

St. John's Visitor

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As we enter into our last rotation for the school year, I wanted to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have helped make this inaugural year so successful. This could not have happened without you and I hope you have found this to be as much fun and rewarding as I have.

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Rebecca Winans
Heather Yeh

This thank you also extends to all the families who have supported these volunteers; the children greatly appreciate your sacrifice. If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my sincere apology, I assure you it was not intentional.

Now, as we look forward to our summer rotation, *Pentecost*, I would like to invite anyone who has questions or who thinks they would like to be a part of this amazing adventure, to stop by and sit in on a class some Sunday morning.

We still have lots of openings for teachers and will have openings for Shepherds (and Herdsmen – a new venture) come August. **PLEASE consider giving just six hours of your time; even if you think you are not meant to be a teacher, all you really have to be is a friend.**

As always, I am open to answering any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact me at tfrazier@hullfirm.com or (803) 292-5411.

Tina Frazier
Elementary Education Coordinator

RECEPTION FOR NEIL FLOWERS

follows 11 am worship next Sunday in the gym. Plan to take this opportunity to wish him well as he prepares to go to his new appointment at Mt Beulah UMC in Sandy Run.

BAUGHMANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR

This choir from New Holland will be performing in the sanctuary on Sunday evening for the Sand River Salkehatchie. Anyone interested in hearing the group is welcome to attend the performance which begins at 7 pm.

June 10, 2007
Second Sunday after Pentecost
"GOD IS REVEALED"
Scripture: John 1: 29 - 31
Neil Flowers, Local Pastor

Anthem
Offertory
Days of Elijah
Jesus Loves Me
Combined Youth & Chancel Choirs

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, June 7

7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
7:00 pm Congregational Care Committee

Saturday, June 9

Sand River Salkehatchie begins

Sunday, June 10

8:15 am Coffee House
12:00 noon Reception for Neil Flowers
4:00 pm VBS Leaders Meeting
4:00 pm UMYF Supper for Sand River
5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm Women's Emmaus
6:00 pm UMYF Parents Prayer Group
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Baughmanville Baptist Choir

Monday, June 11

9:00 am Vacation Bible School
8:15 am First Place

Tuesday, June 12

9:00 am Vacation Bible School
7:00 pm First Place
7:00 pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, June 13

9:00 am Vacation Bible School
9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
9:30 am Old Testament Bible Study
9:30 am Prayer Shawl Group
6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
6:45 pm Summer Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Amanda Bryan
Acolytes - Kathleen Brannon, Max Madden
Altar Guild - Sally Bradley, Anne Elliott, Sara Little
Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Rosalind Crenshaw
Toddlers - Charity Leigh
2-3 Yr Nursery - Denise Musick
3-4 Yr Nursery - Teresa Crain
Children's Worship - Keisha Uhle, Walter Cantwell
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 10)
John McMahan

Evening Hosts

Sunday (June 10) - Mike Uhle
Monday - Keith Polk
Tuesday - Brian Eberhard
Wednesday - George Bodkin
Thursday - Gene Usher
Friday - Jim Fuqua
Saturday - Dan Fabrick

WEDDING: Congratulations to Elizabeth Anne Pirkle and Christian Pinckney Rator who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, June 2.

ANNIVERSARIES TO NOTE: Ruth and Jim Stewart celebrated 60 years of marriage on June 1.

Bill and Nancy Vernon celebrate 55 years of marriage on June 12.

NEW ARRIVAL: Tristan Matthew Davis, son of Matthew & Lindsey Meredith Davis and grandson of John & Deborah McMurtrie, was born May 29 in Aiken.

APOLOGY: Tom and Mary Thompson celebrated 60 years of marriage on May 8. Their date was incorrectly reported last week.

HOSPITALIZED: Aiken-Sally Hooper, Bruce Selman; Univ-Donna Jones; Discharged to Mattie Hall-Dick Irwin; Discharged-Ray Hydrick, Paul Bockman

The outpouring of love shown by the members and staff of St. John's following the death of my husband, Todd Crawford, was so appreciated. I will be forever grateful. Thank you to all.
Bea Crawford

Thank you to the staff and congregation of St. John's UMC for the support received by the family of Scott Willis, Sr. My father would have been proud of the service for him. The church did a wonderful job with music, programs and reception after the service...
Sincerely, Phoebe Willis Stevens

Dear St John's Family - Thank you all for your concerns and support after the death of my Mother. It made me realize what a blessing being a part of such a large family can be. I really appreciated all the cards I received from so many of you.
In Christ's name, June Bryan

An invitation is extended to St. John's members to a bridal shower for Katie Fleming being held in Ward Hall on Sunday, July 8, from 2:00-4:30. This is a miscellaneous shower - additional information is available from the office.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH: Please join the women of the chancel choir and youth choir as we have our All-Church Women's Choir on Father's Day, June 17, in both worship services. We will have one rehearsal on June 13 in the choir room, from 6:45 to 7:15. Come be part of the fun and fellowship!

