

St. John's Visitor

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CHRISTIAN BELIEVER



Do you know why you believe what you say you believe? Have you ever thought about the words you say as the congregation recites the Apostles' Creed on Sunday mornings? What do you believe about God? What do you believe about Jesus? The Holy Spirit? Is the Bible really the words of God? Will there really be a bodily resurrection? What the heck is the Trinity? Is eternal life some streets of gold, nirvana type of existence?

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER assumes that most church folk—though faithful followers of Jesus they intend to be—know little of the content of the central teachings of the Christian faith and its ties to Scripture. **But they want to know!** They want to know what is at stake in what the church teaches and how it makes a difference in their own lives, what it means to be a Christian, and where we as believers stand. CHRISTIAN BELIEVER aims at addressing the uncertainty about the substance of the Christian faith and the connection between believing and living.

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER integrates Bible study and the teachings at the heart of Christianity. These doctrines and traditions are rooted in Scripture. Daily readings of assigned Scripture is part of the preparation participants make for each weekly session. The study lasts 30 weeks with daily preparation and weekly 1 1/2 hour group sessions. CHRISTIAN BELIEVER enriches worship and encourages living that focuses on the heart of the Christian message.

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning August 19. Terry Fleming will be the facilitator. We need a minimum of ten participants to proceed. Twenty participants will be our maximum. Call the church office to sign up. For more information on CHRISTIAN BELIEVER, please call Terry Fleming at the church office (648-6891).

REMINDER

Coffee and muffins are available outside Ward Hall from 8:15 to 10:30 am. on Sunday mornings. Come and enjoy some good fellowship at an informal gathering that will enhance Sunday's worship experience. Use this time to share with each other and learn about what is going on here at St. John's and in our Sunday School classes.



July 22, 2007

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
"FINISHING WHAT WAS STARTED"

Scripture: **Colossians 1: 15 - 28**

Terry Fleming, Director of Congregational Care

Anthem

Offertory

Prayer Chorus

Chancel Choir

Simple Gifts

Handbell Duo

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, July 19

9:00 am Summer MDO
7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, July 22

8:15 am Coffee House
4:30 pm Men's Praise Choir
5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm UMYF Parents' Prayer Group
6:00 pm UMYF
6:00 pm Women's Emmaus
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, July 24

Churchwide Day of Prayer

9:00 am Summer MDO
6:00 pm Aiken Regional Med Seminar

Wednesday, July 25

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
7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Fine Arts Committee

Serving This Week

Crucifer - David Hallman
Acolytes - Colby Hozey, Sarah Fleming
Altar Guild - Jewel Burkhalter, Pat Dickey, Sharon West
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 - Susan Lawson
Greeters 8:45 - Tom & Pam McCollum, Phyllis & Bobby Coker
Sunday School Greeter - Diane James
Greeters 11:00 - Ray & Mozelle Hydrick, Dorothy Brannon, Tom Brown, Debi Rood, Charlotte Holly
Sunday AM Host (July 22)
Bryan Staubs
Evening Hosts
Sunday (July 22) - Jim Minear
Monday - Rick Endler
Tuesday - Matt Beckum
Wednesday - Jim Wert
Thursday - Tom Brown
Friday - Bob Kosky
Saturday - Marc Nadeau

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	142
11:00	489
Total	631
SS	301

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to the following who became St. John's members on Sunday, July 15:

Gene and Carole Sansone

117 Spring Stone Ct 641-9423

Adam Frampton Bates

104 Wheat Rd 646-8073

Eugene Aaron Aiken

41 Gregg St, Graniteville 29829 663-6811

BAPTISM: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 15, was **Kael Alexander Leigh**, son of **Baker and Charity Leigh**.

ANNIVERSARY: **Joe & Peggy Bumpus** celebrate 55 years of marriage on July 20.

NEW ARRIVAL: **Jordyn Ashlee Cogdell**, daughter of **Heather & Doug Cogdell** and granddaughter of **J. K. & Carol Lepp**, was born June 25 in Columbia, SC.

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

Janet Wertz and family in the death of her father, **Harry L. Butler** in Aiken on July 11.

Merve Lefler in the death of her sister, **Marie Evans**, in Millville, NJ, on July 9.

Mary Lou Wallace in the death of her mother, **Marjorie Staton**, in Spartanburg, SC, on July 12.

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken** - Maxine Choate, Mary Jane Lock

Terry & Carla Fleming and

Bill & Brenda Aiken

**Invite you to join us for
the celebration of the marriage of our
children**

Katie Fleming & Gene Aiken

2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 28

Reception to follow in the gymnasium

ATTENTION, MEN OF THE CHURCH:

The next meeting of United Methodist Men will be Thursday, July 26, at 6:30 pm beginning with a covered dish supper in Ward Hall. Marc Nadeau will share information about the current Memorial Bible program of Gideons International. Reservations not necessary.



