

St. John's Visitor

July 31, 2007 Published weekly by St. John's UM Church

Richland at Newberry, Aiken, SC 29801 Volume 7, Issue 31



ST. JOHN'S YOUTH SUMMER OF SERVICE



One of the greatest joys of being young and in school is the freedom that comes each year in the form of summer. Long school days and nights of studying are replaced by sleeping in until lunch so that one may be refreshed to spend the rest of the day lounging around with friends. For many of St. John's Youth, this summer has been more than a time to relax. The Youth Group has been involved in four short term mission trips during the months of June and July. St. John's has been represented by youth and adult volunteers at three Salkehatchie Camps in South Carolina while sending a 26 member team to Give Kids the World in Orlando, Florida.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God."* After joining the St. John's staff as an intern several months ago, I have been privileged to accompany our church on two mission trips. While talking with the youth and adults that have volunteered their time, I realized how much each individual has sacrificed to help in establishing the Kingdom here on earth. Two youth stand out in my memory because of their particular circumstances. Ashley Reid, a rising Junior at Aiken High School, returned home Saturday afternoon after helping build houses at the Santee Salkehatchie and instead of resting and recuperating from her long week, she washed her clothes, packed her bags, and set her alarm early so she could join her peers in going to Orlando the next morning. Thomas Osteen, also a rising Junior but at South Aiken, was packing his bags the same night to embark on the long trip to Orlando so that he may serve the severely ill children and their families. This was the only week he was able to take off from work and spent it in the mission field instead of on vacation with his family. Every person who has been involved with the numerous mission projects at St. John's has a similar story to tell that will warm our hearts, encouraging each of us to sacrifice our time and efforts for Jesus Christ.

As one of the groups worked on an area house during the Sandriver Salkehatchie Camp, a curious neighbor approached the team and asked who they were associated with in the community. The person's voice was quite suspicious of these people. One volunteer stated that they were with St. John's working on houses for the needy. Immediately, the tone of the person's voice changed when they stated, "Those people help people!" It is an honor to work with a church and a youth group determined to spread Christ's love with the community.

Blessings,
Walter Cantwell

REMINDER

New study begins August 19, 6:00pm
CHRISTIAN BELIEVER
Terry Fleming, facilitator
Continues for 30 weeks

Call the office to register (648-6891)
Spend some time considering how church teachings make a difference in lives of believers and where we as believers stand. Make a connection between believing and living.

August 5, 2007
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
"TEACH US TO PRAY"
Scripture: **Luke 11: 1 - 13**
Rev. Dr. George Howle

Anthem **Sovereign Lord, Creator**
The Chancel Choir
Offeratory **Consecration**
Eva Winans, Mezzo Soprano

Meetings to Note

Thursday, August 2

7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
7:00 pm Youth Bible Study

Sunday, August 5

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

Monday, August 6

10:00 am Visitation Committee

Tuesday, August 7

7:00 pm Global Outreach Committee

Wednesday, August

9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
9:30 am Old Testament Bible Study
9:30 am Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Morgan Hudgins
Acolytes - Matt Hudgins, Alan Kelly
Altar Guild - Gayle Garrison, Jenny Johnson, Donna Caprell Kraft
Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Susan Vernon
Toddlers - Karen Buchanan
2-3 Yr Nursery - Stephanie Shick
3-4 Yr Nursery - Dawn Mahoney
Children's Worship - Stephanie Osteen
Greeters 8:45 - Claude & Marie Goodlett,, Barry & Paula Clayton
Sunday School Greeter - Carla Dillman
Greeters 11:00 - Marcia Harris, Sherry West, Walt Croft, Mildred Whitaker, Nancy Vernon, Charlie Thonrgate
Sunday AM Host (August 5)
Jim Heffner
Evening Hosts
Sunday (August 5) - *Tom Nance*
Monday - *John Tucker, Jr.*
Tuesday - *Edward Yeh*
Wednesday - *Charles McKeel*
Thursday - *Dennis Fish*
Friday - *Mike Uhle*
Saturday - *Keith Polk*

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	156
11:00	432
Total	588
SS	269

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

WEDDING: Congratulations to **Katherine Irene Fleming and Eugene Aaron Aiken** who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, July 28.

NEW ARRIVAL: **Peyton Tillman Nazworth**, son of Leah & Brett Nazworth and granddaughter of **Claudette & John Strickland**, was born July 25 in Charlotte.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Polly Hydrick** in the death of her mother, **Jean Leslie Gordon**, in Rock Hill on July 28.

HOSPITALIZED: Univ. - *Jimmy Player*; **Discharged** - *Dick Irwin (at home)*

August 2007 Honduras Global Outreach Team

Please keep **John, Frances and Rebecca Osteen** in your prayers as they serve in rural areas of Honduras August 1 – 10. They will be doing home construction, school improvements, and evangelism. Pray for the safety of all 8 team members, blessings on their project work and their evangelism efforts, and for the growth of the community of believers in Quimistan, Honduras. Pray also for the remainder of the Osteen family who will stay here in Aiken. For more information on the mission effort at www.scprojectagape.com



Please remember to bring non-perishable **FOOD FOR ACTS** when coming to worship next Sunday. Look for the appropriately marked containers.



Epworth School Supply Wish List

With the school year right around the corner, Epworth has asked for donations of school supplies to help make their year a success. The supplies listed below are being collected in a blue box outside the main office across from the receptionist's desk. Please deliver the supplies by Tuesday, August 14. If you have any questions, contact Maureen Bernard at 221-9635.

