

St. John's Visitor

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To Russia with Love 2008 Short Term Mission trip to Russia September 5-14, 2008

Would you like to lovingly help the hopeless and the homeless in a foreign land? This just may be your opportunity to continue doing God's work by becoming a volunteer missionary on a Short Term Mission Trip to Russia. Two St. John's members, **Deedee Vaughters** and **Susan Callahan**, are going to St. Petersburg, Russia in early September to try to do what they can to help youngsters ages 4-18 who are living in orphanages and on the streets. The majority of the time in ministry will be spent working directly with the children and the staff of the facilities being visited. Some children may have physical and/or mental disabilities and sharing the gift of God's love is the greatest gift of all. Some of the activities may include crafts, sports and games, campfire times, skits, singing, Bible stories and studies, sharing pictures from home and family traditions such as Christmas and Easter and sharing your personal relationship with Jesus.

Deedee and Susan will be joining **Charlie and Miki Chastain**, our missionaries to Russia who were at the St. John's Global Impact Celebration in January. In addition, 15 to 20 other missionaries from Lifeline Missions in Ohio and from another church in Kennesaw, Georgia will be participating in the 10 day trip. St. Petersburg is a beautiful Russian city and 1-2 days will be set aside for sightseeing.

Russia has stringent requirements for individuals entering their country. Because of the VISA and passport time constraints and the requirement to have a sponsoring agency extend invitations for individuals visiting Russia, the deadline for signing up for this trip is June 15, 2008.

If you desire more information about this inspiring and rewarding trip, please contact Archie Hargett (803-648-0617) St. John's Short Term Trip coordinator or Deedee Vaughters (803-439-5701) who will serve as St. John's team leader for this trip. As always, keep all our missionaries and volunteers in your prayers.

JUNE 29, 2008 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Single service at 10:30
followed by an all-church picnic in the gym
and
welcome to St. John's new Nurture Pastor,
Rev. Keith Stewart

Food provided at no charge.
Save the date and plan to be there.

June 8, 2008 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"THE MEANING OF FAITH"
Scripture: Hebrews 11: 1 - 12
Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

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, June 5

6:30pm Safe Sanctuary Meeting
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, June 7

Sand River Salkehatchie begins

Sunday, June 8

8:15am Coffee House
10:00am Sunday School - Ward Hall, Chapel
4:00pm Oberammergau Meeting
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00pm Women's Emmaus
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, June 9

10:00am Summer Exercise Class
6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, June 10

7:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, June 11

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

Saturday, June 14

Sand River Salkehatchie concludes

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Thomas Osteen
Altar Guild - Sally Bradley, Sara Little,
Cindy Snell, Marguerite Flynn
Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Allison Beatty
Toddlers - Charity Leigh
2-3 Yr Nursery - Kathy Samaha
3-4 Yr Nursery - Barbie Heath
Greeters 8:30 - Tom & Pam McCollum
Greeters 11:00 - Mary Gardner,
Shirley Powell

Sunday AM Host (June 8)

John McMahan

Evening Hosts

Sunday (June 8) - Charles McKeel
Monday - Dennis Fish
Tuesday - Mike Uhle
Wednesday - Keith Polk
Thursday - Brian Eberhard
Friday - George Bodkin
Saturday - Gene Usher

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	?
9:02	110
11:00	411
Total	
SS	350

CONGRATULATIONS: *Correction from last week: Youth Volunteer of the Year was Daniel Ray, son of Jeff & Elaine Ray.*

ANNIVERSARY: *Contratulations to Walt & Jewell Burckhalter who celebrate 50 years of marriage on Sunday, June 8.*

FYI: *Retired St. John's minister Rev. M. E. (Gene) Mullikin and wife, Betty, moved recently to Apt. 201 in Cumberland Village. New phone number: 641-8339.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to JoAnn Glass in the death of her mother, Leah Gay Brock, in Atlanta in early May.*

HOSPITALIZED: *Aiken-Nan Stetler, Al Stetler, Bill Durrett; MCG-Baby Julian Pollin; Discharged-Fred Penix; Discharged to Shadow Oaks-Eleanor Cool*

CONGRATULATIONS, 2008 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Whitney Nicole Arnold
Ellen Marie Bryan
Blakely Huiet Burch
Jacob Daniel Busbee
Bonnie Catherine Coldiron
Chase Bennett Dexter-Sprague
Eric Michael Dillman
Warren Neil Durrett
Michael Kent Findley
Brent Michael Furnas
Lauren Victoria Hall
David Thomas Hallman
Randi Lauren Hyché

