

St. John's Visitor

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DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

This past Sunday, Al Snell, Chairman of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee announced that the position of Director of Children Ministries had been filled. Michelle Brown assumed this position on September 16th. Michelle and her husband Heath moved to Aiken in September 2006 from Northeast Ohio.

Michelle has an associate's degree in Occupational Therapy and a BA from the University of Akron in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. Michelle has taught English as a Second Language in the public schools and also has worked with children with special needs in the public schools from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Some of her other experiences include: providing respite care through the United Disability Service in her community, nannying for families who have children with Autism and Cerebral Palsy, and teaching Scottish Highland dance to people of all ages.

In her new position, Michelle will be responsible for coordinating with Church staff and the congregation to ensure that needed resources are provided for support of Children's programs, including Sunday school, Youth programs including a pre-MYF (5th and 6th grade children) program and other family ministries. Let's all welcome and support Michelle in her new position.

Homecoming Celebration Nears!

Are you ready to celebrate a once in a lifetime event at St. John's? The excitement is building as we approach September 30, St. John's Homecoming Celebration. On this day we will be inspired as we look back on our rich history and celebrate our 150 years in historic downtown Aiken. It will be a day unlike any other as we will have with us Bishop Taylor, former Senior Ministers, former members and other invited guests joining our congregation. The church historical marker will be unveiled at Homecoming and each family unit will receive a copy of our updated church history as our church family gathers together for a single worship service at 10:30. We will then be treated to a delicious luncheon in the gymnasium immediately following the service, where we will fellowship with friends old and new. If you have not already RSVP'd to the event, please do so to help us with the number attending the luncheon and worship seating arrangements. In any case make your plans to attend. It will be a day you won't want to miss.

Mark your calendars now for another very special evening. On Sunday, October 14 at 7:00 pm, a one-night only performance of the original drama "Upon This Rock" will be presented in the gym. Characters from St. John's past will come to life and you will see the birth, growth, and transformation of our great church from its earliest days. It will be an evening of fun and reflection for all the family to enjoy, and childcare will be available.

When you are at the church in the coming weeks, be sure to enjoy the display of photographs, church documents, newspaper articles, and artifacts from the first church. It is an amazing visual of the remarkable journey our church has taken in its 150 years. Memorial items as reminders of this history will be sold in the lobby on Sundays and at the receptionist's desk during the week.

Yes, there are many opportunities to celebrate this once in a lifetime event. The excitement is apparent as we grow in faith and numbers by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, nurture, and service. We look back with gratitude and forward with anticipation for all that God has done and has planned for His church.

Bob Kosky, Chair
150th Anniversary
Celebration

September 23, 2007
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
"BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE"

Luke 16: 19 - 31

Rev. Dr. George Howle

Music by Joyful Sounds Handbells

Anthem **Just One God** - Chancel Choir
Hymns **Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast
Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, September 20

- 9:30am Believing God Bible Study
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00pm Youth Bible Study

Friday, September 21

- 7:00pm Primetime Bridge

Sunday, September 23

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 5:00pm Lay Leadership Committee
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth
- 6:00pm Parents' Prayer Group
- 6:00pm Christian Believer Bible Study
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm New Member Dinner

Monday, September 24

- 8:00am First Place
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, September 25

- 7:00pm Church Council

Wednesday, September

- 9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
- 1:30am Old Testament Bible Study
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 6:00pm Children's Choirs
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men's & Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm ID Theft/Internet Safety Program

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Nicole Neill
- Acolytes** - Adam Bumpus, Annalise Eberhard
- Altar Guild** - Nell Berrie, Kay Shirley, Vivian Tate
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Darby Copeland
- Toddlers** - Rebecca Harper
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Amanda Stefanakos
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Tracey Smith
- Greeters 8:45** - John & Andrea Downs, Claudette Strickland, Ed Farmer
- Sunday School Greeter** - Beverly Burch
- Greeters 11:00** - Evelyn & Gale Marine, Jean & John Geiger, Dot & Lee Poe
- Sunday AM Host (September 23)**
Dave Sherburne

Evening Hosts

- Sunday (September 23) - Rick Endler
- Monday - Matt Beckum
- Tuesday - Jim Wert
- Wednesday - Tom Brown
- Thursday - Bob Kosky
- Friday - Marc Nadeau
- Saturday - Jeff Ray

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS: Best wishes to **Sally Hooper** who celebrates 91 years on Wednesday, September 19, and also to **Donnie Brown** who celebrates 96 years on Saturday, September 22.

BAPTISM: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11am service last Sunday was **Emily Alyssa Raynor**, daughter of **Scott and Emilyann Raynor**.

WEDDING: Congratulations to **Kenneth Burnice Williams and Heather Marie Bryant** who were married on September 17.

NEW MEMBERS: Joining St. John's church family on Sunday, September 16:

Ms Delores Fish

110 Portofino Ln SW No local phone

Vaughan and Meg Massie

Mac (5 yr K) and **Anne Fenton** (almost 2 yrs)

420 Hillcrest Rd SW 502-1035

Bob and Susan Terry

922 Valley Green Dr SW 641-4828

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Sandra Holman** in the death of her brother, **Morton Glenn Sutton**, in Tyrone, GA, on September 13.