Please stop by the main lobby **bulletin board** and see pictures from St. John's past. Maybe you'll see someone you recognize - **YOU!!!**

Financials for week ending July 14, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 36,302
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 839,556
Actual expenses to date	\$ 742,960
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,867,908

FREE LUNCH in conjunction with OARS Teacher/Shepherd Training Session on Sunday, July 29, 12:30 pm in Ward Hall. This is for *new* (as well as former) teachers/shepherds and anyone *curious* about this program. Please RSVP to Tina Frazier by Wednesday (July 25) at 803-292-5411 or email Gary_Frazier@bellsouth.net.

Aiken Regional Medical Center Sponsored Seminar Tuesday, July 24 - 6 pm Ward Hall

Facts about Colorectal Cancer
Complimentary Dinner included
Reservations required
Call

Direct Doctors Plus at
1-800-882-7445



L. W. Rutland Memorial Golf Tournament August 6, 2007 at

**Houndslake Country Club
Proceed to benefit ACTS**

*Registration forms available at
reception desk or from ACTS*

St. John's Youth News

POOL PARTY!!!

On Sunday, July 22, UMYF will be at the Fleming's house. We will have a pool party and cookout!!! Come prepared to get wet and have some good food. The Fleming address is 111 Woodruff Ct. If you need directions, please just contact Gene.



Lunch with Gene, Katie and Walter will be at Mi Rancho on the Aiken August Highway at 1 pm on July 25. Hope to see y'all there.

Give Kids The World trip participants will be leaving on Sunday, July 22, at 8 am. Contact Debbie Rodgers for more information.

There will be a movie night sometime soon!

APPLE FEST NOTES

Twice Loved Treasures is again being chaired by Marsha Mikes and co-chaired by Pat Dickey. This is a big task but these ladies with all their volunteers make it fun and profitable. Donations will be accepted the week of Apple Fest, so save your treasures. Thank you, ladies for your enthusiasm. *Jeanette (644-9168) & Hilda (642-4028)*



Silent Auction Committee would like to offer a golf package at this year's event. If you are a member of a local club which might support this event, please request a round of golf for two plus cart. Gift certificates for golf may be left at the church office marked to the attention of Lynda Platt. Please note a correction to Lynda's e-mail address as printed in the July 3 VISITOR: plattaiken@gforcecable.com



At a called meeting on Sunday, July 15, the **CHURCH COUNCIL** gave a vote of confidence to proposed organizational staff changes. These changes include separating the Director of Children's Ministries and Director of Senior Ministries, recognizing the Volunteer Coordinators as paid staff, and future potential to hire an additional associate to complement the work of the Congregational Care Associate.

Churchwide Day of Prayer
Tuesday, July 24

7am - 7pm in the sanctuary

(Weekly prayer list is located on narthex table)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2007:

- 1ST GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS
- 2ND GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
- 3RD GRADE: THOU ART
- 4TH GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: THE ARKADE
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: JOYFUL NOISE

LOOKING AHEAD

- July 22 - Trip to *Give Kids the World*
- July 24 - Churchwide Day of Prayer
- July 29 - Teacher/Shepherd Training
- August 1 - Catered dinner with speaker, Bob Ewell
Next Honduras team departs
- August 12 - Promotion Sunday
- August 15 - Chancel Choir resumes
- August 19 - Christian Believer study begins
- August 23 - Rev. George Howle to Kenya
- August 26 - Rev. Jerry Samuels, Nigeria, preaching
6 pm - New member Dinner
- August 27 - MDO Open House
- August 28 - Churchwide Day of Prayer
Preschool resumes
- August 29 - Children's Choirs resume
- August 30 - Cub Scout Kickoff
- September 2 - Congregational Hymn Sing
- September 5 - Healing/Prayer Service in Chapel
- September 16 - Joseph Martin, Concert/Lecture
- September 23 - Recognition of fifty year members
- September 30 - Celebrate St. John's 150 Years!
- October 7 - World Communion Sunday
- October 21 - Stewardship Sunday
- November 3 - Apple Fest

On the **BULLETIN BOARD** by the handbell room, *St. John's members* are encouraged to post notices of items for sale, baby-sitting services, room-for-rent, etc. This is a new idea so begin to post your articles, ads or business cards.

SUNDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

begins a new study, *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*, by Henry Blackaby & Claude V. King, on August 5 at 6 pm in Rm 113. This 12-week study will include a video presentation each week and workbooks will be provided for approximately \$15. To sign up or for more information, contact Flo McElmurray (642-5763) or email flomcelm@aol.com.

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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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23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
29 TERRY FLEMING
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
58 WALTER CANTWELL
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
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