JOYFUL SOUNDS want to share handbell fun and fellowship and learning with you. Join them on June 26 at 7 pm for a workshop to acquaint you with handbells, good music and this great program. If you can count, you can play! Come and try.



APPLE FEST 2007
The votes have been counted! Recipients of this year's proceeds will be: Aiken Free Medical Clinic, Epworth Children's Home and Christ Central. Thanks to Renee Reid who prepared and mailed the ballots, and Phyllis Campbell who helped count all the votes. (from Joan Bodkin)

Many hands are needed to make this Apple Fest even more successful. Be thinking how you can help and contact:
Jeanette Isaacson - 644-9168
Hilda Secrist - 642-4028
Co-Chairpersons

Financials for week ending June 2, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 15,823
Budget funds rec'd to date \$ 658,767
Actual expenses to date \$ 593,925
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$1,897,908

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	161
11:00	382
Total	543
SS	249

St. John's Youth News

Sunday, June 10 - Come to the kitchen at 4 pm to help prepare dinner for the Sand River Salkehatchie guests. Dinner will be at 6 pm in Ward Hall and the Choir from Baughmanville Baptist Church will follow with their program in the sanctuary at 7pm.

SAND RIVER SALKEHATCHIE CAMP involves around 70 youth and adults who are being hosted at St. John's from Saturday, June 9 - Saturday, June 16. They will be located in the youth area and Sunday School rooms upstairs in the Ebenezer Center and will also have their meals at the church.

*Remember to be in prayer for the June 2007 Honduras GO Team who will be gone June 6-16: **Brian Eberhard, Christa Eberhard, Archie Hargett, Ed Norton, Lauren Norton, Michael Norton, Jeff Ray and Al Snell.***

SUNDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY using Priscilla Shirer's *He Speaks to Me*, will meet for 6 more consecutive Sundays through July 15, including June 10 and Father's Day. Join them in Rm 116 from 6:00 - 7:30. Contact Flo McElmurray, 642-5763, if you have questions.

FIRST PLACE Christian weight loss program continues to meet during the summer through August 21 on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in Rm 216. Contact Deborah McMurtrie, 648-6323 or email debmcm@bellsouth.net.

CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIANS CLASS will be selling car magnets with the cross & flame emblem (1 for \$5; 2 for \$9) as a fund-raising project. Look for a class member before and after Sunday School in the lobby beginning next Sunday and also during Vacation Bible School.

COMING SOON TO A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEAR YOU!

The Global Outreach Seminar held at St. John's last winter was supposed to make things happen, and it did. One of the results is a three-week Sunday School course being prepared under the leadership of Beth Eberhard, Education chair, and Jan Gilbert, Global Outreach coordinator.

The course, titled "In His Hands," will be available this fall for Sunday School classes who are interested. It will focus on (1) how God calls us to global outreach, concentrating on the Biblical basis for missions, (2) practical ways in which we can "armor" ourselves for the task, and, (3) the opportunities we currently have for serving in global outreach.

Someone once said that there are three kinds of people in this world: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened. Which of these do you want to be?

Stay tuned for further details.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Great Bible Reef, an incredible Vacation Bible School experience, begins next Monday, June 11. Sessions run from 9am-12noon through Friday. Come and bring a friend - you'll be glad you're here!



During VBS a short Bible study entitled *Why Believe? Investigate evidence for faith* will be offered from 9:15-11:15. The class will meet in Rm 116 and you are invited to bring a friend. Contact Sue Frushour, 648-8126, with questions.

Jim Holly will lead a **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** beginning June 20 and continuing for 10 weeks. This Wesley Ministry Network study is titled *Serious Answers to Hard Questions*. Each lesson is a stand alone study with discussion presented by a different speaker. The presenters are from Wesley Theological Seminary, Asbury Theological Seminary, Oxford University and Duke Divinity School. Join us this summer as we discuss topics ranging from evil to Resurrection to Forgiveness and others. Class will meet Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the education building.

BIBLE STUDIES ON DEMAND, Volumes 1 & 2, are available in the church library. Each volume includes 6 independent video sessions for viewing individually or in a group. Most of the sessions are 30 minutes or less. The Beth Moore sessions are a bit longer. There are listening guides that are completed during the videos. Utilize these during a circle meeting, in a Bible study group or just for yourself. If you have any questions, please contact Flo McElmurray, 642-5763.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is ongoing through the summer. Meetings are Wednesdays at 9:30 am and every other Sunday at 5 pm.

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