


St. John's Visitor


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Operation Backpack





St. John's United Methodist Church is hosting a community Back-To-School event on Sunday, August 17!


 School Supply Drive to benefit local and statewide missions: Drop off your donations of paper, pencils, crayons, etc. in the collection boxes located by the church kitchen and in the lobby on or before August 17.

 Free Teacher Appreciation Breakfast: 8:00AM in Ward Hall, open to all school teachers, door prizes, gifts for the first 250 participants, brief message by Dr. Everitt. Call 648-6891 for reservations by 8/14.

 "Blessing of the Backpacks" services: Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks to one of our worship services (8:30, 9:02, or 11:00) to receive a special blessing for the coming school year.

 Special O.A.R.S. lessons with gifts for all students: Elementary-aged visitors are encouraged to come see our fabulous rotational model of Sunday School. Classes are from 10:00-10:45 AM upstairs in the Education Building.

 Parent Program: Interested parents are encouraged to come to the gym from 10:00-10:45 to hear a brief presentation about Children's Ministries at St. John's, take tours of our facilities, and get to know other parents.

 Back-To-School Blast: Free and open to all students. 3:00-5:00 PM in the gym. Indoor inflatables, games, face painting, refreshments, the Mayfield Ice Cream Truck, and a LIVE BAND! **Parent supervision required!**

**You are encouraged to wear your nametags
as we are expecting many visitors!**

REMINDER

Back-to-School Blast is *open to the community*. Invite your friends and neighbors to bring their children **grades 1 through 6** to the gym to enjoy the activities from 3:00-5:00pm next Sunday, August 17.

August 17, 2008 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"RISKING IT ALL"

Scripture: Matthew 13:44

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

Blessing of the Backpacks

Community is invited!!

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 14

- 6:30pm CPR Training
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, August 15

- 7:00pm Primetime Bridge

Sunday, August 17

- 8:00am Teacher Breakfast
- 8:15am Coffee House
- 3:00pm Back-to-school Blast
- 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00pm Women's Emmaus
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, August 18

- 9:30am Summer Exercise Class
- 10:30am Primetime Sunny Monday
- 6:00pm Evangelism Committee
- 7:00pm Finance Committee
- 7:00pm Senior Adult Council
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, August 19

- 6:30pm GIC Team Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, August 20

- 9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
- 5:45pm Class on reading music
- 6:00pm Family Life Council
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsals resume
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Thursday, August 21

- 6:00pm Preschool Social
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Jimmy Rodgers
- Acolytes** - Andrea Mikes, John Luke Nance
- Altar Guild** - Gayle Garrison, Paula Clayton, Mary Cornelius, Sharon West, Donna Caprell-Kraft
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Casey Young
- Toddlers** - Holley Kring
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Ann Prather
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Laura Rowan
- 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 17)

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Evening Hosts

- Sunday (**Aug 17**) - *Eric Randall*
- Monday - *George Kelley*
- Tuesday - *Charlie Neill*
- Wednesday - *Chuck Bryan*
- Thursday - *Barry Pearson*
- Friday - *Jim Minear*
- Saturday - *Rick Endler*

ANNIVERSARY CORRECTION from last week: *Gerald & Linda PARKER* celebrated 50 years of marriage on August 9.

ANNIVERSARIES: Congratulations to *Don & Lou Nichols* on their 60th wedding anniversary, August 14.

Also, *Rick and Liz Benton* will celebrate 50 years of marriage on August 16.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER SUMMER GRADUATE:

MICHAEL FRASER HAYNES

(grandson of Lib & Fraser Sofge)

B.S., Biomedical Science Texas A & M University

HOSPITALIZED: *Aiken* - Ann Schifferli, Betty Thorngate; *Atlanta* - Tricia Beiers; **Discharged** - Sally Ewing, Bill Durrett;

AUGUST CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 19

7:00pm # 8 Church Parlor

Wednesday August 20

5:30pm # 7 Eejay's

Time for **PRIMETIME BRIDGE** on Friday, (Aug 15) is 7:00pm in the Youth Room. Everyone is welcome and no partner is necessary. This month's hosts are Doug & Elsie Leader, 649-6003.