Rachel Michelle Kerley
Olivia Mayne McNeil
William Gaines Milliner
Samuel Smith Mize
Karyn Elizabeth Osteen
Rebecca Diane Osteen
Jennifer Lauren Polk
Amanda Lee Radder
Trevor Brinton Shake
Caroline Louise Smith
Breann Kay Staubs
Rebecca Lynn Tuten
Mary Ruth Williams

IN MEMORIAM

MARION BARBER LEACH

June 1, 2008

To my St. John's Family, Thank you all for your support, both personally and spiritually, for my family during my father's recent passing. Your prayers for my Mom and all of us have helped greatly in in these tough times.

Blessings on you all, Duane Coldiron



Help needed for **COFFEE HOUSE** on Sunday mornings! Please contact Nancy Reed if you can help with set-up and/or clean-up.

UMW CIRCLE 3 THANKS all who brought crossword puzzles from the newspaper. Response was wonderful and no more copies are needed. Your assistance is appreciated!

Financials for week ending May 31, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 15,135
Budget funds rec'd to date \$ 722,075
Actual expenses to date \$ 602,674
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$1,072,708

Faith Promise report for week ending May 31

2008 Faith Promise \$233,252.48
Received last week 1,200.00
Received YTD 58,534.93

Trip to **OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY** in 2010 is being planned by Mary Anne & Bob Clyburn. Those interested are invited to a meeting in Ward Hall at 4pm on Sunday, June 8, when a Colette Vacations representative will be present with slides and info.



St. John's youth ministry

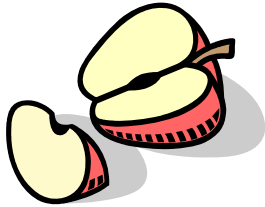
Sand River Salkehatchie begins Saturday, June 7
No Sunday Night Youth Meeting on June 8!!

Plan to join us at the June 15 meeting!



HAVE WE HEARD ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE GRADUATE?

APPLEFEST IS NOVEMBER 1!!! St John's need 2 individuals to help oversee the event. All areas already have chairmen. Help is needed to coordinate the activities. You do not have to be a UMW or circle member to help. It is for any and all people of St. John's. Please call church office, 648-6891, or Nancy Perrine, 649-0318.



Circle 8 will continue to take names next Sunday, June 8, for the **FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN** after the 8:30am as well as before and after the 11:00am service. Cost is \$1 per name.

GO Global Outreach News

ST. JOHN'S SECOND GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION

DATES ARE JANUARY 21-25, 2009

WHOM SHALL I SEND?

Isaiah 6:8

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008:

- 1ST GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
- 2ND GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
- 3RD GRADE: THE ARKADE
- 4TH GRADE: CREATION STATION
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: PALMS & PSALMS
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS

CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE of our church. Each time a child is baptized, we make a promise to help in their Christian Care. There was a very low response to the call for volunteers in the GRAND-Parenting Program for the nurseries where there is a real need in the infant nursery.

Rock a child, read them a book, talk to them, comfort them. Choose to be someone special in a child's life for one hour on Sundays once a month.

Vacation Bible School 2008

POWER LAB

June 16 to June 20

from 9:00AM to 12:00PM



LOOKING AHEAD

- June 3 - Kings Brass Concert
- June 7-14 - Sand River Salkehatchie
- June 16-20 - Vacation Bible School, 2008
- June 22 - Eliza Hesse Violin Recital
- June 28-July 5 - Pee Dee Salkehatchie
- June 29 - Independence Day Celebration
and welcome to Nurture Pastor,
Rev. Keith Stewart
- July 13 - Communion (all services)
- July 8-10 - Summer MDO
- July 12-19 - Santee Salkehatchie
- July 15-17 - Summer MDO
- July 22-24 - Summer MDO
- July 26 - Junaluska Singers
- Jan 21-25 - Next Global Impact Celebration

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We grow in faith and number by sharing
the Good News of Jesus Christ, through
worship, nurture and service.*



Serving you...

Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
21 PAULA C. SAWYER
30 MICHELLE I. PEARSON
33 MARY KOSKY
60 JAN GILBERT
61 MICHELLE BROWN
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