- Wide-Ruled & Narrow Ruled Looseleaf Paper
- Graph Paper
- Dry Erase Markers & Erasers
- # 2 Pencils
- Black, Red & Blue Ink Pens (Erasable Preferred)
- Colored Pencils
- Wide-Ruled ONE Subject Notebooks (Not Spiral Bound)
- 3-Ring Binders (2" - 3")
- Indexes / Dividers for Binders
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Scientific Calculators (Not Graphing)
- Fine Tip Markers
- College Style Heavy Duty Backpacks without Wheels
- Trapper Keeper-type organizers
- Battery Pencil Sharpeners
- Glue Sticks
- Rulers with Inches & Centimeters
- Erasers
- Post-It-Notes (3" x 3")
- Date Book / Organizers / Pocket Calendars
- Small Assignment Notebooks
- Plastic Protractors & Compasses
- Broad-tipped Highlighters
- 3-Ring Plastic Hole Punches to fit in a Ring Binder
- Personal Size Hand Sanitizers
- Plastic Zipper Pouch / Pencil Case to fit in a Ring Binder
- Blunt End Scissors
- 3" x 5" White Index Cards

Financials for week ending July 28, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 32,742
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 890,644
Actual expenses to date	\$ 812,347
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,810,208

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

St. John's Youth News

UMYF at 6 pm on Sunday, August 6

Wednesday, August 8 - meet Gene, Katie, and Walter at 1 pm for lunch at Jade of China on Pine Log Road.

On Friday, August 10, the Youth Group will be attending an Aiken Foxhounds game at 7:05. We will be meeting at Roberto Hernandez stadium on the USCA campus before the game to tailgate. If interested in coming, contact Gene or Walter at the church office.



PROMOTION SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 12, preschoolers through sixth graders will meet in Ward Hall during the Sunday School hour. Please arrive by 9:45 in order to register to win door prizes that will be given out that day! At the beginning, there will be an O.A.R.S. party to welcome the new first graders. Then the children will be sent to their new classes where they can be picked up after Sunday School. Rising third graders will receive their Bibles at the 11 am Service.

REMINDER - COMMITTEES will need to have their budgets into the church office by Wednesday, August 15. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Fairgrieve or Harry Sampson at the church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REGISTRATION will begin this Sunday Morning in the Lobby for ages K4 through Sixth Grade.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Sunday evenings in room 113 at 6 pm beginning this Sunday, August 5. The course will be a 12-week study, *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God* by Henry Blackaby & Claude V. King. Contact Flo McMurray to register or for more information (642-5763 or email flomcelm@aol.com).

UMW CIRCLE NINE will resume its regular meetings on September 11.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2007:

- 1ST GRADE: THOU ART
- 2ND GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
- 3RD GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
- 4TH GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: CREATION STATION
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: PALMS & PSALMS

LOOKING AHEAD

- August 1 - Honduras team departs
6 pm Catered dinner with speaker, Bob Ewell
- 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
- August 28 - Churchwide Day of Prayer
- August 29 - Children's Choirs resume
- September 2 - Congregational Hymn Sing
- September 5 - Prayer Service in Chapel
- September 16 - Joseph Martin, Concert/Lecture
- September 23 - New Member Dinner (rescheduled)
- September 30 - Celebrate St. John's 150 Years!
- October 7 - World Communion Sunday
- October 21 - Stewardship Sunday
- November 3 - Apple Fest
- November 4 - All Saints Sunday
- November 5 - St. John's Charge Conference
- November 9-11 - Asbury Hills Youth Group Retreat
- November 11 - Prayer/Healing Service
- December 2 - Children's Christmas Program
- December 23 - Chancel Choir Cantata
- January 23-27 - Global Impact Celebration



The fish has returned to its resting place after being grounded by lightning for several years.

St. John's Visitor

PERIODICALS POSTAGE PAID
AT AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA
USPS 673-640

ST. JOHN'S VISITOR
P O Box 809
Aiken, SC 29802-0809

POSTMASTER: Send change of address to
P O Box 809 Aiken, SC 29802-0809

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
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
29 TERRY FLEMING
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
58 WALTER CANTWELL
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
21 PAULA C. SAWYER
30 MICHELLE I. PEARSON
33 MARY KOSKY
35 MIMI WILAND
60 JAN GILBERT
CARLA F. FLEMING
31 GERALD F. THOMPSON
WILLIE M. GREEN
ENSLEY O. ADAMS
ROBERT WOODS
YVONNE DUBLIN

Minister
Director of Staff and Planning
Director of Congregational Care
Director of Music Ministries
Financial Services
Director of Youth Ministries
Intern
Assistant to Ministers
Church Secretary
Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries
Coordinator of Volunteers
Coordinator of Volunteers
Missions Coordinator
Organist
Custodian Coordinator
Custodian
Custodian
Custodian
Custodian

george.howle@stjohns-umc.org
harry.sampson@stjohns-umc.org
terry.fleming@stjohns-umc.org
catherine.stapleton@stjohns-umc.org
nancy.fairgrieve@stjohns-umc.org
gene.aiken@stjohns-umc.org
walter.cantwell@stjohns-umc.org
anne.hawkins@stjohns-umc.org
paula.sawyer@stjohns-umc.org
michelle.pearson@stjohns-umc.org
mary.kosky@stjohns-umc.org
mimi.wiland@stjohns-umc.org
jan.gilbert@stjohns-umc.org
tfisme@gforcecable.com
gerald.thompson@stjohns-umc.org

Church Office: 648.6891
Church FAX: 648.7197
Preschool: 648.4745
Web Site: www.stjohns-umc.org