

St. John's Visitor

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Missionary Care Package

What do you think of when you think of the word *missionary*? After participating in the annual Global Impact Celebrations, I now have specific faces and names to go with the word *missionary*. If you have not met Dave Williams, let me introduce you. He is tall, he walks very fast with a purpose, and he is very detailed oriented. I am most impressed with Dave's weekly prayer requests which I receive via e-mail. While Dave is seeking God's assistance with his personal and ministry needs, every week he also praises God for specific prayers answered. To me that says he is very in touch with God's hand on his life and the life of his family. He is married and has two precious children, an 8 year old girl and a 6 year old boy.

God has called Dave to minister to Harari Muslims. If they knew that he is actually a missionary and not a businessman, his life could be in danger. So that is why I have not included a picture of Dave and his family or told you exactly where he is serving. They are serving in a city in Africa so they do have modern conveniences. However, he often mentions they do not have electricity 24 hours a day and he often seeks prayers for a safe driver for their trips within the city. Besides praying for the Williams family, another tangible way we can show our support is to send them a package. Before junk mail and the explosion of e-mail, I loved going to the mailbox each day in hopes of receiving a letter from someone special or, on rarer occasions, a package.

Please join me and the GOLT team in sending a missionary care package to the Williams family. We will be sending these "care" packages to our other missionaries periodically, so please look for notices in the Weekly Visitor. The GOLT budget will take care of the cost of mailing the package, so we just have to fill a 12" x 12" x 5" box. Upon my request, Dave has supplied a list of specific items they have a difficult time finding in Africa. I will place a box outside the church office for you to place your donations. Here's the list of suggested items; however, please provide as God leads you:

Elastic waist shorts for 8 year old girl
Elastic waist shorts for 6 year old boy
Healthy snacks (like fruit roll ups)
Chocolate chips

One gallon Ziploc bags
One quart Ziploc bags
2 ½ gallon Ziploc bags
Workbooks for 5/6 year old to learn number and letters

I hope you will join me in this tangible expression of love and support of the Williams family. If you would like to receive the weekly or monthly prayer requests, please let me know. Your donations are needed by Monday, August 2.

July 25, 2010
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
"IT'S O.K. TO DOUBT" - John 20: 24-30
Rev. Dr. Robert B. Hibbard

9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
Message by Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

May God return the blessing to you,

Renee Reid
GOLT team member
Questions?
Call me at
642-8951 or
rreidcpa@bellsouth.net

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, July 22

- 10:00am 12 Keys Planning Committee
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 6:30pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, July 24

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, July 25

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 4:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, July 26

- 10:00am Exercise Class

Tuesday, July 27

- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 28

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 6:00pm Youth Band Practice
- 7:00pm 9:02 Band Practice
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Max Madden
- Acolytes** - Ryan Muir, Rachael Perkins
- Altar Guild** - Pat Dickey, Jewel Burckhalter, Jenny Johnson
- Crib Rm** - Barb Zirps
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Holley Kring
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Heather Young
- Sunday AM Host (7/25)** - Michael Rollins
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday - (July 25) - Jim Wert
 - Monday - Tom Brown
 - Tuesday - Bob Kosky
 - Wednesday - Marc Nadeau
 - Thursday - Jeff Ray
 - Friday - John Geiger
 - Saturday - Bob Fogle

Attendance - July 18

8:30	103
9:02	121
11:00	241
Total	465
SS	275

NEXT
GRIEF SHARE GROUP
 Wednesday, August 18
 6pm at Eejay's

NEW ARRIVALS: *Eva Leigh Jernigan, daughter of Amy & Drew Jernigan, granddaughter of Judy & Ron Jernigan and great-granddaughter of Jewel & Malcolm Dailey, was born July 17 in Aiken.*

William Peyton Hartley, son of Caroline & James Hartley and grandson of Polly & Sonny Goldston, was also born July 17 in Columbia, SC.

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

Jim Wert in the death of his mother, Jane Wert, in Mansfield, OH, on June 16.

Donna Wilson in the death of her mother, Gloria Carroll, in Barnwell on June 30.

Vernon Derrick in the death of his brother-in-law, Waldo Chapman, in Little Mountain, SC, on July 13.

Nancy Lowry in the death of her brother, Robert Jackson, in Montgomery, AL, on July 15.

CORRECTION: *Andrew Zimmerman lost his brother, Luke Zimmerman, on June 26 in Austin, TX. Sincere apologies for reversing these names in last week's newsletter.*

We are grateful to share that the Twelve Keys Bible Study books are being given as a gift "in memory of Herb Hoffman and Earl Callahan, their compassion and wisdom, integrity and faith and in grateful appreciation for the warmth and spirit of the congregation of St. John's United Methodist Church."

Sincere appreciation is expressed to **Ken Callahan** for this most generous gift!

