

St. John's Visitor

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A cord of three strands is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 3:15

Thirty-six years ago when Ron and I married, my parents gave us a priceless wedding gift. It was a copy of a sermon by Dr. Pierce Harris, a friend and Methodist minister in Atlanta. The primary message of his sermon was –

PUT GOD AT THE CENTER OF YOUR MARRIAGE.

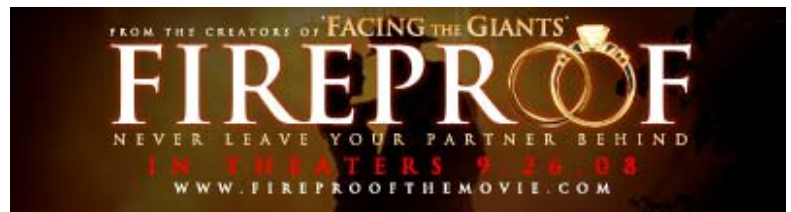
It was the best advice we ever received. And it reveals how God uses His children and His church to give us His best for our lives.

Your St. John's church family wants to continue that tradition of encouraging Christ-centered marriages.

Take your sweetheart on a date to the movies!

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

The congregation has made a Faith Promise to fund those missions, activities, and projects that are important to the Church. In order to support the Faith Promise concept, it is necessary to control fund raising activities so as to not overburden the congregation. Therefore the Church Council recently adopted a "Policy on Fund Raising Activities". That Policy requires that any fund raising activity that is targeted toward the congregation provide a tangible benefit and be pre-approved by the Finance Committee. All funds raised are to be used for a Church endorsed activity. If your group or organization is planning a Fund Raising Activities please review the Policy and submit the required forms to the Finance Committee. Copies of the Policy are available in the Church Office and on the Church web site.



Tickets to the new movie "Fireproof" are available at a discounted price for the 3:30 showing on Sunday, September 28, at the Augusta Exchange theatre. There are limited tickets so buy yours early. At the price offered you could even go to dinner after the movie!!

Tickets may be purchased the following Sundays -- September 14, 21 and 28 – in the hall outside 902 and in the glassed-in area outside the church offices. You may also call me at 648-9859 to reserve yours early.

Judy Jernigan, Family Life Coordinator

**September 14, 2008
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
"WE'RE ON THE WAY!"
Rev. Dr. George K. Howle**

**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, September 11

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

Saturday, September 13

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, September 14

8:15am Coffee House
5:00pm Lay Leadership Committee
Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00pm 40/60 Bible Study
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth Mtg
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Women's Emmaus

Monday, September 15

8:00am First Place
9:30am Exercise Class
10:30am Primetime Sunny Monday
12:30pm Music Reading Class
6:00pm Evangelism
7:00pm Applefest
7:00pm Senior Adult Council
7:00pm Finance
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 16

GIC Mentoring

12:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 17

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
9:30am Acts Bible Study
4:00pm GriefShare Group
5:00pm Fellowship Supper
5:45pm Children's Choirs
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00pm Women's & Men's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Victoria Lockridge
Acolytes - Zach Harrington, Lauren Pearson
Altar Guild - Nell Berrie, Kay Shirley,
Vivian Tate, Judy Turner

Greeters 8:30 - Elizabeth Dill,
John and Andrea Downs

Greeters 11:00 - Gail & Evelyn Marine,
Tom Brown, Dorothy Brannon,
Bobby & Phyllis Coker, Lee & Dot Poe

Sunday AM Host (Sept 14) - Jim Heffner

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Sept 14) - Gene Usher
Monday - Jim Fuqua
Tuesday - Dan Fabrick
Wednesday - Eric Randall
Thursday - George Kelley
Friday - Charlie Neill
Saturday - Chuck Bryan

ANNIVERSARIES: Congratulations to **John and Helen Lane** who celebrated 69 years of marriage on September 8. The Lanes currently reside at 5512 Carmel Rd Apt 231, Charlotte, NC 28226-8195.

Congratulations also to **Kris and Carolyn Gimmy** who celebrate 55 years of marriage on September 12.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Elinor Cannon** in the death of her husband, **Charles Babb Cannon, Jr.**, in Aiken on August 30.

Deepest sympathy is also extended to the family of Schofield eighth grader, **Shayne Odermatt**, who was killed in a boating accident on August 30.

HOSPITALIZED: Discharged - Joe Thompson, Denise Musick; **Walton Rehab** - Ann Schifferli

PRIMETIME SUNNY MONDAY

will meet in Ward Hall on September 15 at 10:30 am. This month **Zoom**



Heaton, St. John's member and local pharmacist, will be guest speaker. Lunch menu includes meatloaf, creamed potatoes & gravy, cole slaw,

biscuits and pumpkin pie tart. Please make lunch reservations through the church office or by notation on the friendship pad when it is passed on Sunday during worship.

