

# St. John's Visitor

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## Sparkle and Shine

As fall approaches, St. John's facilities really get a workout. The Preschool and MDO kids return, more sessions take place in the various rooms upstairs and down, the gym is a popular place, and the kitchen bustles with activity.

This extra traffic comes into our buildings where things are extra sharp and clean, after special care gets taken during the summer months. The classrooms for the children have been polished until they look almost brand new, with the little chairs, desks, and colorful décor inviting happy adventures in learning.

Our custodial team, led by Gerald Thompson, take great pride in their work. Gerald has been in his role since August, 2001. Allen Radcliffe and Harry Sampson join Gerald in keeping our overall facilities and campus in good working order, and provide direction to our invaluable volunteers and external service personnel, as required.

Willie Green has been here the longest, at 22 years. Wherever Willie goes, there usually is a song in the air. At Apple Fest, we've been treated to his men's gospel ensemble, to great delight. Willie can sling those big round tables with precision, and yet can delicately place the cloth on the sanctuary cross like an artist.

Yvonne Dublin spends much of her day in the children's wing. She joined St. John's staff shortly before Gerald, in July, 2001, and has seen many of our young children move through the levels on to their next school.

Ensley Adams keeps the vacuum going at a steady pace each morning. In between, he shreds the papers accumulated throughout the various offices. Ensley has more than ten years with St. John's.

Of course Robert Woods stole our hearts, when he came with the other visitors from New Orleans in 2005. We are so glad he and his mother liked Aiken and St. John's well enough to make it their permanent home. He is particularly fussy about keeping things "just so".

Our spotless kitchen continues to get good marks from DHEC in their frequent inspections, and one can almost see a reflection in the gym floor, even after the chairs for 9:02 continuously move.

So, the next time you are in Ward Hall, dropping off a child, using a restroom, or sitting in a meeting space, take note of how well these valuable folks do their job, which reaches far beyond the Sanctuary. Couple them with our amazing and faithful Monday volunteer guys, and the groundskeeping teams. No wonder St. John's is so well cared for and clean. Not always new, but always a place where we can be proud to have visitors drop in and feel welcome.



Back row l - r: Harry Sampson, Ensley Adams, Gerald Thompson  
Front row l - r: Yvonne Dublin, Robert Woods, Willie Green

**August 29, 2010**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**  
**9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym**  
**11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**  
**"THE POWER OF ONE"**  
**Acts 9: 10 - 19**  
**Rev. Keith Stewart**

## NEWS OF THE FAMILY

### Meetings to Note

**Thursday, August 26**

*Preschool/MDO Open House & Conferences*  
 1:30pm Joseph's Coat  
 6:30pm United Methodist Men  
 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday, August 27**

5:30pm Parents' Night Out

**Saturday, August 28**

8:00am Grace Kitchen

**Sunday, August 29**

8:15am Coffee House  
 8:30am Worship  
 9:02am Contemporary Worship  
 9:45am Bible Study/Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship  
 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir  
 6:00pm Women's Bible Study  
 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth  
 6:00pm 12 Keys Bible Study

**Monday, August 30**

*Preschool/MDO begin*  
 8:00am First Place 4 Health  
 10:00am Exercise Class  
 10:30am UMW Executive Meeting  
 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, August 31**

12:30pm Bible Study  
 7:00pm Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 1**

9:30am Bible Study  
 9:30am Quilting Fellowship  
 5:45pm Children's Choirs  
 6:00pm Youth Band Practice  
 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm 9:02 Band Practice  
 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp  
 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

### Serving This Week

**Crucifer** - Andrea Mikes

**Acolytes** - Jordan Kelley, Hayden Hyche

**Altar Guild** (August) - Donna Caprell-Kraft,  
 Gayle Garrison, Mary Cornelius, Paula  
 Clayton, Sharon West

**Crib Rm** - Kristin Padgett

**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Helen Randall

**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Kristi Yaughn

**Sunday AM Host (8/29)** - Bobby Coker

**Evening Hosts**

Sunday - (**Aug 29**) - *Jeff Ray*

Monday - *John Geiger*

Tuesday - *Bob Fogle*

Wednesday - *Jeff Crenshaw*

Thursday - *Robin Dillman*

Friday - *Kevin Buchanan*

Saturday - *Jon Paul Hyche*

**BAPTISMS:** *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 22, was James Baxter Whitesell V, son of Jimi (IV) & Julie Whitesell and grandson of Jim & Carolyn Moore.*

**HOSPITALIZED:** ARMC - Jack Rogers; Charlotte, NC - Betty Thomason; **Discharged** - Ruth Milks, Earl Melton; **Discharged to Carriage Hills** - Evelyn Morris, Skippy Bryson

**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

meet on Thursday (8/26) and all men of the church are welcome. State Representative Tom Young will be present to talk about issues of interest to South Carolina residents. Bring your covered dish and come to Ward Hall at 6:30.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT** Women's

Bible Study will have a new starting time of 6:30pm when they resume on September 8. Study book is *If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* by John Ortberg. This exciting study invites participants to explore the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the Sea of Galilee toward Jesus. Contact persons are Carolyn Roberts, 649-6974, or Nancy Reed at the church, 648-6891.

**SISTERS BIBLE STUDY** resumes

in the Library on Thursday mornings at 9:30am beginning September 9. The study will be on the *Book of John* and all interested women are invited.

**UMW CIRCLE 2** plans their first

meeting of the school year on Friday, Sept 10, 9-10am in the parlor. This circle is geared toward women with school-aged children, but new members are welcome anytime!