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken** - Jimmy Player, Myra Smith

Dear Church Family - Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, cards, food and the lovely reception you provided for us and those who attended Jim's memorial service. Your many acts of kindness during his long illness have been greatly appreciated, too. We have been very fortunate to have such a caring church family to help us through this difficult time in our lives. In Christian love, **Anne Barham & Family**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!! Genie Farmer has a wonderful menu planned for our 150th Anniversary Homecoming Luncheon, but she needs your help. If you can come on Monday, September 24, or Tuesday, September 25, beginning at 9 am, please call the Receptionist (648-6891) to sign up. The kitchen is a great place for fun, fellowship and faithful service.

UNITED METHODIST MEN have their next meeting on Thursday, September 27, and Dr. Ken Callahan, a pastor, professor, author and church consultant will be speaking. Dr. Callahan has written several books and is noted for his outstanding seminars. Men of St. John's will want to make a special effort to be present. The meeting will begin with a covered dish supper at 6:30 pm.

APPLE FEST IS NOVEMBER 3!

Financials for week ending September 15, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 30,300
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,063,899
Actual expenses to date	\$ 952,123
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,748,208

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
Menu for September 26
 Creamy Chicken Lasagna
 Salad
 Chi Bata Bread
 Cookies & Ice Cream

NEWEST MEMBERS of St. John's Church, along with staff members and those in leadership positions, have been invited to dinner in Ward Hall on Sunday, September 23, at 6 pm. This time is intended to help all involved become better acquainted.

WELCOME

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	183
11:00	463
Total	646
SS	298
Concert	355

St. John's Youth News

Remember Youth Choir - rehearsal begins 5:00pm
Sunday Night Youth - 6 pm - begins with dinner (\$2)

World On Fire, a series focusing on missions, local and abroad, continues this week.

Registration for **Asbury Hills Fall Retreat** also continues.

Steven Curtis Chapman Concert

Steven Curtis Chapman is coming to Aiken. He will be playing at the USCA Convocation Center on Thursday October 18th. If enough people are interested, a group discount rate is available. If you are interested in going, please let Gene Aiken or Randi Hycie know so that enough tickets are purchased!! This will be an awesome concert!

It's time again for youth

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Sign-ups will be held after both services on 9/23 and 9/30 for the following age groups. *Ages are as of September 1, 2007.*

Ages

- 5-6 Co-ed
- 7-8 Co-ed
- 9-10 Boys and Girls Teams
- 11-12 Boys and Girls Teams
- 13-15 Boys and Girls Teams
- 16-18 Boys and Girls Teams



Coaches for all ages needed also!

Practices will start the first week of November and games will start the week of December 1. Contact Mark Mahoney at 649-1279 with any questions.



IDENTITY THEFT AND INTERNET SAFETY

Wednesday, September 26 7:00 pm
 Ward Hall

Reservations: 648-6891

Presenter is Donna DeMichael, Attorney
 Director of Consumer Services & Education
 Department of Consumer Affairs

Global Impact Celebration prayer requests-

-Praise for the safe return of our pastor and for the vision God has given him.

-Pray that the GIC team leaders will hear God's leading as they recruit their team members.

-Pray that the missionaries will commit to join us in January.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007:

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

LOOKING AHEAD

September 23 - Recognition of 50 Year Members
 New Member Dinner

September 25 - Church-wide Date of Prayer

September 26 - ID Theft/Internet Safety Program

September 30 - Celebrate St. John's 150 Years!

October 7 - World Communion Sunday

October 14 - Lay Speaker Training
 Homecoming Drama

October 21 - Stewardship Sunday/Luncheon
 Lay Speaker Training

October 28 - Sarah Oliver Concert (Harpist)

November 3 - Apple Fest

November 4 - All Saints Sunday

Clafin College Choir

November 5 - St. John's Charge Conference

November 9-11 - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat

November 11 - Prayer/Healing Service

November 15 - UMW Turkey Dinner

November 18 - Thanksgiving Sunday
 Soup/Salad Luncheon

November 26 - St. John's Choir at Biltmore House

December 2 - Children's Christmas Program

December 23 - Chancel Choir Cantata

December 24 - Candlelight/Communion Service (5pm)
 Candlelight Service (11pm)

January 23-27 - Global Impact Celebration

2007 Women's Community Event

Trinity-on-the-Hill UMC

Saturday, October 6 9:00 am

Featured Speak is Rose Anne Coleman.

Fees and registration due by Wednesday, September 26

Renee Reid has information - 642-8951.

September 30

CELEBRATE ST. JOHN'S 150 YEARS!

Single Service 10:30 am

Have you made your reservation?

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the Good News of Jesus Christ, through
worship, nurture and service.*



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ENSLEY ADAMS

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MICHELLE BROWN
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Intern

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