EXERCISE with June (Cannon) continues on Mondays at 10am in the Youth Room. Join this great group of 55+ for exercise for body, mind and soul!!

GRIEFSHARE GROUP meets weekly on Wednesdays, 4-5:15pm, beginning Sept 17 in the parlor. Please register by contacting Nancy Reed, Adult Ministries' Director.

FORTY-SIXTY Bible study meets Sundays at 6pm. If needed, child care can be arranged. Contact Nancy Reed at the church, 648-6891.

Financials for week ending September 6, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 17,857
Budget funds rec'd to date \$1,071,273
Actual expenses to date \$1,001,574
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$ 933,908

Faith Promise Rpt for week ending September 6

2008 Faith Promise \$233,252.48
Received last week \$ 1,118.00
Received YTD \$ 94,075.39
Disbursements to date \$ 84,331.56
Balance for which to pray \$139,177.09

The Senior Adult Council thanks those who volunteered to serve in the **Grand Parenting Ministry** for our children. A few more volunteers are still needed to work one hour one Sunday per month. Please let them hear from you!

If you contribute to **EPWORTH WORK DAY**, the finance office is able to include the donation as part of your giving record if a check is made payable to St. John's. Checks payable to Epworth require a separate receipt be mailed to each donor. Simply indicate the portion of your St. John's check to be designated to Epworth Children's Home.

ANOTHER CHURCH TOUR is scheduled for Wednesday, 9/24. Meet at the volunteer desk at 6pm. If interested, please notify the office or sign up at that desk.

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	119
9:02	137
11:00	427
Total	683
SS	335

Wednesday Supper

Menu for September 17
Baked Ham Green Beans
Macaroni & Cheese
Fruit Salad
Apple Cobbler w/ice cream



St. John's
youth ministry

Sunday night youth

6pm September 14

**Meeting begins with supper (\$2.)
Committees will be elected at this time.
Also, Asbury Hills registration forms
will be available. Plan to join us!!**

CORRECTION TO TWICE-LOVED TREASURES:

Collection of these items begins the week of Apple Fest. Donations will be accepted beginning Wednesday, Oct.29, through Friday, Oct 31, and may be left *in the gym*. **Please do not leave anything prior to this time.**

SILENT AUCTION needs 2 persons to contact business and community for donations to silent auction. Please help - contact Joyce Bowman, 642-4439. *Also*, if your group, class, study or circle can donate a gift basket, please leave an information card in the Silent Auction basket outside office.

METHODIST MEN'S MEETING this month is Thursday, September 25, with Rev. Keith Stewart as speaker.



SPREAD THE JOY - See bulletin board by kitchen for details. Schedule will be mailed to families.

CHILDREN'S PLACE FUNDRAISER takes place Sunday, Sept 21, at Highfields Event Center. Tickets and activity information are available from Children's Place, Meybohm Realtors and the Kitchen.

GO Global Outreach News

1. ACTS is collecting beef stew for the month of September. Please use the blue containers in the narthex.
2. Danny and Judy Armstrong, our missionary partners in Southeast Asia, will be at St. John's on 9-28 and will participate in all three services.
3. Those participating in the Kairos Cookie Challenge need to contact Jennifer Willoughby (514-2034) and give her a progress update. All cookies need to be collected by 9-15. Anyone else interested in baking a dozen or more cookies should call Jennifer for recipe guidelines.
4. Needed by Children's Missions Committee-volunteers to help create impactful, meaningful programs for grades 1-5 in January, 2009. First team meeting is Sunday, September 28, 3-5pm. Contact Wendy Hirsch (646-5435) or Keisha Uhle (641-1528) if interested.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008:**

- 1ST GRADE: CREATION STATION**
- 2ND GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS**
- 3RD GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**
- 4TH GRADE: FROM BC TO PC**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GRP 1: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GRP 2: THE ARKADE**

DINNER FOR EIGHT RETURNS - Groups of eight (couples or singles) will again gather to make new friends, share fellowship and good food. It is a perfect venue for the newest members to experience the warmth and welcome of their church family. Longtime members can widen their circles of friendship. Eight people meet monthly to share a meal (usually dinner but it could be lunch or breakfast.) Hosting persons prepare a main course and others bring accompanying dishes. Registration continues through Sunday, September 21. Indicate your interest by calling the church or putting a note in the collection plate on Sunday morning. At the end of September, names will be arranged in groups and you will be notified when and how to begin this enjoyable adventure. Two sessions are offered - Fall and Spring, with a new registration period each time.



LOOKING AHEAD

- September 21** - Recognition of 50-year members
- 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** - Dedication of Shoe Box Contributions
St. John's Charge Conference
- November 20** - UMW Turkey Dinner
- 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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26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
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33 MARY KOSKY
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