

St. John's Visitor

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Have you seen these children?

Who are these precious children who began their walk of faith long ago in a Children's Choir, and who are now active members of our St. John's family? (See answer on page 2)

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.

There is excitement in the air! It's time for our children's choirs to resume their rehearsals on August 29. The opportunities are different this year, and the level of commitment of the directors is unmatched anywhere.

The biggest change is in the rehearsal hour. In order to make the Wednesday evening experience truly a family time, including the opportunity for dinner at the church, the children's choir **rehearsal time will be from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm**. Dinners will begin on September 5th and you may make a standing reservation by calling the church office. Dinner is served beginning at 5:00 pm and until 7:00 pm.

There is a sense of increasing alarm in all the Protestant churches about the large percentage of loss of children at the high school age level. But those churches that maintain an active graded choir system have proven that the boys and girls trained in habits of worship and participation in the children's choirs carry their interest through the dangerous years of adolescence, and many go on to become adult church leaders.

Our directors pledge to ensure their rehearsals are designed to engage children's imaginations and develop their abilities. They will be drawn, unconsciously in the early years, perhaps consciously later on, to a place where their evolving aesthetic sense is nurtured. We will strive to make what we do in each rehearsal so effective and memorable, that what we offer the children is a journey they will be motivated to take. Help us by encouraging your children to be a part of our choir program and by supporting them with regular attendance.

PROMOTION SUNDAY!!

Preschoolers through sixth grade are asked to arrive by 9:45 am and go to Ward Hall to register for door prizes to be given out that day. Following the promotion "festivities" there will be an OARS party. Preschoolers may be picked up in their rooms while the OARS group (grades 1-6) will be found in Ward Hall. Rising third graders will receive Bibles at the 11 am service.

August 12, 2007

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
"WHEN EVERYTHING IS NOTHING"**

Scripture: **Luke 12: 13 - 21**

Rev. Dr. George Howle

Worship music provided by
Cloudland Vocal Band

Meetings to Note

Thursday, August 9

- 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Congregational Care Committee

Sunday, August 12

- 8:15 am Coffee House
- PROMOTION SUNDAY*
- 4:30 pm Men's Praise Choir
- 6:00 pm Women's Bible study
- 6:00 pm UMY Parents' Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm UMY

Monday, August 13

- 7:00 pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, August 14

- 9:00 am Preschool Staff meeting
- 9:30 am GIC meetings w/staff begin
- 11:30 am UMW Circle #11 at Café Monet
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees
- 7:30 pm GIC Team Leaders

Wednesday, August 15

- 9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30 am Old Testament Bible Study
- 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Group
- 6:45 pm Regular choir rehearsals resume
- 7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Randi Hyché
- Acolytes** - Victoria Lockridge, Rachael Perkins
- Altar Guild** - Gayle Garrison, Jenny Johnson, Donna Caprell Kraft
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Rosalind Crenshaw
- Toddlers** - Charity Leigh
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Denise Musick
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Teresa Crain
- Children's Worship** - Keisha Uhle
- 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 12)**
Virgil Sauls
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (August 12) - *Brian Eberhard*
- Monday - *George Bodkin*
- Tuesday - *Gene Usher*
- Wednesday - *Jim Fuqua*
- Thursday - *Dan Fabrick*
- Friday - *Eric Randall*
- Saturday - *George Kelley*

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	149
11:00	441
Total	590
SS	273

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

BAPTISM: *Joshua Michael Hammett, son of Daymon & Linden Hammett and grandson of Jeff & Mary Lou Wallace, was baptized Sunday, August 5.*

NEW ARRIVAL: *Campbell Inez Crain, daughter of Scott and Teresa Crain, was born July 31 in Augusta.*

Correction from last week: Peyton Tillman Nazworth is the grandson of Claudette & John Strickland.

WEDDING: *Congratulations to Mary Katherine Bledsoe (daughter of Tony & Kathy Bledsoe) and Joshua Aronson who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, August 4.*

CONGRATULATIONS: *Warren Durrett was named outstanding youth volunteer for the year at Aiken Regional Hospital. Warren works at the information desk and in the pharmacy department.*

HOSPITALIZED: *Discharged to Carriage Hills - Gene Carroll*

IN MEMORIAM

GAYLE HENDERSON REES

August 3, 2007

Preschool and MDO workers are most grateful to the Monday morning work crew for the work done in their hallway and send sincere thanks. A big thank you is also due them from all who use St. John's facilities. Their faithfulness and efforts each week save much money and countless service calls. You are all appreciated!

