

St. John's Visitor

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CHRIST CENTRAL (AIKEN)

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:35-36)

The above verse is the heart of Christ Central. The Mission: To create a haven of hope and center for help that produces changed lives through a **hand up** and not just a **hand out**.

Here is an update on the Christ Central ministry for 2007:

- ◆ 4701 families served through Food Pantry (that is the twice weekly food distribution of staple food items and clothing)
- ◆ 13,224 people in those families
- ◆ Clothing items given were 46,390 (that does not include our overages that we pass on to other ministries)
- ◆ On-site meals 21,086 (those were children, adults and seniors coming to eat nightly, Saturday Kids Klub and Sunday breakfast)
- ◆ Most important were those praying to receive Christ - 29 people
- ◆ Total expenditures were \$158,522
- ◆ Funding sources God uses are:
Individuals 58% Business 23% Churches 12% Agencies 6% Grants 1%

Check out the Christ Central website (www.christcentralaiken.com) and find out more about their needs and how you can be of help. There is a list of volunteer opportunities for both men and women. One of their most important activities in the Mentoring Center for Christ - a mentoring program involving one adult, one child, one hour a week on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Memorial Baptist Church. These volunteers assist the children in grade level math and reading. If interested in mentoring, please contact the Director, Denise Merchant, at 617-8106. She would be pleased to hear from you. Anyone interested in investing in the lives of children is welcome. This could be a blessing to both the mentor and the mentee. Please consider giving some time to Christ Central.

Sherry Williamson, Local Missions Team Member

WEDNESDAY SUPPERS RESUME SEPTEMBER 3!!

Serving time 5--7 pm

Your help needed - check the
sign-up board.

Reservations necessary -
please specify if you wish a
standing reservation.

Cost is \$4

Maximum \$18/household
Children 3 & under - no charge

August 31, 2008

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A GREAT DAY OF SINGING!!!

Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.
Combined contemporary and traditional services
(No 9:02 service this Sunday)

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, August 28

6:30pm United Methodist Men
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, August 30

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, August 31

8:15am Coffee House
6:00pm Youth Night Youth Mtg
6:00pm Parents of Youth Mtg
6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, September 1

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, September 3

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
9:30am Acts Bible Study
5:00pm Fellowship Suppers Resume
5:45pm Children's Choirs
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Thursday, September 4

9:30am Experiencing God Bible Study
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Kyle Beckner

Acolytes - Sydney Beckner, Daniel Lunn

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

Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Marian Dean

Toddlers - Robin Vitali

2-3 Yr Nursery - Karen Buchanan

3-4 Yr Nursery - Angie Doolittle

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 31)

Bobby Coker

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Aug 31) - Bob Fogle

Monday - Jeff Crenshaw

Tuesday - Robin Dillman

Wednesday - Kevin Buchanan

Thursday - Lamar Keisler

Friday - Clay Jones

Saturday - Jerry Johnson

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	134
9:02	120 (est)
11:00	456
Total	710
SS	383

BAPTISMS: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 8:30 service on August 24 was **George Asbury Lawson, IV**, son of **George (III) & Amy Lawson** of Nashville, TN, and grandson of **George (Jr.) and Susan Lawson**.

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11:00 service on August 24 was **Ryan Philip Sikes**, son of **Phil & Jocelyn Sikes** of Easley, SC, and grandson of **Brent & Jan Boore**.

NEW ARRIVAL: **Joseph Scott Vaughn**, son of **James (Jr.) & Kristi Vaughn** and grandson of **James & Mark Ann Vaughn**, was born August 20 in Aiken.

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to **Al & Nan Stetler** who will celebrate 65 years of marriage on August 31.

NEW MEMBERS: Received into membership on Sunday, July 20 were:

Jean S. "Skippy" Bryson

Bennett "Ben" Bryson

1409 Canterbury Ct SE 649-4526

Kevin & Mary Beth Lucas

197 Long Creek Dr cell 645-2582 or 221-7120

Fannie Lee Morey

114 High St (Langley, SC) 593-1910

Ken & Donna Wilson

Jacob (9th grade) & **Julian** (7th grade)

324 Magnolia Lake Ct 642-3854

Sean & Krissy Zeigler and Madison (5 mos)

450 Timberchase Ln 643-9609

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY: **Joe Thompson** celebrates 100 years on September 1!

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to following persons in their recent loss of family members:

Jennifer Willoughby in the death of **her grandfather** in Trussville, AL, on Aug 20.

Chad Ingram and Chase Ingram in the death of their grandmother, **Lois Melanson**, in Savannah, GA, on August 20.

Mary Boswell in the death of her mother, **Dorothy Giselman**, on August 25. Additional family members include: **Kim Rush** - granddaughter; **Tiffany Clary, Sara-Beth Brown & Brittany Rush** - great-granddaughters, and **Mary Margaret Brown** - great-great granddaughter.

