

# St. John's Visitor

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## SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference took place from June 10-13, 2010, in the Myrtle Beach, SC area. This year, more representation from St. John's is taking place than usual.

In addition to the business sessions, there are several worship services held during the course of Annual Conference, including a memorial service honoring ministers as well as any spouses who have died; a worship service for those ministers retiring; and an ordination service.

St. John's Chancel Choir is honored to have been selected to provide both the gathering music and the three anthems contained within the ordination service on Saturday evening. Our own organist, Louis Playford, DMA, will be the organist for this entire service. This service is the highlight of the conference, as it gives a chance to celebrate and truly make good on the *VISION* of the United Methodist Church to "make disciples" by commissioning all probationary and full elders.

Another highlight occurred during a session Thursday afternoon, June 10<sup>th</sup>, when Gene Aiken was licensed as a local pastor.

Lay Members to the Annual Conference this year are Donna Walker, Judy and Ron Jernigan, Kathy and Archie Hargett, and Catherine Stapleton Nance.



*...for the least of these.*

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

**Meetings to Note**

*(Sand River Salkehatchie continues through Saturday.)*

**Thursday, June 17**

- 9:00am Vacation Bible School
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday, June 18**

- 9:00am Vacation Bible School
- 7:00pm Primetime Bridge

**Saturday, June 19**

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

**Sunday, June 20**

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:00am *Getting to Know St. John's*
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 6:00pm Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

**Monday, June 21**

- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:30am Sunny Monday Group
- 1:00pm Travel Group Meeting
- 7:00pm Finance Committee

**Tuesday, June 22**

- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds
- 7:00pm Church Council

**Wednesday, June 23**

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp
- 7:00pm 9:02Band Practice

**Serving This Week**

- Crucifer** - Lauren Pearson
- Acolytes** - Collin Ray, Danielle Smith
- Altar Guild** - Sally Bradley, Carla Dillman, Cindy Snell, Marguerite Flynn
- Crib Rm** - Hilda Secrist
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Commie Peebles
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Dottie Kochli
- Sunday AM Host (June 20)** - Bill Burch
- Evening Hosts**
  - Sunday - (June 20) - Chuck Bryan
  - Monday - Barry Pearson
  - Tuesday - Bruce Burns
  - Wednesday - Rick Endler
  - Thursday - Matt Beckum
  - Friday - Jim Wert
  - Saturday - Tom Brown

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to **Lauren Elise McMurtrie** and **James Nathan Couls** who were married at Rye Patch in Aiken on May 22.

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

**Katie Aiken** in the death of her grandmother, **Jenelle Fleming**, in Orangeburg on June 3. Mrs. Fleming was the mother of former staff member, **Terry Fleming**.

**Larry Day** in the death of his brother, **Robert "Bob" Raymond Day**, in Aiken on June 10. Bob Day was also the uncle of **Nolan Day**.

**Roger Carpenter** in the death of his father, **Wendell Carpenter**, in Madisonville, TN, on June 10.

**HOSPITALIZED:** ARMC - Bill Rorex; Doctor's Rehab - Debi Rood- ; Discharged - Patsy Flowers

**SOMETHING TO ANTICIPATE!**

On Sunday, July 4, there will be a single worship service at 10am which will be followed immediately by a church-wide picnic in the gym. No reservations needed and you do not need to bring any food. The menu includes BBQ, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw and dessert. Mark these events on your calendar and incorporate them into your holiday plans.

Plan to stop by the bulletin board in the lobby outside the church office and **SIGN A STAR** to honor your loved one in the Armed Forces.

**GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S concludes at 10:00 am, June 20**

*What We Believe*

Rev. Keith Stewart

Interested longtime as well as new members are invited to attend.

Thought you'd like to know - **the proceeds from UMM Golf Tournament** held on May 21 came to a total of \$7,123.50. This amount will benefit the Jack Meeks Memorial Ramp Ministry.

**Financials for week ending June 12, 2010**

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 34,398
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget Funds Rec'd to date	\$ 808,512
Expenses to date	\$ 723,917
St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$277,489.84
<b>Faith Promise Update</b>	
Faith Promise 2010	\$173,987.00
Rec'd to date	\$ 99,058.15
Expenses to date	\$ 72,625.00

**SUNNY MONDAY GROUP** meets in Ward Hall at 10:30am next Monday, June 21. Come to hear about Salkehatchie activities and stay for the lunch which follows. This month's menu includes chicken salad croissant, garden greens, fresh fruit and dessert. Reservations are appreciated and may be made by telephoning the church office (648-6891.)

