

St. John's Visitor

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COMING ATTRACTONS!!!

THE SHEPHERDING MINISTRY

1 Peter 5:2

Shepherd the flock of God, which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly.

In the past, St. Johns had an active Shepherding ministry and it is time to re-activate the ministry. Those of you in the past who participated know it well, but those who are new, wonder just what is the Shepherding ministry.

In the coming months, you will hear much news about the ministry and will be given the opportunity to participate but this is the introduction.

Shepherding in the church is tending to the welfare of Christ-followers by watching over, nurturing and guiding them. Through this ministry, the Shepherds will bolster those who are suffering or struggling by providing the communication of the flock with Pastoral staff. The Pastoral staff cannot possibly provide personal and consistent care for each member of the body but through a network of shepherds, people will not fall through the cracks.

The Shepherding ministry will provide sufficient points of contact by geographic regions, peer groups and other criteria to ensure the needs of the congregation are being met by the Church. The shepherds will not be the focal point of the care but will be the pipeline to ensure the proper people in the church are made aware of the needs of the flock.

During a future Sunday, I will discuss more of the Mission of the Shepherding ministry with you. You will be given an opportunity to indicate your interest and participate in further informational meetings. In the meantime, please put the Shepherding ministry in your prayers and be ready.

For more information, please contact **Steve Lathrop** by calling 649-4508
or via e-mail - stevenlathrop@bellsouth.net

***And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away
(1 Peter 5:4)***

**SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the United Methodist Church will be in session
June 3-7 at the Florence Civic Center.
Representing St. John's will be
Rev. George Howle, Bob and Ann Prather,
John and Jean Geiger and Lamar Keisler.
Let us be in prayer for this Conference,
particularly for those who are privileged to
represent St. John's.**

**June 3, 2007
First Sunday after Pentecost
"HE DIED FOR US"
Scripture: Romans 5: 1 - 11
Rev. George K. Howle**

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, May 31

7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, June 3

8:15 am Coffee House

4:30 pm Men's Praise Choir

6:00 pm UMYF

6:00 pm UMYF Parents Prayer Group

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, June 4

8:15 am First Place

10:00 am Visitation Committee

7:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee

Tuesday, June 5

7:00 pm First Place

7:00 pm Global Outreach Leadership Team

Wednesday, June 6

9:30 am Quilting Fellowship

9:30 am Old Testament Bible Study

9:30 am Prayer Shawl Group

6:30 pm Youth Bible Study

7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group

No Men's Bible Study this week.

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Rebecca Tuten

Acolytes - Kyle Beckner, Nicole Neill

Altar Guild - Sally Bradley, Anne Elliott, Sara Little

Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Susan Vernon

Toddlers - Karen Buchanan

2-3 Yr Nursery - Stephanie Shick

3-4 Yr Nursery - Dawn Mahoney

Children's Worship - On summer break

Greeters 8:45 - Joe & Leah Lewis, Elizabeth Dill

Sunday School Greeter - Carla Dillman

Greeters 11:00 - Keith & Julie Polk, Mary Gardner, Shirley Powell, Monnie Pitts, Ivey Alexander

Sunday AM Host (June 3)

Bobby Coker

Evening Hosts

Sunday (June 3) - Kevin Buchanan

Monday - Lamar Keisler

Tuesday - Tom Nance

Wednesday - John Tucker, Jr.

Thursday - Edward Yeh

Friday - Charles McKeel

Saturday - Dennis Fish

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	152
11:00	474
Total	626
SS	275

NEW ARRIVAL: *Nathan Thomas Loibl, son of Matt & Susan Loibl, was born May 18 in Columbia.*

ANNIVERSARY TO NOTE: *Congratulations to Tom & Mary Thompson who celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 1.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Jewell Eanes in the death of her mother, Lena Perkins, in Aiken on May 24.*

HOSPITALIZED: Emory-Atlanta - Paul Bockman; Discharged - Dick Irwin
NEW MEMBERS: *A warm welcome to the 2007 Confirmation Class. These new members of St. John's were received Sunday, May 27:*

JOHN EDWARD BOONE

ANNALISE ELAINE EBERHARD

CAMILLA ANN GRIER

THOMAS COLBY HOZEY

MATTHEW PHILLIP HUDGINS

MAXWELL ALEXANDER MADDEN

RACHAEL LEE PERKINS

COLLIN FREDERIK RAY

DANIELLE GRACE SMITH

KAYCE TAI VAN PELT

IN MEMORIAM

M. SCOTT WILLIS

May 21, 2007

IN MEMORIAM

ANDREW JACK BURNHAM

May 25, 2007

UMW CIRCLE #8 will meet Tuesday, June 5, at 7 pm in the church kitchen.