**Financials for week ending August 21, 2010**

Budget funds rec'd this week \$ 22,442  
 Budget needs for the week \$ 33,091  
 Budget Funds Rec'd to date \$1,051,074  
 Expenses to date \$1,040,699  
 St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$266,135.08

**Faith Promise Update**

Faith Promise 2010 \$173,987.00  
 Rec'd to date \$117,760.75  
 Expenses to date \$116,150.00

**TWELVE KEYS BIBLE STUDY,**

a churchwide opportunity, has begun but it's never too late to join any of the groups. Check the blue sheets in the sanctuary pews for various meeting times and drop in on any of the open sessions.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** in

Grace Kitchen on Saturday, September 4. Each Saturday a group cooks and serves breakfast to some of Aiken's hungry residents. Contact Bobby Coker at home, 649-1511, or on his cell, 439-6596, if you can provide assistance.

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** happens

this Friday from 5:30-8:00. Register online or call Allison in the church office. It's an opportunity to enjoy an evening out without sitter charges (available to parents of children from newborn and up.)

**CHRISMON WORKSHOP!** Come help

us repair the slightly used Chrismons and learn to make new ones. September 2, at 9:30 in room #116. If you are interested, please call Cindy Snell at 642-5672.



**Attendance  
August 22**

8:30	115
9:02	138
11:00	369
<b>Total</b>	<b>622</b>
SS	357



St. John's  
youth ministry

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

August 29

Youth Choir 5pm  
Regular Meeting 6pm  
(Chapters 2, 3 & 8 - 12 Keys Bible Study)

**DAY-TRIP OPPORTUNITY** - Join the Primetime Travel Group on Wednesday, Sept 15, when they visit Park Seed Company, lunch at Yoder's and tour Happy Cow Creamery in Pelzer. Mattie & Les King can provide cost and additional information. Contact them at 643-9844.

**ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL/MDO** programs resume on August 30. Parent conferences and open houses take place this week on Wednesday and Thursday, August 25-26.



*ACTS COLLECTION*  
*August - Toilet Tissue*  
*September - Crackers*

## GO Global Outreach News

**Habitat Volunteers Needed:** We are still looking for St. John's volunteers to help with the new Habitat for Humanity construction as well as provide lunches on the following days: August 28, September 24/25 & November 12/13. Workers of all skill levels are encouraged to volunteer. To help out with construction, please contact Kevin Buchanan at 617-9558 ([buchanan4@gforcecable.com](mailto:buchanan4@gforcecable.com)) or Lee Boyleston at 648-9242 ([lee@holleyheatingandair.com](mailto:lee@holleyheatingandair.com)). If you would like to help provide lunches, please contact Beth Kelly at 649-3591 ([beththechef@juno.com](mailto:beththechef@juno.com)).

**Kairos Cookies:** Kairos #34 Prison Ministry will be September 16-19. Home baked cookie donations are being requested to help show the love of Christ to the residents at McCormick Correctional Institution. Please consider helping out either individually or as a group. For additional details, contact Beth Kelly (see contact info above).

**Epworth Offering:** September 12 will be the second of two annual Work Day Offerings to support the ministry of Epworth Children's Home. Epworth relies heavily on these Work Day offerings to provide CARE to the more than 75 children who call Epworth home.

**ACTS Update:** Karen Perry, Operations Manager for ACTS, requests the following: "We need your help! We are very low on children's clothing and shoes in all sizes. We accept donations Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm at 401 Hayne Avenue."

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2010

*3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:*  
DAVID SPARES SAUL'S LIFE  
1 SAMUEL 26: 5 - 25

**APPLE FEST BOOKWORM CORNER** - Collection boxes have been set out in front of the church office and in the hallway outside the kitchen. Children's books, inspirational books, books written by popular authors and special interest books are especially popular with buyers. Contact Mary West at 649-1779.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Saturday, October 2. All women of the church are invited to participate in *Stir*, a live, global webstream seminar focused on how to stir the hearts of women for Christ in the 21st century. *Stir* is being presented by Stonecroft Ministries in conjunction with the Aiken Christian Women's Connection. This free webcast will be held at St. John's on Saturday, October 2, from 1-5 p.m. Networking and lunch (\$10 per person) will be offered at noon. Registrations are due by Monday, September 27, and may be made by calling 648-8126 or 648-9433, by e-mailing [aikenstir@gmail.com](mailto:aikenstir@gmail.com), or by clicking on the link at [www.stjohns-umc.org](http://www.stjohns-umc.org). The webcast will be interactive via Facebook and Twitter, so bring your cell phones! Donations of canned goods will be collected for Golden Harvest Food Bank. For further information, call Sue Frushour at 648-8126.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Saturdays** - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am  
**August 25/26** - Preschool/MDO Open House  
**August 27** - Parents' Night Out  
**August 30** - Preschool begins  
**October 3** - World Communion Sunday  
**October 31** - All Saints Day  
**November 6** - AppleFest 2010  
**November 7** - Daylight Savings time ends  
**November 12-14** - Asbury Hills Fall Retreat - Youth  
**November 17** - Charge Conference  
**November 18** - UMW Turkey Dinner  
**December 5** - Children's Musical Program  
**December 19** - Christmas Music Sunday  
**December 24** - Family Candlelight Service (5pm)  
Communion Candlelight Service (7pm)  
Candlelight Service (11pm)  
**January 16, 2011** - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity  
**January 21-23** - Mission Impact Celebration  
**February 11** - Valentine Luncheon  
**February 11-13** - Youth Revolution

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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 KEITH STEWART  
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON  
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE  
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE  
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34 ANNE HAWKINS  
21 PAULA SAWYER  
30 MICHELLE PEARSON  
61 ALLISON BEATTY  
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK  
27 JIMI WHITESSELL  
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Financial Services  
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries  
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Church Secretary  
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Children's Ministries and GOLT  
PR/Communications Director  
Director of Youth Ministries  
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