**NEW MEMBERS** will be received on Sunday, June 20. Please contact the office (648-6891) if interested in joining the church family at St. John's.

**GRIEFSHARE GROUP**

*Wednesday, June 16,*

6pm at Red Lobster

*Tuesday, July 20*

6pm at FATZ

Remember that St. John's is hosting **SAND RIVER SALKEHATCHIE CAMP** this week upstairs in the Ebenezer Center. Meals are being served in the gym. **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is also in session from 9-noon so activity abounds in all corners of the church.

**Attendance last Sunday**

8:30	81
9:02	187
11:00	351
Total	619
SS	252



St. John's  
youth ministry

**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH**  
**June 20 6pm Meeting**

Make your own pizza!  
Program - Crazy Love, Part 3  
(No Youth Choir rehearsal during summer.)

Summer is a great time to begin work on **CRAFTS FOR APPLEFEST**. Sales on supplies are in stores. Contact Arlene Usher or Brenda Meeks if you have questions.

*How aware are you of the people you come in contact with on a daily basis? Have you considered whether they can see Christ reflected in you?* Join the **AWARE** course, a 5-week evangelism course published by Stonecroft Ministries, which will begin Monday, July 12, at 7:00pm in the Parlor. Sue Frushour will be the facilitator. For addition information or to sign up, call Sue at 648-8126.

Sunday evening Women's Bible Study group begins the **Beth Moore study of Esther** on June 27 at 6pm. Contact Janel Poe, 648-4541, to order a workbook.

*ACTS COLLECTION*

*JUNE: Pasta JULY: Pasta Sauce*

**GO Global Outreach News**

**Reyes Update:** Ben & Jenny Reyes, our mission partners in Brazil & Paraguay, have been ministering in Latin America for the past several years, planting churches & working with mobile medical clinics. In recent years, however, the Reyes have felt called to raise missionaries in Latin America, especially Brazil.

"The Latin American church as a whole has been awakening over the past 4-6 years to their responsibility to the harvest," explains Ben. "Before, these churches tended to focus on their own needs, which were often very great. But more recently, they have also seen the greater need of reaching out to those who have not yet heard the Gospel." Ben says more and more Latin American churches are fielding missionaries specifically trained for the 10/40 Window (between 10 & 40 degrees north in latitude). The many Muslim countries of the 10/40 Window provide a perfect mission field for the Latin American church. Ben explains, "Because of the similarity of culture, skin tone & a history of non-violence with other countries, Latin Americans are more acceptable in these countries."

The passion for missions is certainly there but the major setback is funding. Because of years of economic struggles, it is difficult now to get most Brazilian churches to commit to long-term support. Pray that the local churches will take the initiative in financing their own missionaries.

For more, visit: [www.themissionsociety.org/people/reyes](http://www.themissionsociety.org/people/reyes)

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010**

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:**

**RUTH IS FAITHFUL**

**RUTH 1: 1 - 22**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE.



But you can't. You may grieve the loss of a loved one for years.

And the first year can be all downhill. Stephen Ministers are trained and willing to care for you through this time of great loss.

**June 20, 2010 - Father's Day**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**  
**Message by Rev. Keith Stewart**

**9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym**  
**11:00 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**  
**"Struggling With a Reckless Father"**  
**Scripture: Luke 15: 25 - 32**  
**Rev. Dr. George Howle**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Saturdays** - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
- June 12-19** - Sand River Salkehatchie
- June 14-18** - Vacation Bible School
- July 4** - Single Service & Churchwide Picnic
- July 16** - Parents' Night Out
- July 21** - 50+ Activity Night
- August 15** - Blessing of Backpacks
- August 22** - Churchwide Bible Study-Sunday School Hr
- August 27** - Parents' Night Out
- October 3** - World Communion Sunday
- November 6** - AppleFest 2010
- November 7** - All Saints Day (Daylight Savings time ends)
- November 18** - UMW Turkey Dinner
- December 5** - Children's Musical Program
- December 19** - Christmas Music Sunday
- January 16, 2011** - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity
- January 21-23** - Mission Impact Celebration
- February 11** - Valentine Luncheon
- February 11-13** - Youth Revolution

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



## Serving you...

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29 KEITH STEWART  
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON  
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE  
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE  
27 GENE AIKEN  
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Missions & Evangelism  
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