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken** - Denver Blosser; **Discharged** - Rusty Findley; **Discharged to Walton Rehab** - Ann Schifferli

I want to express my deepest appreciation & gratitude for prayers spoken on behalf of my daughter, Jeanne, in Palm Bay, FL. She suffered a stroke and is now slowly recovering. God is good! Thank you for being such a special church family.



Music reading classes continue but the time has changed to Mondays at 12 noon in the handbell room. Newcomers are free to come "jump right in."

Financials for week ending August 23, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 23,841
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,034,626
Actual expenses to date	\$ 922,049
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 996,908

Faith Promise Report for week ending August 23

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	3,525.00
Received YTD	92,107.39
Disbursements to date	79,853.43
Balance for which to pray	141,145.09

UNITED METHODIST MEN

extend an invitation to all men of the church to attend their covered dish meeting in Ward Hall on Thursday, August 28, at 6:30 pm. Special guest this month is Mike Brandt, women's basketball coach at USC-A, whose topic is *Motivation and Leadership from the Basketball Court to the Business World*.

REMINDER - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY (9/1.) Please submit newsletter info by Thursday afternoon, 8/28.



St. John's
youth ministry

Sunday, August 31
Movie time at Gene & Katie's - 6 pm.
Bring \$5 for pizza & drinks!

Sunday, September 7
Parents are invited!! 6:00-7:30
Bring a covered dish to share!

APPLEFEST CO-CHAIRS meet Monday, September 8, 7:00 pm in Ward Hall. Anyone interested in the 2008 Applefest is encouraged to attend.

SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE for Applefest needs your donations.. The large table outside the church office has a list of suggested items. Please stop by!

Bible Studies - Fall 2008

(Further details available from the office)

Forty-Sixty: Study for Midlife Adults

Sunday, September 9 - 6:00 pm

Entering the Old Testament

Sunday, 5:00 pm - begins mid-Sept

World Religions & Cults 101

Sunday, August 10 - 6:00 pm

...Colossians and Philemon...

Monday, September 8 - 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 10 - 7:00 pm

Experiencing God

Thursday, September 4 - 9:30 am

Acts: The Early Church

Wednesday, September 3 - 9:30 am

Men's Bible Study - Acts

Wednesday, September 10 - 7:00 pm

First Place

Monday, August 25 - 8:00am

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008:**

- 1ST GRADE: THE ARKADE**
- 2ND GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE**
- 3RD GRADE: CREATION STATION**
- 4TH GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GRP 1: THOU ART**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GRP 2: FROM BC TO PC**

Menu for Wednesday, September 3

- Hot Chicken Salad* *Glazed Carrots*
- Green salad w/fruit & poppy seed dressing*
- Rolls* *Chocolate Cake*
- Cheese Pizza for children*



**THE FOLLOWING THIRD GRADERS WERE PRESENTED
 BIBLES DURING 11AM WORSHIP LAST SUNDAY:**

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| Clayton Paul Bowers | Hope Elizabeth Cornelius | Gavin Abel Platt |
| William Mason Brodie | Brooke Alexis Garvin | David McIntosh Ray |
| Katelyn Taylor Brown | Madison Alexandra Hall | Kyle Davis Ready |
| Ashby Walters Callahan | Ethan Charles Hirsch | Andreas Jordan Samaha |
| Ada Elizabeth Carpenter | Patrick Steven Lown | Benjamin Keith Staubs |
| William Griffin Cathey | Mark David Pitts | Eric Alexander Wertz |

LOOKING AHEAD

- September 3** - Wednesday Fellowship Suppers 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

GO Global Outreach News

The missionary trip to Russia has been postponed due to political unrest in the region. Please pray that events will stabilize in time for a trip as early as next summer.

Wanted: Creative volunteers to help plan Vacation Bible School activities for our mission trip to Kenya in December. Ideas are needed for music, outdoor games, crafts and stories that focus on the Christmas message and serve to build relationships with our Kenyan partners. The activities will most likely be simpler than our own VBS programs and should take into account multicultural differences. This is a great opportunity for those who want to help in this mission effort but are unable to make the trip. Please contact Frances Osteen at 648-2548.

ACTS REQUEST FOR AUGUST: Cereal and/or oatmeal.

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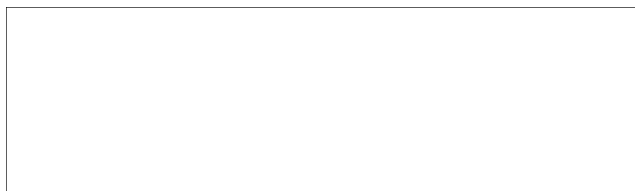
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We grow in faith and number by sharing
the Good News of Jesus Christ, through
worship, nurture and service.*



Serving you...

Ext

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29 KEITH STEWART
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
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Director of Music Ministries
Financial Services
Director of Youth Ministries
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries
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Church Secretary
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