

St. John's Visitor

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Amosu! (ah-moe-soo) That is 'hello' in Luo (loo-oe), the dialect spoken in the Kisumu and Homa Bay districts of Kenya. This is where Michael Agwanda's Life for Children Ministry (LCM) is centered. The LCM staff member in the rural Homa Bay/Wachara district is Julie Campbell.

Julie is a Mission Society missionary assigned to Life for Children. Julie works with the children and foster families in the LCM program, teaching health and hygiene, counseling, distributing the LCM supplies and helping to identify micro-business opportunities. She is also serving as interim pastor for Hope Fellowship Church, the "church under the tree" which was started last year with help from LCM.

The church does not have a building so they meet under a shade tree, bringing stools or sitting on bricks for their services (when it's not raining.) Most of the members do not have Bibles in their native language. This humble little church's hunger to learn about and share Christ provides many ways for St. John's mission teams to partner with them. Opportunities include sponsoring and participating in Vacation Bible schools, adult Bible studies, and assisting with completing the church building and interior (benches, altar, altar cross, church Bible, communion set, etc.).

A short-term mission trip to Kenya is being planned for December 2008. Michael Agwanda and Dick Weber from LCM will be at St. John's on July 20 to discuss mission options for our church. There will be a meeting following the 11:00 service for anyone interested in volunteering. If God is calling you to participate in some way, please contact Frances Osteen, 648-2548.

***NOTE:** Michael Agwanda and Dick Weber, our mission partners with **Life for Children Ministry** in Kenya, will be participating in all three services next Sunday, July 20. Michael and Dick will give a presentation on LCM from 10-10:30 in Ward Hall. An additional meeting will be held in Room 116 (Backsliders classroom) at noon following the 11:00 service for anyone interested in short term mission trips to "Kenya. Please take this opportunity to talk to Michael and Dick about how you can become involved with this important ministry that does so much to help orphaned children.*

July 20, 2008 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

"GOD'S PLAN FOR PULLING WEEDS: DON'T!"

Scripture: Matthew 13: 24 - 30

Rev. Dr. George 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, July 17

7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, July 18

7:00pm Primetime Bridge

Sunday, July 20

8:15am Coffee House

10:00am Life for Children Ministry talk

12:00noon Kenya trip meeting

4:00pm Depart for Green Jackets game

5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00pm Women's Emmaus

6:00pm Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, July 21

9:30am Summer Exercise Class

10:30am Primetime Sunny Monday

7:00pm Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Finance Committee

7:00pm Senior Adult Council

7:00pm Evangelism Committee

Tuesday, July 22

9:00am Summer MDO

6:00pm Aiken Regional Summer Lecture

Wednesday, July 23

9:00am Summer MDO

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups

6:00pm Potluck Dinner

7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Thursday, July 24

9:00am Summer MDO

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Randi Hyche

Acolytes - Matt Hudgins, Hayden Hyche

Altar Guild - Pat Dickey, Jewell Burckhalter,
Jenny Johnson

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

Toddlers - Holley Kring

2-3 Yr Nursery - Tara Long

3-4 Yr Nursery - Rosalind Crenshaw

Greeters 8:30 - Lee & René Boylston

Greeters 11:00 - Bobby & Phyllis Coker,
Dorothy Brannon, Tom Brown

Sunday AM Host (July 20) - Bryan Staubs

Evening Hosts

Sunday (**July 20**) - Chuck Bryan

Monday - Barry Pearson

Tuesday - Jim Minear

Wednesday - Rick Endler

Thursday - Matt Beckum

Friday - Jim Wert

Saturday - Tom Brown

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	141
9:02	103
11:00	357
Total	601
SS	283

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 6, was **Emma Lynn Riede**, daughter of **Robert & Polly Riede**.

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to **Don and Doris Roman** who celebrated 50 years of marriage on July 12.

Congratulations to **Jim & Anne Carpenter** who have their 55th anniversary on July 17 as well as **Bill & Martha Culler** who also celebrate 55 years of marriage on July 19.

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

Miss Ola Hitt in the death of her sister, **Frances Fulmer**, July 2 in Columbia.

Anita Allen in the death of her mother, **Louise Breeden**, July 3 in Florence.

George Rawls, Jr., whose father, **George Rawls**, died July 4 in Columbia.

Staff member **Gerald Thompson** in the July 4 death of his mother, **Geraldine Thompson**, in Spartanburg.

Linda Endler in the death of her brother, **James "J. B." Smith**, in Peachtree City, GA, on July 8.

Laree Busbee in the death of her sister, **Mary Lewis Self**, on July 8 in North Augusta, SC.

