

St. John's Visitor

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YOUTH FUEL RETREAT

On August 21-23 St. John's hosted a youth retreat in Aiken called FUEL. There were three worship times during the weekend, followed by small group meetings at different homes of church members. The youth also stayed at those homes for the weekend! On Saturday the group went to Adventure Crossing in Augusta for a little fun. The whole point of the weekend was to grow closer to one another and closer to God. Focus was on what the cross means for us, and how to better our relationship with Christ. The worship times were amazing, with a really good band, but the best part was the small group times where the youth were able to have great discussions with their leaders about their faith and what it means to them. God truly blessed this weekend.

Gene Aiken, Director of Youth Ministries



September 6, 2009

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A GREAT DAY OF SINGING!!!

Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.

Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13!

Meetings to Note

Thursday, September 3

1:30pm Joseph's Coat
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, September 4

10:00am Ringspiration Rehearsal

Saturday, September 5

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, September 6

8:15am Coffee House
9:45am Sunday School
4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
5:00pm Youth Choir
6:00pm Youth Group

Monday, September 7

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

12:30pm Al-Anon

Tuesday, September 8

7:00pm Joyful Sounds rehearsal
7:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, September 9

9:30am Quilting Fellowship
9:30am Terry Fleming Bible Study
5:00pm Fellowship Suppers Resume
5:45pm Children's Choirs
6:45pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Christa Eberhard

Acolytes - Max Madden, John Luke Nance

Altar Guild - Kay Shirley, Judy Turner,
Anita Allen, Ginger Talbert

Crib Rm (11am) - Sherry Williamson

2-3 Yr Nursery - Open

3-4 Yr Nursery - Emily Moore

Greeter 8:30 - Claudette Strickland

Greeter 11:00 - Debi Rood (Education Door)

Main Door & South Door - to be announced

Sunday AM Host (Sept 6) John McMahan

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Sept 6) - Jerry Johnson

Monday - Edward Yeh

Tuesday - Charles McKeel

Wednesday - Dennis Fish

Thursday - Mike Uhle

Friday - Keith Polk

Saturday - Brian Eberhard

Attendance - August 30

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| 8:30 | 128 |
| 9:02 | 131 |
| 11:00 | 451 |
| Total | 710 |
| SS | 322 |

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL: Chad Steven Hawley, son of Melissa & Chris Hawley and grandson of Tony & Donya Long was born August 25 at Murrell's Inlet.

BAPTISMS; Receiving the Sacrament of of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 30 at the 11am service were:

Reid Stanton Hinton, son of Gary & Leslie Hinton

Catherine Miriam Gunnells, daughter of Perry & Bridgitte Gunnells

NEW MEMBERS received August 30:

Ms. Shirley Autery

117 Timmerman St, Apt 206 - Warrentville 645-9712

Mrs. Derrill "Dale" Chew

212 Grandiflora Circle 644-5650

Mrs. Bridgitte Gunnells

Miss Catherine Gunnells

136 Cubs Hamlet Ct. 649-5199

Gary and Leslie Hinton

Reid S. Hinton added to baptized roll

1121 Sugarberry Rd. 226-0568

Mrs. Suzanne Sparks

506 Douglas Dr 706-313-1660

HOSPITALIZED: Doctor's - Dottie Kochli; Discharged to Mattie Hall - Bill Kulp;

FROM DAVID DILL: I arrived in Kampala on Wednesday and am adjusting to life in Uganda...I updated my blog and you should check it out at: <http://davidadill.blogspot.com/>. Thank you for all of your prayers and support.

NAME TAGS for those who have requested them are placed in alphabetical order on the ribbon outside office door.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS resume on Wednesday, Sept 9. Menu for that night is baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, rolls, dump cake and pizza for children. Please remember to make your reservation and indicate if it is intended to be a standing reservation for the entire year (meaning you **cancel** when unable to come in order to avoid being charged.)

Financials for week ending August 29, 2009

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| Budgetary needs for the week | \$ 34,914 |
| Budget funds rec'd this week | \$ 21,744 |
| Budget funds rec'd to date | \$1,028,656 |
| Actual expenses to date | \$1,051,836 |
| St John's loan amt w/Security Fed | \$ 349,800 |

Faith Promise Update

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| Faith Promise | \$177,112.00 |
| Rec'd YTD | \$108,948.62 |
| Disbursed YTD | \$ 99,693.85 |
| 2009 Faith Promise year = | 2/1/09 thru 1/31/10 |

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES have arrived. Your copy is available on a table outside Ward Hall if you are among those who had pictures made.

