

St. John's Visitor

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Dear friends,

There is good news to share regarding our 3-year "Release the Future" debt reduction campaign.

Three years ago this month many of you indicated your intention to collectively give \$2.1 million over the next three years, above and beyond your normal giving, to significantly relieve the stranglehold that debt service was having on our church finances. We are pleased to report that together the members of this church have contributed slightly in excess of this amount toward debt reduction during this past three-year period. That is news worth sharing.

When we entered this campaign three years ago, we knew that our debt exceeded our campaign pledges. Therefore, we fully expected to have a remaining loan balance today. It would be substantially less, of course, and probably something on the order of \$750,000.

But over the past 36 months while so many of you were faithfully contributing to debt retirement, some other very good things have happened in the management of our church finances:

- When the Magnolia Street parsonage was sold in late 2007, \$150,000 of the proceeds was applied toward our loan payment.
- More recently and in fact just within the past two weeks, \$307,000 of contingency funds accumulated through carry-over from the previous three years has also been applied toward the loan.

Therefore, some equally good news is that the outstanding loan balance figure you see in the financials section of this newsletter is NOT \$750,000, but rather it is \$361,703.31 as of this date.

On behalf of your fellow church members, we thank you for "Releasing the Future" of St. John's UMC. Although the campaign is technically concluded, we still have a significantly-reduced loan balance remaining. Therefore, we encourage each and every member to continue to contribute as you are able towards debt retirement until we receive the best news. The best news regarding our loan will happen the day that the loan balance line disappears from the weekly financial report.

Thank you,

Jeff Wallace

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Follow-up Team Co-leader

Tom Brown

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Follow-up Team Co-leader



July 5, 2009
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Single Worship Service at 10:30
"WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT?"
Rev. Dr. George Howle

All-Church Picnic follows in the gym.
No Sunday School (any age) this day.

CHURCH OFFICES
will be closed
Friday, July 3
No newsletter next week!

Sunday, July 12
Messages by George Howle, Gene Aiken
Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.
Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

Meetings to Note

Thursday, July 2

1:30pm Joseph's Coat
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, July 3

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Saturday, July 4 - No Grace Kitchen!!

Sunday, July 5

10:30am Single Worship Service
12:00noon All-Church Picnic

Monday, July 6

10:00am Exercise Class
12:30pm AI-Anon
7:00pm Stewardship

Tuesday, July 7

9:00am Summer MDO
10:30am Stephen Ministry meeting
6:30pm GOLT Meeting

Wednesday, July 8

9:00am Summer MDO
9:30am Quilting
7:00pm Prayer Group
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Conner Kane

Acolytes - Michael Rogers, John Luke Nance

Altar Guild Pat Dickey, Jewell Burckhalter,
Jenny Johnson

Crib Rm (10:30am) Sherry Williamson

Toddlers - Nina Brown

2-3 Yr Nursery - Robin Vitali

3-4 Yr Nursery - TBA

Greeters 8:30 - Lee & Rene Boylston

Greeters 11:00 - Bill & Nancy Vernon,
Dorothy Brannon, Tom Brown,
Tom & Dianne Meyer

Sunday AM Host (July 5)

Frank Smith, III

Evening Hosts

Sunday (July 5) - *Jimmy Moore*

Monday - *Jerry Johnson*

Tuesday - *Edward Yeh*

Wednesday - *Charles McKeel*

Thursday - *Dennis Fish*

Friday - *Mike Uhle*

Saturday - *Keith Polk*

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED JUNE 28:

Ms. Chanda Crisp

782 Boardman Rd 645-2631

Mrs. Eunice Crisp

925 Magnolia St SE 952-9275

Ms. Donna Gallman

2923 Pickens Ave NW 649-0417

Mrs. Eleanor Rorex

159 Champion Pine Ln 644-7036

Mr. William Rorex

607 Sweet Bee Ln 641-0235

NEW ARRIVAL: *Matthew Robert Thompson, son of Wade & Cara Thompson and grandson of Jim & Mae Beth Thompson was born June 21 in Spartanburg, SC.*

ANNIVERSARIES: *Congratulations -*

Marion & Reba Courtney - 68 years, June 30

Bruce & Jane Selman - 64 years, July 3

HOSPITALIZED: *ARMC - Mildred Whitaker, Jane Goldston, Marie Priester, Rev. Barbara Rollins; Univ. - Donna Petersen; Discharged to Carriage Hills - Phyllis Campbell*

IN MEMORIAM

FRANK CULLEN LUCIUS

June 24, 2009

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1969!! "Younger Senior Adults" on up are invited on Wednesday, July 15, to Ward Hall at 5:30 for food, games, prizes and a good time. Simply bring a covered dish of your choosing and come casual - no reservation needed.

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED to know that St. John's contributed \$10.23 per member, surpassing the \$6 per member goal encouraged by Epworth Children's Home. A Certificate of Appreciation was received for helping to provide a place of hope and healing for the children in this state who have so little.

SAVE THE DATE! A Strategic Planning Tutorial is planned on July 28 following Church Council meeting and also a Strategic Planning Session August 23 after 11am worship (lunch will be served.) All council members are encouraged to participate in both.

