

St. John's Visitor

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Children's Music Ministries of St. John's

Invites All Children to Join Us for Choirs in 2008!

Registration Begins **August 10** in the lobby and in the OARS hallway

Joy Choir (Room 117)

Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45

This choir is for ages 4 and 5. Children should be 4 by September 1 but if a younger child wishes to participate, he or she may if a parent is present at this rehearsal. Our tiniest choristers enjoy their first experience of making music together with friends. Singing for worship services several times during the year teaches them the importance of preparing and offering their very best to God. This group will have a "cameo" appearance in the Christmas musical.

Jane Timmerman, Director

Alleluia Choir (Room 120)

Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45

First, second, and third graders work hard to present our very best offerings for the worship services in which we sing. We learn some of the hymns of our faith and above all, we have fun and praise the Lord in all we do! This group will have supporting parts in the Christmas play.

Doris Hoffman, Director and Judy Kalbaugh, Accompanist

Hearts Afire Choir (Choir Room)

Wednesdays from 5:45-6:40

Boys and girls in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, particularly those who have come up through the younger choirs, really begin to shine in Hearts Afire. This group will "take the leads" in the Christmas musical.

**Catherine Stapleton Nance & Tom Calhoun, Directors
and Mark Dickens, Accompanist**

Drumming, Strumming, Ringing (and singing!)

We will be supplementing Children's choir rehearsals with chimes, drums and various other rhythm and melodic instruments. These instruments give a wonderful chance to learn through the fun of playing!

Donna Walker, Director



Announcing **"Chimes in the Night"** (a Christmas Musical)

December 7, 2008

8:30 & 11:00 worship services

Presented by the children's music ministries
and the youth choir.

This wonderful musical by Allen Pote will help welcome
in our Advent season. "Kids" of all ages will enjoy this
beautiful story.

Music Staff & many dedicated volunteers

***Operation Backpack* is coming to St. John's on Sunday, August 17! Students of all ages (and teachers), bring your backpacks or book bags to any of our worship services for a special "Blessing of the Backpacks." Students are also invited to a Back-To-School Blast from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the gym with inflatables, games, face-painting, refreshments, and a live band! (Parent supervision required) Invite a friend to share this special event with us! This is free and open to the whole community.**

August 10, 2008 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**"DOES YOUR FAITH MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THE WAY YOU LIVE?"**

Scripture: James 2: 14 - 20

Rev. Keith Stewart

**Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.
Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.**

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, August 7

7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, August 9

**Garage Sale at Callahans
1119 Parsons Lane SW**

Sunday, August 10

8:15am Coffee House

12:00pm Global Prayer Team Coord Lunch

6:00pm Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, August 11

10:00am Summer Exercise Class

10:00am Visitation Committee

6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, August 12

7:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, August 13

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups

5:45pm Class on reading music

7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Thursday, August 14

6:30pm CPR Training

7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Nicole Neill

Acolytes - Alan Kelly, Rachael Perkins

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

Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Allison Beatty

Toddlers - Charity Leigh

2-3 Yr Nursery - Kathy Samaha

3-4 Yr Nursery - Barbie Heath

Greeters 8:30 - Sharon West,
Claude & Marie Goodlett

Greeters 11:00 - Walter Croft, Mary Gardner,
Bill & Nancy Vernon, Keith & Julie Polk

Sunday AM Host (Aug 10)

Virgil Sauls

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Aug 10) - *Mike Uhle*

Monday - *Keith Polk*

Tuesday - *Brian Eberhard*

Wednesday - *George Bodkin*

Thursday - *Gene Usher*

Friday - *Jim Fuqua*

Saturday - *Dan Fabarick*

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	107
9:02	110
11:00	367
Total	584
SS	290

NEW ARRIVAL: *Blair Kirsten Wood*, daughter of *Michael & Amy (Burdette) Wood*, granddaughter of *Larry & Leslie Burdette* and great granddaughter of *Harry & Alice Burdette*, was born on July 25 in Aiken.

Kendall Grace Storey, daughter of *Brandon & Lisa (Frushour) Storey* and granddaughter of *Richard & Susan Frushour*, was born on July 25 in Aiken.

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to *Jerry & Linda Platt* who celebrate 50 years of marriage on August 9.

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

Tina Shake in the death of her mother, *Jeanne Walls*, in Aiken on July 30.

John Downs in the death of his mother, *Hannalore Downs* in Cussetta, GA on August 2.

HOSPITALIZED: *Bill Durrett*

DISCHARGED - *Randy Moorer, Polly Riede, Francis Hubbard*

We're back from Houston and all is going well. We wanted to thank all our St. John's family for their love and support. A special thank you" to the ladies who made the prayer shawl that we took with us. Thank you! The DeMinck family.