SUNNY MONDAY GROUP resumes meetings on September 21 at 10:30am. All retirees are invited and welcome!

CHRISTIAN THEATER WORKSHOP for grades 6-12 is coming Saturday, Sept 12, 2:30 - 5:30pm. Forms are on the receptionist's desk.

CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIANS are decorating 75 miniature Christmas trees for children who are cancer patients at MCG. If you have any *miniature* ornaments that you would like to donate please drop them off in Rm 206 - Contagious Christians Classroom. Thank you!

.ACTS OF RENEWAL theater performance is Sunday, Sept 13, at 3pm in the Sanctuary.



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, September 6

Movie Night with pizza & popcorn!

Come out from 6-8pm in the youth room.

See a good movie & hang out with your friends.

Permission slips are available for Asbury Hills,

Sr High Girls Sleepover & Sr. High Guys College Football Day.

NOTED AUTHOR AND EXPERT ON PARENTING,

John K. Rosemond, will be at St. John's on Thursday, Oct 8. Daytime and evening sessions are planned. Details can be found on the website www.stjohns-umc or by checking him out on St John's Facebook or Twitter to learn specifics. He is extraordinary!

Women's Sunday evening Bible study will use Beth Moore's "Stepping Up, a journey through the Psalms of Ascent" beginning October 11, 6:00-7:30 in rm 116. This is a 7-week study and the workbooks are \$14. Contact is Janel Poe, 648-4541.

BOOK CLUB meets Monday, September 21, to discuss *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall & Denver Moore.

ACTS COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER: *Canned beans*

Missionary Prayer Focus: For all missionaries to see God at work around them and to be encouraged by His presence.

GO Global Outreach News

The **Kairos #32 prison ministry** will take place at McCormick Correctional Institution in McCormick, S.C. from September 16-19. Participating from St. John's will be **Dave and Beth Kelly, Jim and Charlotte Holly, Tom and Pam McCollum, Mick & Linda Ferrell and Nancy Fairgrieve.** A cookie campaign to provide 6,000 dozen homemade cookies is now underway. Please contact Dave Kelly (649-3591) for more details regarding recipes and guidelines if you would like to help bake cookies.

The Mission Society will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on September 11 in Norcross, GA. An open house will be held at their headquarters from 1:30-4:30 PM. A reception (5:30-6:30 PM) and banquet/program (6:30-9:00 PM) will be held at Norcross First United Methodist Church. The evening event will be filled with stories from missionaries, founders, and staff. They will also celebrate the ministry contributions of Rev. Dr. Philip Granger, who has served as The Mission Society president since December 2001 and will retire at the end of 2009. There is no charge for the event. If interested, you may register on their web site:

<http://themissionsociety.org/forms/registrations/86/>

The Global Outreach Leadership Team (GOLT) is planning a series of presentations on recent mission trips to Honduras, Russia and Kenya. Stay tuned for further details.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

1ST GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
2ND GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
3RD GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
4TH GRADE: THE ARKADE

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 any questions call Sharon West at 648-3824. Any new or used books will help. Large print books are also welcome.

DIVINE DINNERS are back and there is room for a few more chefs! Join the others on Saturday, September 12, at 10am. Come with an empty cooler, leave with it full of ready-to-go meals for your family! Call or email Kathy Samaha, 641-9741 or samaha_a@bellsouth.net for more information.

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 8

10:00am #11 Church Parlor

12:30pm # 9 Red Lobster Restaurant

2:00pm #10 St. John's Resource Center

7:30pm # 1 Hazel Tatman - 820 Calhoun Pl SE

Monday, September 14

11:30am # 4 Luncheon at Kalmia Clubhouse

Tuesday, September 15

7:00pm # 8 At the Church

Wednesday, September 16

7:00pm # 7 Room 116-118 at the Church

Monday, September 21

2:30pm # 3 St. John's Church Parlor



LOOKING AHEAD

September 6 - Great Day of Singing

September 12 - Christian Theater Workshop

September 13 - *Bring a Friend to Church* & Epworth Sunday

September 13 - Under the Steeple "Acts of Renewal"

October 4 - World Communion Sunday

October 13-14 - Celebration Dinners

October 25 - Trunk a Treat

November 1 - All Saints Day - Daylight Savings time ends

November 7 - AppleFest

November 13-15 - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat

November 19 - UMW Turkey Dinner

November 22 - Thanksgiving Sunday, Holy Communion

December 6 - Children's Christmas Program

December 20 - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

January 27-31, 2010 - Next 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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23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
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25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE HAWKINS
21 PAULA SAWYER
30 MICHELLE PEARSON
61 ALLISON BEATTY
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK
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