

# St. John's Visitor

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## 2008 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is a time for the children of our church and community to come to God's house to have fun while exploring their relationship with God. This year we will be learning all about the great and amazing POWER of Jesus. Through Him, we all have the power to be thankful, to help others, to be brave, to live forever and to tell others about Jesus. Our missions for the week will help us to share God's power with other children in Aiken, in Columbia, South America and in Ethiopia, Africa.



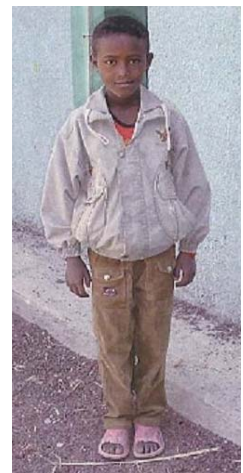
**First aid kits** will be made to share God's healing powers and great love. These kits will be given to the children at Helping Hands. Helping Hands is located right here in Aiken and provides a temporary home for children who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect.

Gospel Outreach **soccer balls** will be sent to the Christian Union Sports Club in South America. Many of our children first heard of the Club during the Global Impact Celebration. Mark Wittig shared with them how a soccer ball can be used to tell others about Jesus.



Our kids will continue their sponsorship of **Tariku Eshetu** through Compassion International. We have sponsored Tariku since he was 5 years old and he is now 11. We will write letters to Tariku to let him know we love him and to encourage him to stay in school and to go to church.

Please pray for all those participating in Power Lab. Also, pray for those who will receive the first aid kits, soccer balls and letters. We all need God's great power, "the incomparably great power of those who believe."



### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

*Community is invited!*

**JUNE 29, 2008**

**Single patriotic service at 10:30**

*This stirring service will feature patriotic words and music. The Aiken Brass will participate and Colonel Gary Lamb will lead the music that day, something he did for the official US Army Chorus during his active-duty years.*

**An all-church picnic in the gym follows as well as the opportunity to welcome St. John's new Nurture Pastor, Rev. Keith Stewart**

*Please plan to attend.*

**June 15, 2008 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Father's Day**

**"LESSONS I HAVE LEARNED"**

**Scripture: Psalm 127: 3 - 5**

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 12

7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, June 14

Sand River Salkehatchie concludes

Sunday, June 15

8:15am Coffee House

No Women's Bible Study this evening

Monday, June 16

9:00am Vacation Bible School

10:00am Summer Exercise Class

7:00pm Finance Committee

7:00pm Evangelism Committee

7:00pm Senior Adult Council

7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 17

9:00am Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 18

9:00am Vacation Bible School

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups

4:00pm Grief Share Group

7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

7:00pm Leaders' Meeting-Grace Kitchen

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, June 19

9:00am Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 20

9:00am Vacation Bible School

7:00pm Primetime Bridge

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Lauren Hall

Acolytes - John Luke Nance,

Katherine Weigle

Altar Guild - Sally Bradley, Sara Little,

Cindy Snell, Marguerite Flynn

Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Casey Young

Toddlers - Holley Kring

2-3 Yr Nursery - Ann Prather

3-4 Yr Nursery - Laura Rowan

Greeters 8:30 - Tom & Pam McCollum

Greeters 11:00 - Mary Gardner,

Shirley Powell

Sunday AM Host (June 15)

Jim Heffner

Evening Hosts

Sunday (June 15) - Jim Fuqua

Monday - Dan Fabrick

Tuesday - Eric Randall

Wednesday - George Kelley

Thursday - Charlie Neill

Friday - Chuck Bryan

Saturday - Barry Pearson

CONRATULATIONS to the 2008 recipients of the INEZ CRAIN AWARD:

DAVID HALLMAN

RANDI HYCHE

KAREN OSTEEN

REBECCA OSTEEN

JENNIFER POLK

**NEW ARRIVAL:** Lorelei Fox Goebel, daughter of Angela & Josh Goebel and granddaughter of Paula & Bob Sawyer, was born June 5 in Augusta.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to Jack & Phyllis Campbell who celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 12.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Michael McArthur Holly and Julie Blackwelder Holly, husband and wife, were ordained as Elders in the UMC at the North Alabama Annual Conference in Birmingham on June 6. They each serve churches in Birmingham. Michael, a former member of St. John's and its MYF, was supported by St. John's during his seminary education at Duke. Michael is the son and stepson, respectively, of St. John's members Jim and Charlotte Holly.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcomed into St. John's membership on Sunday, June 8:

Ron & Sandee Jones

4020 Woodside Plantation Dr

644-9636

**CONDOLENCES:** Deepest sympathy is extended to Beverly Burch and family in the death of her mother, Jean R. Huie, in Aiken on June 5.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Aiken - Marie Priester, Bill Durrett, Harry Carey, Eleanor Cool; MCG: - baby Julian Pollin, Walt Burckhalter; Atlanta area - Dick Newsome;

Discharged - Al & Nan Stetler

**LEADERS MEETING** for those working in **GRACE KITCHEN** is scheduled for June 18 at 7pm in Ward Hall. This is planned as an information/training session for Grace Kitchen participants. **At least one leader or representative from each team is asked to be present.** However, it is open to anyone interested in working with Grace Kitchen.



**UMW CIRCLE 7** will meet at the church on Wednesday, June 18, at 7 pm.

Financials for week ending June 7, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 37,652
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 759,727
Actual expenses to date	\$ 608,254
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,072,708

Faith Promise report for week ending June 7

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	3,783.00
Received YTD	62,317.93
Disbursements to date	51,950.00
Balance for which to pray	170,934.55

This week St. John's is hosting approximately 70 visitors who are working in the **2008 SAND RIVER SALKE-HATHCIE CAMP.** Lodging and most meals are provided at the church. Work is being done at six sites in the Aiken/New Ellenton area under the leadership of Bobby Coker with the assistance of other adult site leaders. Please remember them and the families they help in your prayers.



Last Week's Attendance

8:30	117
9:02	149
11:00	395
Total	661
SS	281



St. John's  
youth ministry

June 15  
6:00pm  
Sunday Night Youth Meeting  
Plan to join us!

There are now new hardback **NSRV BIBLES** in the Sanctuary and the Chapel. If you would like to cover the cost of one or more Bibles in honor or memory of a loved one, please stop by the receptionist desk on Sunday morning or during the week make the arrangements.



**OPERATION TRISTAN** is a disaster relief project that originated as a result of the tornados that occurred in South Carolina earlier this year. Bob and Christine Fields' Allendale, SC home was one of those destroyed on March 15. They have no insurance and are receiving no Federal or State aid. The United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) is looking for churches and individuals who are willing to help make the Fields



house into a home again. If you'd like to learn more about how you can help, please contact Mandy or Tommy Thompson at 648-7526 or [tmtommy@bellsouth.net](mailto:tmtommy@bellsouth.net)

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008:

1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B  
2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE: THE ARKADE  
3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE  
4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS  
5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS  
5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS: THOU ART

Vacation Bible School  
Power Lab  
June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am to 12:00pm



### ACTS

Donation Request  
for the month of June  
is  
canned vegetables  
Please put donations in  
appropriately marked box.

## GO Global Outreach News

### Aiken Pregnancy Care Center

1. Please pray for a new Director/Community Outreach. Angie Sanders has moved on to serve as her church's Children's Ministry Coordinator.
2. Equipment and supplies are always needed: cribs, mattresses, strollers, high chairs, diapers, books, toys and clothing. These items do not necessarily need to be new but kindly donate items that have been gently used.
3. APCC has outgrown their small space on Barnwell Avenue and the Board is looking for a larger facility. Please be in prayer for a new location and facility.

### LOOKING AHEAD

June 7-14 - Sand River Salkehatchie  
June 16-20 - Vacation Bible School, 2008  
June 28-July 5 - Pee Dee Salkehatchie  
June 29 - Independence Day Celebration  
July 13 - Communion (all services)  
July 12-19 - Santee Salkehatchie  
July 26 - Junaluska Singers  
August 2 - Grace Kitchen begins  
August 17 - Promotion Sunday, Blessing of Backpacks  
October 5 - World Communion Sunday  
October 26 - Trunk or Treat  
November 2 - All Saints Sunday  
November 30 - First Sunday of Advent  
Jan 21-25 - 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  
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Director of Music Ministries  
Financial Services  
Director of Youth Ministries  
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Church Secretary  
Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries  
Coordinator of Volunteers  
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Director, Children's Ministries  
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