

# St. John's Visitor

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## Operation Backpack is Coming!

### You will not want to miss St. John's Community Back-To-School Event on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>!

- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast: 9:30am in Ward Hall! Free, and for all school teachers! GREAT door prizes! Call 648-6891 for reservations by 8/13.
- "Blessing of the Backpacks": At both 9:02 and 11:00 services, students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks and receive a special blessing for the coming school year!
- Back-To-School Blast: 3:00-5:00pm in the gym! Free and open to all students! Indoor inflatables, games, face painting, refreshments, the Mayfield Ice Cream Truck, and a LIVE BAND! Parental supervision is required.
- Backpack/School Supply Drive: Drop off new backpacks and/or donations of paper, pencils, crayons, etc. in the collection boxes located by the church kitchen and outside of Allison Beatty's office. All donations will go to benefit local and statewide missions, including Epworth Children's Home.

### Don't Miss Out On The Fun!

August 9, 2009

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Messages this week by:

Rev. Dr. John Stapleton and Gene Aiken

*Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.*

*Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.*

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

**NEW ARRIVAL:** *Davis McArthur Holly, son of Reverends Michael & Julie Holly and grandson of Jim & Charlotte Holly, was born July 22 in Brimingham, Alabama.*

**SUMMER GRADUATE:**

**ANNA McKELLAR REYNOLDS**

B.S.-Travel & Tourism Management      Clemson University

**ANNIVERSARY:** *Shel & Eleanor Rideout celebrated sixty-two years of marriage on August 30. Congratulations!*

**CONDOLENCES:** *Deepest sympathy is extended to Jack Rogers in the recent death of his nephew, Jerry Rogers, in Washington, GA.*

**HOSPITALIZED:** *ARMC - Paul Isaacson; Discharged - Evelyn Morris, Dink Looney McCormick; Discharged to Mattie Hall - Mildred Whitaker*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**MARION BAKER TARRANT**

**August 3, 2009**

**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY** for smiling faces!! St. John's needs a volunteer at the *Welcome Kiosk* on every third Sunday following 11am worship. Questions? Call Carla Dillman at 642-6390.

If anyone borrowed **CLOTHING RACKS** from the church, please return them. Three of the best ones are missing and the AppleFest Consignment Sale will be here before you know it!

**REMEMBER** that Name Tag Sunday is quickly approaching - August 23! If your name tag is nowhere to be found, please contact the office and request a replacement.

**Financials for week ending August 1, 2009**  
 Budgetary needs for the week \$ 34,914  
 Budget funds rec'd this week \$ 25,363  
 Budget funds rec'd to date \$ 930,500  
 Actual expenses to date \$ 921,220  
 St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$ 355,700

**Faith Promise Update**

Faith Promise \$177,112.00  
 Rec'd YTD \$102,585.62  
 Disbursed YTD \$ 95,889.90

**\*\*2009 Faith Promise year = 2/1/09 thru 1/31/10**

**UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS REPORTED FOR AUGUST**

**Tuesday, August 11**  
 11:30am #11 Lunch at Bowery  
**Wednesday, August 19**  
 6:00pm #7 Dinner at Travinia's

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** has need of a locking file cabinet. Is there someone who has one to donate?

**GRIEFSHARE GROUP** will eat at O'Charley's on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 5:30pm. Please call the church office at 648-6891 to reserve your spot.

**CALLING POST USERS**

please take note: If you use calling post, please **contact Paula** in the office to verify your new group number.



*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, August 6**

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

**Saturday, August 8**

8:00am Grace Kitchen

**Sunday, August 9**

8:15am Coffee House  
 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth  
 6:00pm College Class at Mahoney's  
 6:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Monday, August 10**

10:00am Exercise Class  
 12:30pm AI-Anon  
 6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee

**Tuesday, August 11**

6:30pm GOLT-Global Outreach Ldrship Team  
 7:00pm Board of Trustees

**Wednesday, August 12**

9:30am Quilting Fellowship  
 1:00pm Youth to Chick-Fil-A  
 5:30pm Griefshare Group to O'Charley's  
 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Women's Bible Study  
 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

**Serving This Week**

- Crucifer** - Jimmy Rodgers
- Acolytes** - Ryan Fogle, Sydney Goodlove
- Altar Guild** Donna Caprell-Kraft, Gayle Garrison, Mary Cornelius, Paula Clayton, Sharon West
- Crib Rm (11am)** - Deedee Vaughters
- Toddlers** - Teresa Crain
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Amanda Stefanakos
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Dawn Mahoney
- Greeters 8:30** - Claude and Marie Goodlett
- Greeters 11:00** - Gail and Evelyn Marine  
 Monnie Pitts, Sharon West
- Sunday AM Host (Aug 9)** *Virgil Sauls*
- Evening Hosts**