Meetings to Note

Thursday, July 9

1:30pm Joseph's Coat
7:00pm Life for Children Training
7:00pm Evangelism Committee
7:00pm Congregational Care
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, July 11

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, July 12

8:15am Coffee House
6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, July 13

10:00am Exercise Class
12:30pm AI-Anon
6:00pm Pastor Parish Committee

Tuesday, July 14

9:00am Summer MDO
5:30pm Grief Share Grp @ Fatz
7:00pm Strategic Planning Comm.
7:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, July 15

9:00am Summer MDO
9:30am Quilting
5:50pm Game Night for Seniors
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Victoria Lockridge

Acolytes - Sydney Beckner,
Casey Beckum

Altar Guild Pat Dickey,

Jewell Burckhalter, Jenny Johnson

Crib Rm (11am) Barbara Zirps

Toddlers - Megan Godard

2-3 Yr Nursery - Denise Zimmerman

3-4 Yr Nursery - Casey Seawell

Greeters 8:30 - Lee & Rene Boylston

Greeters 11:00 - Bill & Nancy Vernon,
Dorothy Brannon, Tom Brown,
Tom & Dianne Meyer

Sunday AM Host (July 12)

Tom Nance

Evening Hosts

Sunday (July 12) - *Brian Eberhard*

Monday - *George Bodkin*

Tuesday - *Gene Usher*

Wednesday - *Jim Fuqua*

Thursday - *Dan Fabrick*

Friday - *Eric Randall*

Saturday - *George Kelley*

Financials for week ending June 27, 2009

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Budgetary needs for the week | \$ 34,914 |
| Budget funds rec'd this week | \$ 19,456 |
| Budget funds rec'd to date | \$ 799,458 |
| Actual expenses to date | \$ 766,930 |
| St John's loan amt w/Security Fed | |
| | \$361,703.31 |

Faith Promise Update

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| Faith Promise | \$176,512.00 |
| Rec'd YTD | \$ 91,538.62 |
| Disbursed YTD | \$ 89,822.82 |

****2009 Faith Promise year =
2/1/09 thru 1/31/10**

Attendance - June 28

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| 8:30 | 116 |
| 9:02 | 110 |
| 11:00 | 354 |
| Total | 580 |
| SS | 275 |



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

June 27 - July 4: PeeDee Salkehatchie

Sunday, July 5 - No Youth Group Meeting

Tuesday, July 7

One Day Trip to White Water in Atlanta!!

Depart church at 7am

Return time estimated between 6-7pm

No Wednesday Lunch on July 8

Sunday, July 12, 6:00pm

Regular Meeting

July 11 - July 18: Santee Salkehatchie



ACTS COLLECTION

JULY: Cereal

*AUGUST: Instant or
canned potatoes*



Missionary Prayer Focus: As God provides may Grace Kitchen continue to grow, serve and love those in our community who are seeking Him.

GO Global Outreach News

The Kenya team members are collecting plastic milk jug caps for the **Kenya Christian Camp**. They will be using them to make photo necklaces and need 150 caps. The slightly larger screw-on caps are preferred but any kind will do. There will be a collection point at the necklace station. Contact Frances Osteen with any questions (648-2548).

David Dill (grandson of Elizabeth Dill), a recent architecture graduate, will serve as an intern in Kampala, Uganda from August through December. He will work mainly on the design of a new school project. St. John's is supporting David's trip through funds and prayer support.

There will be a **potluck supper** at 6:30 PM on July 22 in Ward Hall to learn about recent mission efforts. Also visiting during that time will be **Reverends Mike & Sherri Morrissey**, two United Methodist ministers who are the first GBGM missionaries to serve in Thailand.

Upcoming Mission Trips: Please support the following short-term mission trips with your prayers:

1. **Salkehatchie/Pee Dee** (June 24-July 4).
2. **Salkehatchie/Santee** (July 11-18)
3. **Kenya** (July 30-August 10)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009 - PARABLE OF

THE PRODIGAL SON

**(ALL AGES GATHER IN THE ARKADE
DURING SUMMER MONTHS!)**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

will begin a 3 session study of the Book of James on July 8. The group meets in Room 207 at 7pm. For more information contact Carolyn Roberts, 649-6974.

REMINDER: The bulletin board outside Catherine Stapleton Nance's office is available to post information about items you have for sale, baby-sitting, pet-sitting, etc. you are willing to do or those items or jobs that are wanted. Check it out!

SUNDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is not meeting July 5 but will resume July 12 at 6:00pm.

UMW CIRCLE 11 meets Tuesday, July 14, 11:30am, at Red Lobster.

UMW CIRCLE 7 will not meet in July but will be at Travinia's on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00pm.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC FOLLOWS 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY. PLEASE COME!



LOOKING AHEAD

- June 27-July 4** - PeeDee Salkahatchie
- July 5** - Single worship service followed by picnic
- July 11-8** - Santee Salkehatchie
- August 16** - Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 17** - Public School resumes
- August 21-23** Fuel Youth Retreat
- October 4** - World Communion Sunday
- October 13-14** - Stewardship Dinners
- November 1** - All Saints Day - Daylight Savings time ends
- November 7** - AppleFest
- November 13-15** - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat
- December 6** - Children's Christmas Program
- December 20** - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
- January 27-31, 2010** - 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...

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29 KEITH STEWART
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE HAWKINS
21 PAULA SAWYER
30 MICHELLE PEARSON
33 MARY KOSKY
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Director of Music Ministries
Financial Services
Director of Youth Ministries
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries
Assistant to Ministers
Church Secretary
Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries
Event Coordinator
Director, Children's Ministries
PR/Communications Coordinator
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