REMINDER:

Children's Worship is in recess for the summer. The program will resume the Sunday before public school starts.



HAVE WE HEARD ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE GRADUATE? Please give full name, name of degree and the school.



NEIL FLOWERS will have his final Sunday at St. John's on June 10. He will be preaching at both services and the Salkehatchie participants will be commissioned. Following the 11 am service will be a reception honoring Neil and Patsy. Please come to wish them well as they go to Neil's appointment at Beulah United Methodist Church in the Columbia area.

NO FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS during the summer
Suppers will resume after Labor Day

Financials for week ending May 24, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 19,494
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 642,944
Actual expenses to date	\$ 539,289
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,897,908

Remember
 Food for ACTS
 when you come
 for worship
 next Sunday, June 3.

St. John's Youth News

Sunday, June 3

6:00 pm UMYF

Openings available for *Give Kids the World*. Dates are July 22-26. Contact Debbie Rodgers 640-6340 if interested.

On June 10, UMYF will cook supper for the Sand River Salkehatchie guests.

Congratulations to the 2007 Confirmation Class !

On June 3, a seven-week Bible study begins entitled *He Speaks To Me*, by Patricia Shirer. Video and workbook (\$10) need to be ordered. Come, learn about God's willingness to speak to us. He wants to communicate with and have a relationship with us. Contact Flo McElmurray (642-5763) for information and to sign up.

FIRST PLACE SUMMER SESSION

We're looking for members to start a new 12-week session of the First Place Christian weight loss program. Our focus will be on making healthy food choices, learning through Bible study, and providing support for each other as we seek spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional balance in our lives. This session begins on May 29 and concludes August 21. We meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Room 216 at St. John's. The cost is \$25 and includes the First Place Bible study book, *Celebrating Victory*. For more information, please contact Deborah McMurtrie at 648-6323 or debmcm@bellsouth.net.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER

SHAWL MINISTRY, as well as every other Sunday evening, will continue throughout the summer. Please join us if you knit or crochet **OR** lessons are available as well as yarn! The group meets in the church parlor at 9:30am Wednesdays and 5:00pm alternate Sundays. Questions? Call Nancy Perrine (649-0318) or Pam McCollum (642-9414.)



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Vacation Bible School time is fast approaching. Bring a couple of friends with you when you dive into the *Great Bible Reef* at St. John's from June 11 through June 15.



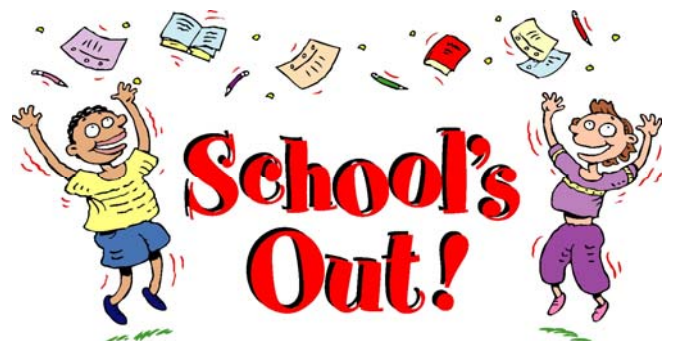
O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2007:

ALL CLASSES
REPORT TO WARD HALL
FOR
END OF ROTATION PARTY!!

ATTENTION VBS MOTHERS!!

Drop off your children for Vacation Bible School June 11-15 and drop in to Room 116 for a Bible study entitled *Why Believe? Investigate evidence for faith*. Class will meet from 9:15-11:15 am Monday through Friday. This study is suitable for beginners as well as those who have been in Bible studies before. A modern translation of the Bible will be used and page numbers will be given to help locate the Bible references. The following topics will be explored: *Is the Bible true? Who is Jesus and what does He have to do with me? Is Christianity really any different than other religions?*

All women of the church are invited and may bring friends from outside the church. For more information call Sue Frushour at 648-8126 or just show up on June 11!



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