

# St. John's Visitor

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Sunday, July 1

Single Worship Service - 10:30 am

followed by

**PICNIC**



in the gym

(No Sunday School)

Free food, fun and fellowship

PLEASE PLAN TO COME

Churchwide Day of Prayer  
Tuesday, June 26  
7am - 7 pm in the sanctuary  
(Weekly prayer list  
is located  
on narthex table)

June 24, 2007  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sermon by  
Gene Aiken, Director of Youth Ministries  
Scripture: **Romans 12: 2 - 8**  
  
Hymns **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**  
**Blessed Assurance**  
**Tell Me the Stories of Jesus**

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, 21

7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, June 22

7:00 pm Primetime Bridge

Sunday, June 24

8:15 am Coffee House

5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00 pm Women's Emmaus

6:00 pm UMYF

No Parents' Prayer Group this week!

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 26-Churchwide Day of Prayer

9:00 am Summer MDO

7:00 pm First Place

7:00 pm Church Council

7:00 pm Handbell Workshop

Wednesday, June 27

9:00 am Summer MDO

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

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Jake Busbee

Acolytes - Connor Kane, Danielle Smith

Altar Guild - Sally Bradley, Anne Elliott,  
Sara Little

Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Darby Copeland

Toddlers - Kelly Boni

2-3 Yr Nursery - Dottie Salter

3-4 Yr Nursery - Roslyn Ingram

Children's Worship - Walter Cantwell

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

Sunday School Greeter - Beverly Burch

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

Sunday AM Host (June 24)

Dave Sherburne

Evening Hosts

Sunday (June 24) - John Geiger

Monday - Jim Wert

Tuesday - Tom Brown

Wednesday - Bob Kosky

Thursday - Marc Nadeau

Friday - Jeff Ray

Saturday - Matt Beckum

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	174
11:00	382
Total	556
SS	308

**NEW ARRIVAL:** *Thomas Oliver Parrish*, son of *Wes & Vikki Parrish* and grandson of *Marc & Mary Alice Nadeau*.

**ANNIVERSARY:** *Sara & Willie Green* celebrated their 35th anniversary by renewing vows at Friendship Baptist Church followed by a reception at the Municipal Center. *Willie* has been employed at St. John's since February 1, 1988.

**CONDOLENCES:** *Deepest sympathy is extended to Nancy Lowry in the death of her sister, Dorothy Claire Willingham, in Waynesboro, GA, on June 13.*

*Sincere sympathy is also extended to Rev. Sheila Rogers in the death of her mother, Kathleen L. Davidson, in Hagerstown, MD, on June 13.*

**CONGRATULATIONS:** *Annalise Eberhard & Rachael Perkins* took third place **nationwide** in the History Day Competition held in Washington, DC..

**ANOTHER 2007 COLLEGE GRADUATE!!**

**AMELIA KARRAKER - Granddaughter of Mildred & David Karraker**

B.A. - Sociology, The University of Chicago

Dear St. John's Friends,

*Thank you so much for the generous sending forth on June 10. The special music was beautiful, the reception was wonderful, and the book of remembrances and the gift are amazing. The love we felt was indeed overwhelming.*

*Saying goodbye is never easy, especially to a church that has been home to us for so many years and to people who have been much more than friends. This goodbye reminds us of a song that our youth loved to sing on graduation Sunday: "And friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them, and a friend will not say never and the welcome does not end. Though it's hard to let you go, in the Father's hands we know, that a lifetime's not too long to live as friends." You are all our "friends forever in the Lord" and we take you with us in our hearts, in our thoughts, and in our prayers. You have been such blessings in our lives. God is so good! May He richly bless each of you and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*Love, Neil and Patsy*



The June 2007 **HONDURAS GLOBAL OUTREACH TEAM** is safely back home in Aiken. They have so much they'd like to share with you and wish to give you the opportunity to hear about it first-hand. On Thursday, July 12, beginning at 6:00 pm, you're invited to bring a pot luck covered dish (home prepared or otherwise) and come hear their stories. Drinks and table service will be provided. In addition, we'll be hosting a visiting missionary from Ethiopia that evening too. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for further details.