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES recently approved repairs to the fountain in front of the sanctuary. The repairs are necessary due to water-proofing leaks, which resulted in damage to the sandstone fountain during winter freezes. Repairs include a



new water-proofing membrane and capstone as well as a fresh coat of paint on the outside. Repairs will start the week of July 19 and

be completed in August.

Financials for week ending July 17, 2010

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 31,168
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget Funds Rec'd to date	\$ 929,670
Expenses to date	\$ 871,844

St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$271,632.82

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	\$173,987.00
Rec'd to date	\$107,414.66
Expenses to date	\$100,125.00

REMEMBER GAME & CARD NIGHT for those age 50+ on Wednesday of this week (7/21) at 6pm in Ward Hall.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S next meeting is Thursday, July 22, 6:30pm in Ward Hall. Following the covered dish dinner, the Columbia Mission Team will share first-hand experiences of their recent trip to that country.



ILLNESS: The doctor called. More tests. It's been dragging on so long already. The whole family is feeling the strain. Illness. Are you - or is someone you care for - going into the hospital? A Stephen Minister would like to be there for you, both now and during your recovery. A Stephen Minister will listen and help you find the resources to make it through this difficult time.



GROUP NEWS

**Wednesday, July 21 - 6pm Pool Party
at Beckum home, 241 Springwood Dr.**

Friday at noon - lunch at Ferrando's

Sunday, July 25 6pm Regular meeting



St. John's Church is again collecting **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for a local charity. Please bring new school supplies of all kinds to the boxes located in the lobby and outside of Allison's office by August 15th

LOVE CHILDREN but have energy for only short visits? Please consider becoming a Children's Ministry Volunteer. Several people are needed to assist with Children's Church which meets during 11am worship for about 30 minutes. Commitment is only once a month. Contact Allison Beatty at 648-6891 if you can help.

LOST SOME THINGS? If you are missing dishes, check the cabinet in the hall outside kitchen (toward Newberry St.) Jackets and sweaters may be found on the rack in the hallway where the parlor is located.

ACTS COLLECTION

JULY: Pasta Sauce

AUGUST: Toilet Tissue

GO Global Outreach News

The Honduras Agape Foundation (HAF) is helping a micro-enterprise in the village of La Montanita, Honduras. A ladies' sewing cooperative has been embroidering tortilla cloths which HAF takes back to the United States for sale. These tortilla cloths are wonderful for bread and rolls and come in a variety of hand-stitched designs. Each cloth sells for \$10, all of which goes back to the sewing cooperative to use for community projects. There is a display of these tortilla cloths set up on a table outside Ward Hall. For more information, please contact Beth Eberhard at 642-2925.

Meal Delivery Volunteers Needed: The Aiken Area Council on Aging is asking for our help in delivering meals to seniors in the Aiken, Graniteville & North Augusta areas. Volunteer drivers are needed for the Home Delivered Meal Program ("Meals on Wheels"). Meals are delivered Monday through Friday each week & each route takes an hour or less to complete.

Volunteers who are 55 or older are eligible for the RSVP Program. This will reimburse these drivers for gasoline used to drive from their homes to the food pickup site & back.

If you are willing & able to help out with this worthy cause, please contact Ms. Moody at 648-5447.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
SAUL MAKES A BIG MISTAKE
1 SAMUEL 13: 1 - 14**

READING ORIENTEERING CLUB resumes September 20 from 4-6pm. This year-long program meets every Monday and Thursday from 4 to 6 at St. John's to help children strengthen their reading skills. Any 1st-3rd grader may enroll. Registration opens this week and will continue throughout the summer. There are 30 openings this fall. If you aware of a child in 1st through 3rd grade who would like to strengthen reading skills through a fun, hands-on reading program, contact Elaine Clanton Harpine, 803-593-4988 or clantonharpine@hotmail.com



This is a research-based program in collaboration with USC-Aiken. USCA students will once again be working as reading tutors. Every single child enrolled in the 2009-2010 program showed improvement this past year through the program. This program is free to the community. If you know of a child from your neighborhood or school who could benefit from assistance in reading, encourage them to contact St. John's.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am

July 21 - 50+ Activity Night

August 15 - Blessing of Backpacks

August 22 - Churchwide Bible Study-Sunday School Hr

August 25 & 26 - Preschool/MDO Open House

August 27 - Parents' Night Out

August 30 - Preschool begins

October 3 - World Communion Sunday

November 6 - AppleFest 2010

November 7 - All Saints Day (Daylight Savings time ends)

November 18 - UMW Turkey Dinner

December 5 - Children's Musical Program

December 19 - Christmas Music Sunday

January 16, 2011 - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity

January 21-23 - Mission Impact Celebration

February 11 - Valentine Luncheon

February 11-13 - Youth Revolution

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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...

Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE
29 KEITH STEWART
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE HAWKINS
21 PAULA SAWYER
30 MICHELLE PEARSON
61 ALLISON BEATTY
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK
27 JIMI WHITESSELL
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