understands. He created seasons for us physically and spiritually. So what does He say about this season of refreshment?

"Refreshing"—an intriguing word. I looked it up in my concordance and discovered some interesting concepts. Our Creator placed in us that need for refreshment and He is the source of true satisfaction.

"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint." Jeremiah 31:25

So how do we tap into that wonderful well? Here are some truths from scripture and suggestions for personal application.

TRUTHS

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." John 7:37-38

"Pray that. . . I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed."
Romans 15:32

"He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

APPLICATION

Spend time in His presence each day meditating on His word and listening for His voice.
Aids for personal quiet time will be available Sunday by the fountain!

Spend time in fellowship with other believers.
Many opportunities including Family Night at the Movies. Info to follow.

Look for opportunities to love and serve others.
*Feed God's lambs at VBS,
Practice hospitality.
Invite a friend to church.
Intercede in prayer.*

May the times of refreshing begin for the Family of God!

In His love,

The Family Life Council
Judy Jernigan, Chair

Churchwide Day of Prayer
Tuesday, May 22
7am - 7 pm in the sanctuary
(Weekly prayer list is located
on narthex table)

May 20, 2007
Seventh Sunday of Easter - Senior Sunday
"THE MACEDONIAN CALL"
Scripture: **Acts 16: 9 - 15**
Rev. George K. Howle

Anthem **Give Me Jesus** arr. Fettke
Youth Choir
Offertory **Here I Am, Lord**
Lizzie Mahoney and Lauren Norton

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, May 17

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00 pm Kindergarten Graduation

Friday, May 18

- 7:00 pm Primetime Bridge

Sunday, May 20

- 8:15 am Coffee House
- 10:00 am Senior Breakfast
- 6:00 pm UMYF/Confirmation Class
- 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00 pm UMYF Parents Prayer Group

Monday, May 21

- 8:15 am First Place
- 10:30 am Sunny Monday
- 7:00 pm VBS Meeting
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 22

Churchwide Day of Prayer

- 6:00 pm Executive Committee
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, May 23

- 9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30 am Old Testament Bible Study
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group
- 5:00-7:00 pm Fellowship Supper
- 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:30 pm OARS Training
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Caroline Smith
- Acolytes** - Colin Braithwaite, Connor Kane
- Altar Guild** - Peggy Boykin, Betty Grodahl, Abby Poulton
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Molly Jones
- Toddlers** - Michelle Orr
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Deedee Vaughters
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Laura Rowan
- Children's Worship** - Page Hall & daughter, Mary Cornelius, Keisha Uhle
- Greeters 8:45** - Lee & René Boylston, Jerry & Billie Johnson
- Sunday School Greeter** - Beverly Burch
- Greeters 11:00** - James & Lou Davis, Bill & Sylvia Spell, Bill & Mary Anne Quinn
- Sunday AM Host (May 20)**
Norflet Caprell
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (May 20) - Chuck Bryan
- Monday - Barry Pearson
- Tuesday - Jim Minear
- Wednesday - Rick Endler
- Thursday - Matt Beckum
- Friday - Jim Wert
- Saturday - Tom Brown

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to **Clyde & Hazel Heaton** who celebrate 60 years of marriage on May 18.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcomed into St. John's membership on May 13:

J. P. & Megan Godard

12 Gatewood Pt 643-5698

CONGRATULATIONS: **Jim Eanes** was appointed Midlands District Chairman for the South Carolina Association of Hospital Auxiliaries.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to the following persons who have recently lost family members:

Sally Bradley in the death of her sister, **Shayne Snyder Hall**, in Wingate, NC, on May 7.

Zenith Sharpe in the death of her sister-in-law, **Lois Rae Miller**, in Gilbert, SC, on May 9.

Mike Coleman in the death of his father, **Alfred Coleman**, of Saluda, SC, who passed away in Greenwood, SC, on May 12.

Bea Crawford in the death of her husband, **Todd V. Crawford**, in Augusta on May 11.

HOSPITALIZED: **MCG** - Baby Luke Jones; **Aiken** - Ann Freitag; **Discharged** - Dick Irwin

Dear St. John's Family - Ryan & I were overwhelmed by the many acts of kindness shown us during Benton's surgery and recovery. All of the phone calls, cards, visits and meals were so appreciated. The prayer shawl given to Benton during his hospital stay was beautiful! We are so blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

Sincerely, **Michelle & Ryan Orr**

Many, many thanks to my St. John's church family for all the cards & gifts on my 90th birthday. What a blessing you all are!