DOOR PRIZES are needed to award to Aiken County teachers next Sunday, Aug 17. If interested in donating a vacation home for a few nights or ANY contribution suitable for a door prize, please contact Phyllis Coker, 649-1511.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP will be eating out at Ni Hao Chinese Restaurant located near the new Walmart on Richard Av. on Wed, August 20, 5:30pm. Call the office to reserve a seat.

Financials for week ending August 9, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 40,704
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 987,336
Actual expenses to date	\$ 870,129
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 996,908

Faith Promise Report for week ending August 9

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last two weeks	632,00
Received YTD	86,752.39
Disbursements to date	79,774.33
Balance for which to pray	146,500.09

PRIMETIME SUNNY MONDAY GROUP meets next week, August 18, at 10:30am in Ward Hall. This month's program features Christine Reed of Eden Gardens with *Tips on Making Long-term Care Decisions*. Luncheon follows the meeting. Please make reservations by telephoning the church office.

NEW MEMBERS will be received next Sunday, August 17. Telephone the church office if you are interested in becoming part of the St. John's church family. All recent new members are invited to attend the Welcome Coffee that morning at 10am in Ward Hall.

SCRAPBOOKING WEEKEND is Friday (5-9pm) & Saturday (8:30am-8:00pm), Aug 22-23, in the Youth Room. Bring your photos, supplies and an appetizer to share. Contact Leigh Crain, 648-4248, to reserve your space.



Last Week's Attendance

8:30	101
9:02	93
11:00	357
Total	551
SS	239



St. John's
youth ministry

Wednesday, August 13
Lunch at Jade of China - 1pm
with Gene & Marshall
Sunday, August 18

This week is Messy Night!! Come and be prepared to get messy. The youth need to bring a bathing suit and a towel. There will be a slip'n'slide, shaving cream and other messy events.

Fuel Retreat is August 22-24. Meet at the church at 4:30 on Friday prepared to leave. Gene will send a packing list during the week to all going on this trip.

A COOKIE CHALLENGE has been issued to all other Sunday School classes by the Seekers of Good News Class. See if you can beat their total of 86 dozen cookies for Kairos which was set in March, 2008. Remember, cookies must be home-baked, no powdered sugar, no nuts, 2" diameter and sent in a shirt-sized gift box so the cookies travel easily. (No plastic baggies, please.) Cookies are needed by Sept 15. Contact Beth Eberhard (295-7188, cell) or Jennifer Willoughby (514-2034, home) about where to deliver. Mark which Sunday School class is making the contribution. Winning class will receive breakfast delivered to their classroom.



SHARE YOUR CRAFT/BAKING with 1st through 6th graders on Sunday nights from 6-8 pm. All gifts/cookies will benefit a local missions project and bring joy to many wonderful people! Come up with a craft/gift/baking idea and empower the 1st-6th graders to be your elves! Call Michelle Brown to pick your date and share your idea. Expenses for supplies will be reimbursed. Sign up today! 803-522-2010

GO Global Outreach News

Prayer Request Update: In May, we issued a prayer request that **Charlie and Miki Chastain**, our missionary partners in Russia, would obtain the financial support necessary to return to St. Petersburg this fall. At the time, they were considering moving their trip back to December due to lack of funding. Also, Isabel, their 21 month old daughter, was having seizure-like episodes, adding worry and unexpected medical expenses. We are pleased to report that the Chastains will be able to go to Russia in September as planned. Isabel's condition was diagnosed to be a hereditary condition and was treated by changes to her diet. She has been "episode free" for several months now. Praise God for answering prayer!

ACTS REQUEST FOR AUGUST: Cereal and/or oatmeal.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2008:

**BLESSING
OF THE
BACKPACKS!!**

REMINDER - The church nursery is available for children under 4 years of age. For the safety of babies and toddlers, any child over age 4 must be accompanied by an adult when in the nursery. Your cooperation will be appreciated!!

FROZEN CASSEROLES for Apple Fest: Please whip up one of your family favorite recipes and make your contribution to our popular Apple Fest booth. Questions? Call Mary Halfmann, 644-3098.



ALABAMA CHRISTMAS SHOW in Myrtle Beach is the focus of a day-trip to Myrtle Beach on Dec 9 for its special Christmas production. Contact Nancy Reed at the church for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

- August 20** - Chancel Choir resumes regular rehearsals
- August 22-24** - FUEL Retreat (Youth)
- August 24** - Third Grace Bible Presentation
Commissioning of mission participants
- 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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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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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