

St. John's Visitor

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CHURCH-WIDE 12 KEYS BIBLE STUDY BEGINS AUGUST 22

YOU are cordially invited to attend the Bible study beginning on August 22, 2010, and extending for seven weeks. Dennis Fish, President of Church Council, sent a letter inserted in a recent *VISITOR* talking about the purpose of this all-church Bible study. Posters have been popping up around church. Sunday schools, the choir, and various Bible study groups have been asked to make this the focus of their time together starting August 22.

Sometimes we might assume that this really isn't about us personally. We might not belong to a Sunday School class or a Bible study, the choir family or a small group. But, this IS something where you need to know how much your attendance is valued and strongly desired. Groups are open to YOU.

This is a grassroots opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas about the **future direction** of St. John's. The Bible study itself is not difficult, nor requiring of extensive pre-work. Each family will be given one of the study guides prior to the first session. You are asked to read two short chapters, averaging 6-7 pages, and think about the questions posed each week in advance of your small group discussion. If you are away for part of the dates, come when and where you can.

We share a common vision to make disciples for Christ. How we accomplish this vision and carry out our mission can be and is interpreted in many ways. The heart of the church is in the people who love it. *And, St. John's truly is beloved by so many of us.* The proof is in attendance at worship (regardless of which service or broadcast), in Sunday school participation, with Bible study groups, and through the more than 170 ministries in which we are giving of our time and talents.

We have many strengths – we are a missional church, a place known for extraordinary worship and music, a beacon in this community where folks can meet, a beautiful, well cared for and safe campus, and a congregation where we nurture and care for each other, and for our children.

Some things we are good at, and some we could do a bit better, don't you agree? This is what we want to determine: where should we be improving in the future? We do not want to tackle all 12 Keys at once.

Each Sunday, the sermon will focus on the same topic as the Bible study for that week. Leaders will be given some training about how best to facilitate discussions, so that all can be heard. At the end of our study, there will be a convening, and a time to share outcomes.

Enrollment forms and materials will be distributed in all bulletins on August 1. Sign ups can occur within each Sunday School and Bible study group, and in the choir. Information and more details will appear on our website; and, you can always call the church office. Just know you matter!

If you have questions, call the church office.

Can you do this for St. John's and for your fellow members? *Please* plan to participate.

**August 1, 2010
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**

**Message by Rev. John W. Hipp
Superintendent, Orangeburg District**

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, July 29

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

Friday, July 30

Senior trip - Charleston & Wadmalaw Island

Saturday, July 31

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, August 1

8:15am Coffee House
8:30am Worship
9:02am Contemporary Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
4:00pm Facilitator Training - 12 Keys
4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, August 2

9:30am Exercise Class
10:30am Fun Monday for Retirees

Tuesday, August 3

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 4

9:30am Bible Study resumes
9:30am Quilting Fellowship
6:00pm Youth Band Practice
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm 9:02 Band Practice
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Christa Eberhard

Acolytes - Kaylee Crenshaw,
Sydney Goodlove

Altar Guild (August) - Donna Caprell-Kraft,
Gayle Garrison, Mary Cornelius, Paula
Clayton, Sharon West

Crib Rm - Susan J. Lawson

2-3 Yr Nursery - Kimberly Canada

3-4 Yr Nursery - Charity Leigh

Sunday AM Host (8/1) - Jay Bilyeu

Evening Hosts

Sunday - (Aug 1) - Jeff Crenshaw

Monday - Robin Dillman

Tuesday - Kevin Buchanan

Wednesday - Jon Paul Hyche

Thursday - Jimmy Moore

Friday - Danny Perrine

Saturday - Edward Yeh

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to **Russ & Laree Busbee** who will celebrate 60 years of marriage on August 3.

BAPTISMS: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism last Sunday at 11am were **Matthew Grayson Jordan & Bryce Alexander Jordan**, sons of **Andy & Julie Jordan**.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcomed into the St. John's church family on July 25:

Andy & Julie Jordan

Matt and Bryce - added to baptized roll

107 Interlachen Ct SW 205-602-1017

Bill & Kathy Kraeling

2526 Cardigan Dr. 226-0759

BIRTHDAY: **Reba Courtney** is 91 on July 30.

HOSPITALIZED: Doctor's - Kevin Kalbaugh; **MCG** - Allen Radcliffe; **Discharged** - Bonnie James

Our family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, emails and phone calls in the passing of my father, **Otis Harman**.

God Bless you - **Tommy Harman**

Heartfelt thanks to our St. John's family for the phone calls, cards, food and prayers during our son's illness and passing.