HOSPITALIZED: Augusta - Walt Burckhalter; **Discharged** - Jim Bodie


To My St. John's Family - Thank you all for your support, both personally and spiritually, for my family during my father's recent passing. Your prayers for my Mom and all of us have helped in these tough times.

Blessings on you all, **Duane Coldiron**

Dear faithful members, friends and staff of St. John's - Mere words cannot express how much your prayers, calls, visits, food and cards have meant to me during this catastrophic event and healing phase. The prayer shawl has been especially helpful. Be assured...**PRAYERS DO WORK** and I continue to heal at home. I hope to be back on my feet soon. I am humbled by the blessings I have received and hope to go on in helping many others in need.

Thankfully, **Bill Durrett**

PRIMETIME SUNNY MONDAY group meets July 21 at 10:30am in Ward Hall. All retirees and seniors welcome! Please make your lunch reservation by telephoning the office (648-6891.) Menu for this month includes pork chops, rice, vegetable casserole, cornbread and angel food cake.

ACTS JULY REQUEST:  Peanut butter and/or grape jelly.

Leave in the containers marked ACTS.


Financials for 2 weeks ending July 12, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 70,084
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 54,260
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 882,312
Actual expenses to date	\$ 746,696
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,054,708

Faith Promise Rpt for 2 weeks ending July 12

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last two weeks	3,005.50
Received YTD	79,569.39
Disbursements to date	64,100.00
Balance for which to pray	153,683.09

NEW MEMBERS will be received at all services on Sunday, July 20. Please contact Nancy Reed if you are interested in knowing more about joining our church family.

As part of **Operation Backpack**, please leave donations of paper, pencils, crayons and other school supplies in the collection boxes located by the kitchen and in the lobby on or before August 17. 

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER NEEDED (5 YR)

for St. John's Preschool. Please contact Michelle Pearson at 648-4745 (O) or 648-3377 (H) for details.



St. John's
youth ministry

Wednesday, July 16

Lunch at Mi Rancho on Richland Av - 1pm

Sunday, July 20

Youth Group Meeting - 6:00pm

Wednesday, July 23

Lunch at Ferrando's (Shoppes at Whiskey) - 1pm

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008:

1ST GRADE: CREATION STATION
2ND GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS
3RD GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
4TH GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: THE ARKADE

FAMILY OUTING OPPORTUNITY is next Sunday! Meet at the church at 4pm (July 20) to join the group attending the Green Jackets game in Augusta. Children of all ages along with their parents are welcome. Teresa Crain at 215-6034 can provide additional information.



Reading Between the Lines

Do you wish you could read music? Do you hesitate to join one of our wonderful music ensembles here at St. John's because you don't read music? Would you like to learn? Then join us for a four session mini course in music reading. Each session builds on the one before; however you can make up a class if you can't come to all of them. Materials are provided – all you have to do is join us. Sessions are from 5:45-6:45 on the following Wednesdays: July 23, July 30, August 13 and August 20. Please call the church office to register. If you have any questions, call Catherine Stapleton Nance at ext. 26.

APPLE FEST BAKE SHOP - It is just the right time to begin setting aside a few jars of summer canning for AppleFest 2008. We look forward to having your delicious selection of pickles, relish, jelly, preserves and apple butter. Also, please begin to think about your recipes for bread, cakes, pies, cookies, muffins, trail mix and candy. AppleFest shoppers eagerly anticipate the variety of delicious items donated for this special event each year.

Lisa Peck, Jeanette Isaacson - Bake Shop Co-Chairs

Women's Sunday Night Bible Study will review religions & cults using the book *World Religions & Cults 101* in their study beginning Aug 10. This is **not** intended as an in-depth study of cults but rather to bring awareness.

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. Guest lecturers cover the **Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic** aspects of mission with God. 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

You won't want to miss it! On Wednesday, July 23, beginning at 6:00 pm, everyone in the church is invited to an old fashioned Potluck Dinner in Ward Hall. Beside the fun, food and fellowship, you'll get an opportunity to find out firsthand 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 homemade). 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!

THINK CHRISTMAS IN JULY! New to AppleFest this year is the Christmas Shop. We will accept used and new Christmas items - decorations, wreaths, linens, ornaments - *anything Christmas!* Beginning in September we will start collecting your donations. Large items (trees, etc.) will have to wait until end of October to be brought to church.

PART-TIME NURSERY JOB available on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights and Wednesday nights beginning in August. Must be over 18. Contact Michelle Brown (522-2010) for more details.

UNITED METHODIST MEN will host Rev. John Holler, Jr, head of Epworth Children's Home in Columbia at their next meeting on Thursday, July 24, 6:30 pm.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

August 22-24 - FUEL Retreat (Youth)

October 5 - World Communion Sunday

October 26 - Trunk or Treat

November 1 - AppleFest

November 7-9 - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat

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.*



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