- Sunday (Aug 9) - *Dennis Fish*
- Monday - *Mike Uhle*
- Tuesday - *Keith Polk*
- Wednesday - *Brian Eberhard*
- Thursday - *Adam Bates*
- Friday - *Gene Usher*
- Saturday - *Jim Fuqua*

**Attendance August 2**

8:30	139
9:02	98
11:00	312
Total	549
SS	233

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



St. John's  
youth ministry

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, August 9 6:00pm  
Regular Meeting

Join Gene & Jimi for lunch at *Chick-Fil-A*  
on Wednesday, August 12 at 1 pm.

Dealing with Sandwich Generation issues? Want ideas to enhance your marriage and family? Looking for good children's books? Judy Jernigan, Chair of our Family Life Council, reminds us of the many resources available in **ST JOHN'S RESOURCE ROOM**. This well-stocked library has so many excellent, biblically-based materials. If you have not browsed there lately, be sure to consider a visit. Pull up a chair and sit a spell.



## ACTS COLLECTION

AUGUST: *Instant or canned potatoes*

**Missionary Prayer Focus:** May the children of Life for Children ministry in Kenya experience the joy of fellowship with Jesus and their new friends from America during the Christian Camp.

## GO Global Outreach News

The upcoming **mission trip to Kenya** will be August 6-18. **John and Frances Osteen** will join five others to put on an overnight Christian camp for 131 children sponsored by **Michael Agwanda's** Life for Children Ministries. Please keep them in your daily prayers:

- For cultural understanding and unity
- That their words and actions will grow God's kingdom
- For the children to grow in their knowledge of God
- For all to see God at work and join Him
- For everyone's safety throughout the trip
- For God's will to be done

The **Kairos #32 prison ministry** will take place at McCormick Correctional Institution in McCormick, S.C. from September 16-19. Participating from St. John's will be **Dave and Beth Kelly, Jim and Charlotte Holly, Tom and Pam McCollum, Nancy Fairgrieve and Mick Ferrel**. A cookie campaign to provide 6,000 dozen homemade cookies is now underway. Please contact Dave Kelly (649-3591) for more details regarding recipes and guidelines if you would like to help bake cookies.

**David Dill** is preparing to leave for Uganda to serve as an intern in Kampala from August through December. He will work on the design of a new school project for Engineering Ministries International (EMI). For updates on David's trip: <http://davidadill.blogspot.com/>

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009

THE SOWER  
ANN JONES, TEACHING

(ALL AGES GATHER IN THE ARKADE  
DURING SUMMER MONTHS!)

**FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH**, a health-oriented Bible Study, will begin autumn classes on Monday, August 24, at 8 am at the church. If interested in becoming a member, please contact Mary Jo Wilson at 648-1644.

**REMINDER** - The bulletin board outside Catherine Nance's office is an ideal spot to post your items or services to sell or advertise for those that are wanted. Check it out!

**COMING SOONER THAN YOU REALIZE** is the Strategic Planning Session on Sunday, August 23, after 11am worship. The Church Council Leadership as well as staff who support the Committees will need the benefit of YOUR ideas and hopes for the future as they work together during this Session to develop a plan for the continuing success of St. John's.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**August 6-18** - Kenya Mission Trip  
**August 16** - Blessing of the Backpacks  
**August 17** - Public School resumes  
**August 21-23** Fuel Youth Retreat  
**August 23** - Bibles presented to Third Graders  
**August 23** - Strategic Planning Session (lunch served)  
**August 26** - Chancel Choir resumes weekly rehearsals  
**August 30** - UMW Organizational Gathering  
**September 6** - Great Day of Singing  
**September 13** - Under the Steeple "Acts of Renewal"  
**October 4** - World Communion Sunday  
**October 13-14** - Stewardship Dinners  
**October 25** - Trunk or Treat  
**November 1** - All Saints Day - Daylight Savings time ends  
**November 7** - AppleFest  
**November 13-15** - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat  
**November 22** - Thanksgiving Sunday, Holy Communion  
**December 6** - Children's Christmas Program  
**December 20** - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata  
**January 27-31, 2010** - Next Global Impact Celebration

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the Good News of Jesus Christ, through  
worship, nurture and service.*



## Serving you...

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