

St. John's Visitor

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September 13th Is A Special Day at St. John's!

Back to Church Sunday



Featuring

Acts of Renewal



At 8:30, 9:02 and 11 a.m.

And 3 p.m. *Under the Steeple*



On Sunday, September 13th, for any of our three services, you are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor with you to celebrate National Back to Church Sunday. Hundreds of churches will join together on that special day.

Here's the sad truth – only 2% of church-going people invite someone to church in a given year. 98% of church-goers never extend an invitation.

In addition to a short sermon at each service, there will be a special vignette presentation by *Acts of Renewal*. This nationally-acclaimed pair create and produce excellent Christian theatre that glorifies God, using their unique blend of drama and humor.

This will give you a preview of what *Acts of Renewal's* presentations will be like **at 3 p.m.** for our Fine Arts Series given to the Aiken community. (A free-will offering taken at the full performance.)

Under the Steeple

Join us then, too!

They are GREAT!!

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, September 10

- 9:30am Sisters Bible Study
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 6:00pm Evangelism
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, September 11

- 10:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal

Saturday, September 12

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen opens
- 10:30am Divine Dinners
- 2:30 pm Christian Theater Workshop

Sunday, September 13--Back to Church Sunday

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:00am *Getting to Know St. John's*
- 3:00pm *Acts of Renewal*
- 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Group
- 6:00pm Men's/Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Youth Group

Monday, September 14

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:30pm AI-Anon
- 6:30pm Stewardship Committee
- 7:00pm Apple Fest Chairpersons
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 15

- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds rehearsal
- 7:00pm Strategic Planning Committee
- 7:00pm Celebration Hosts Meet

Wednesday, September 16

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am Terry Fleming Bible Study
- 4:00pm GriefShare Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Suppers
- 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** - Alan Kelly
- Acolytes** - Rachael Perkins, Benjamin Rawls
- Altar Guild** - Kay Shirley, Judy Turner, Anita Allen, Ginger Talbert
- Crib Rm (11am)** - Barbara Zirps
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Holley Kring
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Heather Young
- Greeters 8:30** - Claudette Strickland
- Greeters 11:00** - Debi Rood
- 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*

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- John and Helen Lane celebrate 70 years on September 8*
- Claude and Marie Goodlett celebrate 55 years on September 11*
- Frank and Jane Driggers celebrate 65 years on September 16*
- SPECIAL BIRTHDAY:** *Clayson White celebrates 90 years on September 9.*

IN MEMORIAM
DONALD C. NICHOLS
September 2, 2009

GRIEFSHARE BEREAVEMENT GROUP will begin meeting Wednesday, September 16, at 4pm in the Parlor. Contact Nancy Reed for additional information.

METHODIST MEN meet next on Thursday, Sept 24, 6pm in Ward Hall. Ms. Kristin Brown, Executive Director of Aiken Center for the Arts is the invited speaker.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are available on a table outside Ward Hall if you are among those who had pictures made.

MINIATURE ORNAMENTS for tiny Christmas trees are needed by Contagious Christians Class. Please leave in Room 206.

Attendance 9/6	
8:30	103
9:02	121
11:00	313
Total	537

Financials for week ending Sept 9, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 18,916
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,047,572
Actual expenses to date	\$1,076,022
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 348,400

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$109,814.62
Disbursed YTD	\$ 99,678.60
2009 Faith Promise year =	2/1/09 thru 1/31/10

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY begins Sunday, September 13, .at 6pm with an organizational meeting.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meeting on Sunday evening at 6 begins a 7 wk Beth Moore study on Psalms beginning October 11. Cost of book is \$13. See Janel Poe.

TERRY FLEMING BIBLE STUDY resumes Wed, Sept 9, at 9:30am with the study of Galatians and then Ephesians. New members are most welcome?

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meeting on Thursdays begins Sept 10 at 9:30 with a video-driven Beth Moore study on *Esther*. Glenna Lathrop and Jan Gilbert are contacts.

Anyone without **OFFERING ENVELOPES** who wishes to have them, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the office. Also, if anyone wishes to make a change in the frequency (e.g. weekly to monthly) please make that known to Nancy.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
September 16
Baked Ham
Mac & Cheese Green Beans
Baked Apples Biscuits
Ice Cream & Cookies



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, September 13 6:00pm
Regular Meeting

WALK BY FAITH, a new Sunday School Class, starts Sunday, September 13! Looking for a Sunday school class home? If so, please join us in the Parlor at 10am. The class format will be Bible study oriented--the who's, what's, when's, and where's of the Bible--and members will be encouraged to commit time during the week for personal study and prayer. Books will be distributed this Sunday. Please contact Paul Musick at 649-6869 or paulmusick@yahoo.com with questions.

SAVE TIME on Thursday, Oct. 8, for a daytime and/or evening session with **John K. Rosemond**, noted author and expert on parenting. Check the website www.stjohns-umc.org or St. John's Facebook or Twitter for specifics.

ACTS COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER: Canned beans

Missionary Prayer Focus: May God provide home-baked cookies for the Kairos prison ministry so the men will know they are loved by a caring God.

GO Global Outreach News

The **Kairos #32 prison ministry** will take place at McCormick Correctional Institution in McCormick, S.C. from September 16-19. Several St. John's members will be participating. 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.

Epworth Children's Home in Columbia will hold its annual Work Day on Sunday, September 13. Please contact Maureen Bernard (221-9635) if you are interested in helping out.

The **Global Outreach Leadership Team (GOLT)** will host a potluck supper on Sunday, September 27 at 6:00 PM in Ward Hall. There will be presentations from participants in the recent Tigers Go, Salkehatchie, Honduras and Kairos mission trips. Make plans now to attend this evening of fellowship and learning.

Epiphany Ministry is a ministry dedicated to showing God's Love to incarcerated youth through a three-day short course in Christianity and an ongoing follow-up program. Each Epiphany weekend involves a team of adults and youth from the Christian community who work together to show the love of God to those attending. Upcoming events at the Broad River facility in Columbia include weekend for girls on September 25-27 and a weekend for boys on October 9-11. Please contact Jackie Hyche (648-9106) if you would like to help with this worthy cause.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

1ST GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
2ND GRADE: THE ARKADE
3RD GRADE: THOU ART
4TH GRADE: MARY AND MARTHA'S B&B

GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S sessions take place Sept. 13, 20 & 27 in Ward Hall from 10-10:45am. Long-time members as well as prospective and new members have found these informative.

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

DIVINE DINNERS are being prepared Saturday, Sept 12, at 10am in the kitchen. Kathy Samaha is the contact person if you're interested.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT - Saturday, October 17. Reasonable cost includes lunch. Food provided for both body and soul. Contact Judy Jernigan, 648-9859.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 13-Bring a Friend to Church & Epworth Sunday Under the Steeple "Acts of Renewal"

October 4 - World Communion Sunday

October 8 - John Rosemond, author & parenting expert

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

September 13, 2009
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Messages this week by
Rev. George Howle and Gene Aiken

Services at 8:30 and 11:00
in the sanctuary.
Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym

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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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