GRIEF SHARE GROUP will eat out together on August 20, at 6:30 pm. Please call the church to reserve your place and to find out the destination. All are welcome! The next Grief Share Session will begin in Sept.



Whitney Simons email address was incorrectly listed in last week's newsletter. Whitney's correct address is wds6786@aol.com. We regret the error.

NEW MEMBERS will be received on Sunday, August 24. If interested in becoming part of St. John's church family, please contact Nancy Reed (Adult & Senior Ministries Director) or Anne Hawkins (Membership Secretary) at 648-6891

Financials for week ending August 2, 2008

Budget needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 15,583
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 945,055
Actual expenses to date	\$ 852,069
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,029,908

Faith Promise Report for week ending Aug 2

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	3,313.00
Received YTD	86,120.39
Disbursements to date	74,888.94
Balance for which to pray	147,132.09

CHURCH MEMBERS - As you all know we are hosting Operation Backpack, Aug.17, 2008. If anyone would be interested in donating a vacation home for a few nights as a door prize for an Aiken county school teacher or making **ANY** donation for the cause as a door prize, please contact Phyllis Coker, 649-1511.

YARD SALE at the Callahan home on Parsons Lane is scheduled for Saturday, Aug 9. This fundraiser benefits the Russia Mission Trip. If you have items to donate, please contact Susan Callahan, 617-8933





St. John's
youth ministry

Wednesday, August 6

Lunch at Theresa's - Whiskey Road 1 pm
With Gene & Marshall

Saturday - 9 - Carowinds - 8 am
(Please let Gene know ASAP.)

Sunday, August 10

Youth Meeting - 6 pm
Program - Methodism

Sunday, September 7

Youth Parent Meeting

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Celebrate the holidays with your church family! On Tuesday, December 9, 2008, a day-trip to Myrtle Beach is planned to celebrate the season. See a lively show at the Alabama Theatre with its special Christmas production. Contact Nancy Reed, 648-6891, for additional information.



FUNDRAISER for the Russia Mission Trip: Childcare is being offered on August 13 (9am-12 noon)! Opportunity knocks for busy parents to do their back-to-school shopping. Please contact Susan Callahan, 617-8933, or DeeDee Vaughters, 439-5701.

GIRLS SCRAPBOOK WEEKEND

Youth Room

Friday, August 22, 5-9 pm

Saturday, August 23, 8:30 am - 8 pm

Bring your photos, supplies and an appetizer to share!

Call Leigh Crain, 648-4248,
to reserve your space!

GO Global Outreach News

1. Acts is collecting cereal and/or oatmeal for the month of August. Please use the blue containers.
2. Acts is looking for donations of socks and underwear to help children and teens get ready for school this fall.
3. DeeDee Vaughters (439-5701) and Susan Callahan (617-8933) are collecting crayons, coloring books, stickers and other easy-to-pack toys to share with the disabled youth in Russia during their trip this Sept.
4. Mark Wittig, our missionary partner in Medellin, Columbia, has asked for help in sponsoring young athletes in his Christian Union Sports Club. Each child receives a uniform, soccer ball and copy of the New Testament. Contact Brett Jarriel (642-5886) for more information.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2008:**

- 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**



"SPREAD THE JOY" & Share your craft/baking skills with our 1st - 6th graders on Sunday nights from 6 - 8 pm. All gifts/cookies will benefit a local missions project that will bring joy to many wonderful people! Come up with an idea and empower the 1st - 6th graders to be your elves! Call Michelle Brown to pick your date and share your idea. Sign up today!

THE UMW REPORTS - The three charities voted for recipients of the Apple Festival Funds are: the Golden Harvest Food Bank, Grace Kitchen and the Jack Meeks Memorial Ramp Ministry. This year's theme is **"Sharing Our Blessings"**.

LOOKING AHEAD

- August 2** - Grace Kitchen begins
- August 17** - Promotion Sunday, Teacher Breakfast, Blessing of Backpacks
- August 22-24** - FUEL Retreat (Youth)
- August 24** - Third Grade Bible Presentation
- August 26** - Preschool and MDO resume
- September 7** - *Gospel of John* - Under the Steeple series
- September 21-25** - Book Fair
- October 5** - World Communion Sunday
- October 12** - Fred Swann, Organist - Under the Steeple
- October 20** - U.S. Army Chorus - Under the Steeple
- October 26** - Trunk or Treat
- November 1** - AppleFest
- November 2** - All Saints Sunday
Daylight Saving Time ends
- November 7-9** - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat
- November 16** - St. John's Charge Conference
- December 6** - Birthday Party for Jesus
- December 7** - Children's Musical
- December 21** - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
- January 18** - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity
- Jan 21-25** - Global Impact Celebration

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*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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27 GENE AIKEN
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