

St. John's Visitor

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HAPPY



4th of July

CHURCH OFFICES

will be closed

Friday, July 4

Independence Day Holiday

No newsletter next week!



July 6, 2008 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

"HAVING JOY EVEN IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSITY"

Scripture: **Philippians 1:12 - 20**

Rev. Keith Stewart

**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, July 3

7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, July 4

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Sunday, July 6

8:15am Coffee House
 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 6:00pm Women's Emmaus
 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, July 7

10:00am Summer Exercise Class
 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
 7:00pm Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, July 8

9:00am Summer MDO
 7:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, July 9

9:00am Summer MDO
 9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
 7:00pm Final Men's Bible Study

Thursday, July 10

9:00am Summer MDO

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Lizzie Mahoney
Acolytes - Collin Ray, Michael Rogers
Altar Guild - Pat Dickey, Jewell Burckhalter,
 Jenny Johnson
Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Susan Vernon
Toddlers - Katie Proctor
2-3 Yr Nursery - Molly Jones
3-4 Yr Nursery - Dawn Mahoney
Greeters 8:30 - Lee & René Boylston
Greeters 11:00 - Bobby & Phyllis Coker,
 Dorothy Brannon, Tom Brown

Sunday AM Host (July 6)

Frank Smith, III

Evening Hosts

Sunday (July 6) - Jerry Johnson
 Monday - Edward Yeh
 Tuesday - Charles McKeel
 Wednesday - Dennis Fish
 Thursday - Mike Uhle
 Friday - Keith Polk
 Saturday - Brian Eberhard

Last Week's Attendance

Single Service Only
 10:30 - 694

No Sunday School
 Picnic Estimate: 500+

NEW ARRIVAL: John Thomas Donaldson, son of Ashley & J. D. Donaldson was born June 20 in Augusta.

WEDDINGS: Congratulations to Heather LaVon Burgess and Taylor Bramlett Rutland who were married in the sanctuary on June 28. Taylor is the grandson of Elizabeth Bramlett.

Congratulations also to Courtney Celeste Truitt and Julius Carnes Nicholson III who were married June 28 in Charleston. Courtney is the daughter of Lana & Tom Truitt.

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Marion and Reba Courtney who celebrated 67 years of marriage on June 30.

HOSPITALIZED: Aiken - Harry Carey, Fred Robison; Augusta - Walt Burckhalter; Discharged - Monnie Pitts

Thank you so much for your prayers, concerns and visits during Andrea's recent surgery. When we had concerns about test results and were able to call and have our church family surround us with love and prayers it meant the world to us. Andrea is now home, with good test results and healing fine. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. Thank you!!

The Mikes family - Mark, Marsha, Kaitlyn and Andrea

Please remember **FOOD FOR ACTS** when you come to worship next Sunday. Please place donations in the appropriately marked boxes.

You won't want to miss it! On Wednesday, July 23, beginning at 6:00pm, everyone in the church is invited to an old fashioned potluck dinner in Ward Hall. In addition to the benefits of fun, food and fellowship, you'll get the opportunity to find out first hand what really happened in **New Orleans, Honduras, Kenya** and at this summer's **Salkehatchie** camps, as St. John's short term teams will share pictures, stories and experiences. Please bring a covered dish (it doesn't have to be home made). Table service and drinks will be provided. There will be plenty of time for Q&A so please come and bring a friend or two!

Financials for week ending June 28, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 18,309
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 827,967
Actual expenses to date	\$ 711,273
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,054,708

Faith Promise report for week ending June 28

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	1,500.00
Received YTD	76,563.89
Disbursements to date	53,475.00
Balance for which to pray	156,688.59

THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP will be meeting at Roma's Pizza, 1368 Whiskey Road, at 5:30pm for Dutch treat dinner on Wednesday, July 9, 2008. Please telephone the church office by Tuesday, July 8, to reserve your seat!!!

FAMILY ACTIVITY for July is a trip to the Green Jackets game on Sunday, July 20. Since the game actually start at 5:35, the group will meet at the church at **4:00pm** rather than the previously announced time. Children of all ages along with their families are welcome.

UMW CIRCLE 11 will hold their July meeting at Roma's Pizza (1368 Whiskey Road) at 11:30am on Tuesday, July 8.

FLOWER CALENDAR has openings on Aug. 3 & 31, and also Sept 21 & 28. Please contact the office if interested in honoring or remembering a loved one with altar flowers. Cost is \$40/vase.



St. John's
youth ministry

July 6 - Sunday Night Youth - 6pm
Wednesday, July 2
Lunch with Gene & Marshall - 1:00pm
Meet at Chick-Fil-A
Wednesday, July 9
Meet at Moe's

FUEL RETREAT happens August 22-24. Along with youth groups from other parts of South Carolina, St. John's Youth will stay at Awanita Valley Camp north of Greenville. Fee includes horseback riding, a speaker, a band, zip line into a pond, paddle boats, Hummer ride, Frisbee golf, low ropes course and more!! Also included are all but two meals. Plan to sign up as soon as possible. See Gene Aiken for a permission slip and new medical forms.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
 SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2008:**

MISSION TALK!!!!

(TEACHERS OFF)

*We were privileged on Sunday to enjoy a wonderful patriotic service to celebrate Independence Day and to honor our military men and women, past and present! We appreciate so much all who have served and sacrificed that we might live and worship in freedom. Our thanks to **John Geiger** for arranging for the honor guard who added so much dignity and pride to this special day.*

***Gary Lamb** directed our Chancel Choir and Aiken Brass with uplifting patriotic music during the worship service.*

***Beth Kelly, Laura Anne Matthews** and their **many volunteers** prepared and served a delicious and plentiful picnic lunch to our members and guests. Thanks to **Dave Schenken** for preparing his special baked beans. **Dot Poe** and **Vera Keisler** did a great job with festive decorations in the gym and around the church grounds. It is impossible to adequately thank everyone who helped to make Sunday such a special day of celebration, but your cheerful servant hearts and willing hands are greatly appreciated by your St. John's family!*



GO Global Outreach News

Perspectives on the Christian World Movement (www.perspectives.org) is a 15-week course which prepares Christians for service to God, especially in a modern, cross-cultural context. With guest lecturers whose experiences span the globe, it covers the **Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic** aspects of being in mission with God. There are three different enrollment options, even one for college credit! The classes will be held on Thursday evenings, August 14-December 2, 2008, at Millbrook Baptist Church on Whiskey Road. For more information contact Jan Gilbert at 646-0451 (cell) or mail to: janjacg@earthlink.net **Plan to attend an information meeting in Ward Hall on Sunday, July 13, from 10:15-10:45 am.**

LOOKING AHEAD

- June 28-July 5** - Pee Dee Salkehatchie
- July 13** - Communion (all services)
- July 12-19** - Santee Salkehatchie
- July 23** - Churchwide Potluck Dinner and Short Term Team Briefings
- 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 1** - AppleFest
- Jan 21-25** - Global Impact Celebration

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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
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57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
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