Bob and Nita Martin

Katie, Ann Michelle and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the generous gift that you gave us at our going away reception. We have been deeply moved by your words and expressions of support as we begin this next chapter in our ministry. For the past three years, we were blessed to call you friends and to call St. John's home. I know that you will be ever present in our hearts. St. John's is a truly amazing congregation. Please know that you are always welcome in our home. Jackson is just down the road and we would love nothing more than to have you drop by.

In Christ, **Gene Aiken**



NEXT GRIEFSHARE GROUP

Wednesday, August 18
6pm at Eejay's

DECISIONS: What should I do with my life? What does God want me to do? How can I know? A Stephen Minister can serve as a listening ear while you explore these questions.

Financials for week ending July 24, 2010

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| Budget funds rec'd this week | \$ 18,266 |
| Budget needs for the week | \$ 33,091 |
| Budget Funds Rec'd to date | \$ 947,936 |
| Expenses to date | \$ 908,904 |

St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$270,932.82

Faith Promise Update

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| Faith Promise 2010 | \$173,987.00 |
| Rec'd to date | \$109,186.25 |
| Expenses to date | \$111,900.00 |

FUN MONDAY is a time for

retirees to enjoy some conversation and refreshments. You are invited next Monday, August 2, at 9:30 for some mild exercise followed by some activities and fellowship time planned for 10:30. Hope you can come!



Attendance - July 25

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| 8:30 | 110 |
| 9:02 | 129 |
| 11:00 | 383 |
| Total | 622 |
| SS | 285 |



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
August 1 Regular Meeting
6:00pm

Lunch on Friday (7/30) at noon - Zaxby's
 White Water Rafting trip to Atlanta is
 planned for Wednesday, August 4.
 Jimi Whitesell has details.

MEALS ON WHEELS needs
 volunteers to deliver hot meals to
 homebound seniors in this area.
 Maybe your SS class or Bible
 Study group could cover a route 1x
 per month? You will find this to
 be a most rewarding experience!
 Contact Ms. Moody at 648-5447.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY resumes
 next week on August 4 at 9:30. Interested persons are
 welcome and invited to join.

ACTS COLLECTION
 August - Toilet Tissue

GO Global Outreach News

New Habitat Build: This fall St. John's UMC will be teaming with other local churches to support a home-build project for Habitat for Humanity. Construction will begin in late August and be completed in December. Funds from Faith Promise will be donated to support the project. We will be looking for St. John's members to volunteer their time and efforts to assist with the construction on our assigned days. At this time, however, we are in need of someone to serve as the primary point-of-contact and lead our efforts in supporting this project. If you are interested in serving as the St. John's leader for this project, call Kevin Buchanan at 617-9558 (or buchanan4@gforcecable.com).

Colombia Sports Club Missionary Presentation: On Sunday, August 8 at 10:00 am in Ward Hall, **Mr. Duber Rojas** will give a presentation on his work as a missionary in Spain. Mr. Rosas is a former coach with the Christian Union Sports Club (Mark Wittig's soccer ministry in Colombia) and is now the first missionary from the organization. He is currently working with Muslim youth in Granada, Spain. Come hear about this fruit of the Colombia ministry that we support. Contact Michael Norton at 648-9740 for more info.

Epworth Back to School: Epworth Children's Home is asking for donations of gift cards (Target, Walmart, etc.) to help the children with back-to-school clothes. If you can help, please drop off the cards at the church office by 8-15.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2010

3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
GOD CHOOSES DAVID TO REPLACE SAUL
1 SAMUEL 16: 1 - 13

COLLEGE CLASS will gather promptly at 10am on August 1 in Room 204 for a Service Project during Sunday School. The plan is to travel to Shadow Oaks Retirement Center and lend a helping hand assisting seniors as they gather for morning worship. To brighten the day, there will be a breakfast treat to distribute along with a handmade greeting card made in the 4-year old class during VBS. The group will return to the church for pizza. All college-age young adults are invited to come and visit with friends before heading back to school for the start of fall classes.

NEXT PARENTS' NIGHT OUT is scheduled for Friday, August 27 from 5:30-8:00pm. Remember to register your child when the date gets closer.



REMEMBER that St. John's is collecting *new School supplies* for a local charity. Donations may be left in the appropriate boxes located in by the gym and outside Allison's office. Due date is August 15.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
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
58 ALLEN RADCLIFFE
31 GERALD F. THOMPSON
JANE TIMMERMAN
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WILLIE M. GREEN
ENSLEY O. ADAMS
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YVONNE DUBLIN

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