**Financials for week ending June 16, 2007**

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 25,822
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 729,367
Actual expenses to date	\$ 638,509
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,897,908

Speaker for the meeting of **UNITED METHODIST MEN** on Thursday, June 28, is Dr. Randy Shelley who will discuss his group's recent Medical Mission to Honduras. All men of the church are invited to hear Dr. Shelley and share in the fellowship of the UMM as well as their delicious buffet beginning at 6:30 pm in Ward Hall.

**REMINDER FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE**

Due to client confidentiality, brokers will no longer be able to submit the name of the person or persons donating stock to the church. We are therefore requesting that if you plan to donate stock that you contact the Finance Office with all the necessary information in order that we may administer the funds properly.

## St. John's Youth News

**Sunday, June 24 - 6:00 pm UMYF Meeting**

**No parents' prayer group this Sunday**

**APPLE FEST**, Saturday, November 3, 8am - 2 pm will be a churchwide fun fund-raiser housed entirely at St. John's. We are grateful for your enthusiastic response to help make this a wonderful day, with profits going to Aiken county Free Medical Clinic, Christ Central and the Epworth Children's Home.



**Booth chairs and co-chairs**, please mark your calendars for the general meeting on Thursday, August 16, 7 pm, Rm 116. We look forward to hearing from more volunteers very soon, as detailed planning is essential.

Co-Chairs Jeanette Isaacson - 644-9168  
Hilda Secrist - 642-4078

**Coming August 1** - Catered dinner followed by presentation from Bob Ewell about **IDEAL Living: Secrets of the Fruitful Christian Life**.

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve and share the love of Jesus in our local community? If so, **Christ Central Ministries-Aiken** is joining with area churches to partner together on behalf of "our Gloverville, SC neighbors" in the following ways:

A free lunch program will be offered to neighborhood children from June 4 - August 17, Monday-Friday, noon to 1:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to assist the on-site coordinator (food is provided through Summer Food Program tax dollars).



After lunch, from 1:00-2:00 pm, there is a need for volunteers to provide craft projects, games, music, drama, etc. for the children.

Every Friday evening, from June 8-August 17, 6:00-8:00 pm, volunteers are needed to share the love of Christ by providing food, drinks and activities for people of all ages. Some suggestions are music, drama, puppets, mimes, games, movies, etc.

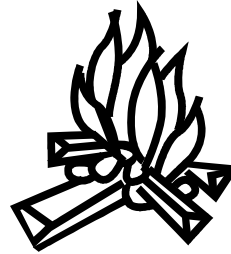
There's often no need to re-invent the wheel. Simply consider taking the ministry you, your Sunday School class, youth group, VBS group, Children's ministry group, etc. provide within the walls of our church out into the community. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these events, please contact Jan Gilbert at 646-0451 (cell) or Ron Jernigan at 648-9859.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**Children's Worship** has resumed with Walter Cantwell. Following every 11am service, please pick up your children from the handbell room unless otherwise noted. Volunteers are needed to help provide Children's Worship this summer. Call Walter in the church office at 648-6891 to volunteer.

We hope that all of our children had fun diving deep into God's word at our vacation bible school last week. Around 180 children and many, many volunteers came every day to the **Great Bible Reef!** What a blessing it was to see and hear so many young disciples fo Jesus at our church.

Don't forget to check out the Asbury Hills website [www.asburyhills.org](http://www.asburyhills.org) to learn more information and register for some **great family camps** that are offered during the week and/or weekends this summer. Their family camps allow parents, children and grandparents to enjoy hiking, swimming, crafts, **worship**, canoeing and much more.



### O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2007:

1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE: THE ARKADE  
2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE  
3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE: CREATION STATION  
4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS  
5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS: THOU ART  
5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS: FROM PC TO BC

### REMINDERS

M & M containers are due by **July 1**. Proceeds are for *Give Kids the World*.

**Sign a star** for your loved on the main lobby bulletin board in support of our brave troops.



**Car magnets** with cross & flame emblem are available from Contagious Christians class members (1/\$5 and 2/\$9.)

Churchwide shower for **Katie Fleming/Gene Aiken** is Sunday, July 8, 2:00-4:30pm in Ward Hall. Contact the office for details.



Joyful Sounds invite anyone interested to a **Handbell Workshop** next Tuesday, June 26, at 7pm in the bell room.

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