Merve Lefler

SUNNY MONDAY GROUP meets in Ward Hall next Monday, May 21, at 10:30 am. Guest speaker will be Bruce Capers, basketball coach at Aiken Technical College and former Globetrotter. The luncheon menu will be chicken salad sandwich on croissant w/ lettuce & tomato, potato salad, and German chocolate upside down cake. Please make your reservation through the church office (648-6891) or on the friendship pad Sunday morning.



Thanks to all of you who have "signed on" to be prayer and financial partners with George Howle as he prepares to go to Kenya in August. If you haven't yet contributed but would like to, please make your check payable to St. John's and write "**Kenya Missions**" on the memo line of your check. I hope you will continue to be in prayer for him, his fellow team members and the Kenya Missions Mobilization Conference.

Jan Gilbert

Global Outreach Coordinator

FOR YOUR CALENDAR
APPLE FEST 2007 IS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Menu for May 23

Hot Chicken Salad

Salad with fruit

& Poppy Seed Dressing

Summer Recess Begins

Next Supper will be after Labor Day

Financials for week ending May 12, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 41,838
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 593,658
Actual expenses to date	\$ 479,003
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,934,908

Last Week's

Attendance

8:45	190
11:00	395
Total	585
SS	315

St. John's Youth News

Sunday, May 20

5:00 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm UMYF
6:00 pm Confirmation Class

This is SENIOR SUNDAY!

Give Kids the World sign-ups continue this week. It is a first come, first serve deal. Reserve your spot.

ATTENTION

**PEEDEE SALKEHATCHIE
 ADULT PARTICIPANTS**

ADULTS INVOLVED IN THIS CAMP WILL LEAVE SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 19, AT 7 AM FROM THE CHURCH PARKING LOT FOR A TOUR OF THE HOMES UNDERGOING REPAIRS THIS SUMMER.



Reminder - if you or a group you know could host a meal for Sand River Camp (June 9-15) please contact Neil Flowers, 648-6891, or Phyllis Coker, 270-7121. Both lunches and dinners are needed.

ACOM (Aiken Community Outreach Ministry) is a new non-denominational Christian Ministry focusing on ministering to Christian inmates in the SC prison system and to former inmates. You are invited to learn more about this group on Sunday, May 20, 3 pm at the Conference Center in the Alley.

UMW MEMBERS - If you did not receive the ballot for Apple Fest profits by mail, you may find one in the lobby outside the office this morning. Please let us know your name and preference.

GO TEAM SUPPORT NEEDED: The June 2007 Honduras GO Team is in need of a driver for the church van and a second driver with a large pick-up truck for the trips to/from the Augusta airport. The dates are the morning of Wednesday, June 6 and late evening on Saturday, June 16. Please contact Michael Norton (648-9740), if you can help.



LOOKING AHEAD: Dr. Vaughan Massie, Aiken Orthopedic Surgeon, will be the featured speaker at United Methodist Men's meeting on May 24 at 6:30 pm. In addition to the general topic of orthopedics, he will include preventive techniques and future advances in the field. All men of St. John's Church are invited.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Be sure to bring a couple of friends with you when you dive into the *Great Bible Reef* for an incredible Vacation Bible School here from June 11 through June 15. We will dive deep into God's word and take the plunge into a fun, faith-filled week that will have us flipping our fins about God's love!

Our church library is filled with awesome books and resources for you and your parents to read. Come check it out so that you can be familiar with it over summer break.

This summer, Asbury Hills is offering some wonderful family camps. Their theme this year is *On the Way!* - a journey of faith, community, and challenge. For more information, prices, and registration, please go to the website www.scsummercamps.org. Below are just a couple of the many camps that are being offered at Asbury Hills this summer.

Hand-in-Hand Weekend, June 22nd-June 24th: an award winning family camp specifically for families with members who have special needs.

Family Camp, Weekend Version from June 29th to July 1st, Week long camp from July 1st-July 6th: these camps are for families of all shapes and sizes that allow parents, children, and grandparents to enjoy hiking, swimming, crafts, worship, canoeing, and much more.

The family activity for May will be this Sunday. As of press time, we are still in the process of planning. Please email Bauer at bauerv@bellsouth.net for more information. We plan to have the information in this week's bulletin.

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
 SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007:**

- 1ST GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**
- 2ND GRADE: THOU ART**
- 3RD GRADE: FROM BC TO PC**
- 4TH GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S
 BED & BREAKFAST**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: THE ARKADE**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: CREATION STATION**

CHANGE IN PLANS

OARS TRAINING FOR POTENTIAL TEACHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, AT 6:30 PM IN ROOM 200 (FELLOWSHIP CLASS.) TRY THIS - YOU'LL ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY!

FLOWER CALENDAR OPENINGS: June 3, July 15 and July 22 (one vase each date.)

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the Good News of Jesus Christ, through
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