APPLE FEST 2007

Attention all Chairpersons and interested workers

Please be present at the meeting
Thursday, August 15
7:00 pm Rm 116

If you cannot attend please be sure to send your representative.

Jeanette Isaacson
Hilda Secrist
Co-Chairpersons

Book Worm Corner - Start collecting your books for Apple Fest.

Boxes have been placed by the church office. Please begin filling them up. If you have questions call Sharon West at 648-3824. Any new or used books will help.



UMW CIRCLE #11 is meeting at 11:30 am on Tuesday, August 14, at Café Monet.

PRESCHOOL is in need of "dress-up" clothes. If you have any old dance costumes or clothing suitable for dress-up the children would love to have them. Please drop off at Michelle Pearson's office.



COMMITTEE HEADS are reminded that budgets are due in the office by Wednesday, August 15. Contact Nancy Fairgrieve or Harry Sampson with questions.

Have You Seen These Children?

This picture is of *Doris Hoffman* and *Rev. Ken Callahan*, who began their church ministry by singing in their children's choir!

Financials for week ending July 28, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 13,181
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$903,825
Actual expenses to date	\$815,883
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,810,208

St. John's Youth News

**UMYF regular meeting - Sunday, August 12, 6 pm
Remember**

**Aiken Foxhounds game is on Friday (August 10.)
Come and tailgate at the Roberto Hernandez stadium on the USCA campus BEFORE the game starts at 7:05. If you can make it, call Gene or Walter at the church office and let them know.**



Please continue to keep John, Frances and Rebecca Osteen in prayer as they near the completion of their mission trip to Quimistan, Honduras.

Dinner for Eight Registration Until August 26

Dinner for Eight registration for the Fall 2007 (September through December) session has begun. Groups will again gather to make new Christian friends, share meaningful fellowship and good food, by participating in this ministry of friendship and connection.

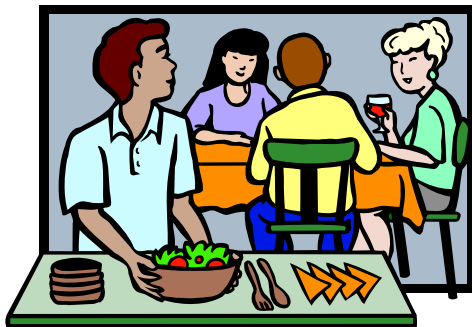
A special invitation is extended to St. John's newest members. This is a wonderful way to become better acquainted and to strengthen our relationships as a church family.

Groups of eight individuals (couples or singles) meet for four consecutive months to share a meal together, with hosting responsibilities rotating among the members. Just think about it, by the time you have shared a meal and visited with someone four times, you have pretty well formed a friendship.

Until August 26, please indicate your interest in joining the Dinner for Eight fellowship by phoning the church office. After that, names will be arranged in groups and you will be notified when and how to begin this enjoyable adventure.

New groups are formed twice a year (Fall and Spring), through a new registration opportunity offered at the beginning of each session.

Hope to see you around the table!



CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2007:

**PROMOTION SUNDAY!!
(SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS)**

PLEASE REMEMBER to notify the church office when you *change your address or phone*. Accurate records are important and, if the change notification comes via the post office, the church is charged for the information.

IMPORTANT: As we approach fall and the resumption of various meetings and activities. *please remember to schedule your meeting/activity through the church office*. The church calendar should accurately reflect who is in the building and where the meeting is taking place. Cooperation from all groups planning to use the building is absolutely essential.



LOOKING AHEAD

- August 12** - Promotion Sunday
- August 15** - Chancel Choir resumes
- August 19** - Christian Believer study begins
- August 23** - Rev. George Howle to Kenya
Kindergarten Orientation (5:30 pm)
Preschool Ice Cream Social (6:30 pm)
- August 26** - Rev. Jerry Samuels, Nigeria, preaching
New Member Dinner
- August 27** - MDO Open House
- August 28** - Churchwide Day of Prayer
Preschool & MDO Begin
Preschool & MDO Parent Breakfast
- August 29** - Children's Choirs resume
- September 2** - Congregational Hymn Sing
- September 5** - Prayer Service in Chapel
- September 16** - Joseph Martin, Concert/Lecture
- 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 11** - Prayer/Healing Service
- December 2** - Children's Christmas Program
- December 23** - Chancel Choir Cantata
- January 23-27** - 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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29 TERRY FLEMING
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27 GENE AIKEN
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NANCY REED
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