

St. John's Visitor

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD---A SIMPLE GIFT WITH A SIMPLE MESSAGE

A 14-year old girl in Paraguay wrote a note expressing how Operation Christmas Child had touched her life. "I'm very grateful for the beautiful gifts that we received, but the most wonderful thing was to meet Jesus through the Bible lessons," she said. "Now I keep talking to others about Jesus, telling them how much God loves them. Some of my friends have already trusted Jesus as their Savior."

This scene will be repeated in some 100 countries as millions of girls and boys receive gift-filled shoe boxes this year. What starts out as a simple gift---a shoe box containing toys, school supplies, and toiletries---is used by God to transform the hearts and souls of millions of children and their family members. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is the world's largest children's Christmas project of its kind.

As Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse, quoted, "We are all invited to join in this extraordinary outreach." St. John's Church will provide plastic shoe boxes for you to fill with a washcloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush/comb, candy and some small toy along with a note of love and caring. With this donation, we need to include \$7.00 for shipping in each box.

Our start-up date is Sunday, September 28, when the boxes will be available for pick-up. The boxes will be located in front of the Sanctuary, outside Michelle Pearson's office, and outside the Church office.



Our boxes need to be turned in by Friday, November 14, 2008. The boxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 16. They will be delivered on Monday, November 17, to Aiken's First Baptist Church. This is the drop-off site for all churches that are participating with OCC in our area.

If you have any questions or would like to become involved with this project, please feel free to contact me, Ann Gilham, at 649-6803(h) or 646-2603(c).

Cel-e-brate

St. John's...

COME ON!



Your host/hostess will call you to set up your dinner reservations from these dates:

Tuesday, October 14th
Wednesday, October 15th
Thursday, October 16th

***YOU REALLY DON'T
WANT TO MISS THIS
TIME TOGETHER.***

The FUTURE is NOW.....

**September 28, 2008
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
"TURN AND LIVE"**

Scripture: Ezekiel 18: 25-32
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

NEW MEMBERS received on Sunday, September 21:

Robby & Karen Bowles
Lauren & Rushton added to baptized roll
 6 Inverness St E 644-9654
Allen Fellers
 916 Croft Ave NE 648-9607

BIRTHDAY: Special wishes to **Malcolm Dailey** who celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, September 21.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members recognized last Sunday for their fifty years of membership, service, gifts, and prayers:

Betty H. Boone **Malcolm N. Dailey** **Mildred F. Jones**
Jewell P. Burckhalter **Jewel J. Dailey** **Charles E. Tatman**

CONDOLENCES: Sympathy is extended to **Jennifer Willoughby** in the death of her grandfather, **Sam Stricklin**, in Yazoo City, MS, on September 20.

Thank you, St. John's, for the more than 300 dozen cookies that were donated to the Kairos prison ministry. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Jen, Dave & Beth for the Kairos team

Thank you very much for all your love, support and prayers while I was deployed in Iraq. I returned about a month ago and it is fantastic to be back. During my time in Baghdad, it was comforting to know so many people back home were praying for my safety, especially when the rockets were flying in. Your prayers gave me confidence to not fear injury or death because I knew God was watching over me. Of course, the cards and letters were great reminders of home and I especially appreciated the prayer shawl! Although I didn't need it to keep warm, as the temperature was regularly 115°, I did use it to keep my thoughts positive and directed to the Lord.

Thank you again, **Michael Goldston (LT USN)**

ADDITIONAL APPLE FEST information: Yes! AppleFest 2008 will have the clothing consignment store. Get your adult, children's & baby items ready. Information on how to label, price and drop off will be available soon.

There are openings on the **ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR** for September 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 and Nov. 30. Please contact the office if interested in remembering or honoring a loved one in this manner.

Financials for week ending September 20, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 38,726
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,146,118
Actual expenses to date	\$1,047,731
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 933,908

Faith Promise Report for week ending Sept. 20

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	7,266.10
Received YTD	102,280.49
Disbursements to date	84,381.48
Balance for which to pray	130,971.99

CHURCH TOUR is Wednesday, 9/24, at 6pm. Those interested should meet at the volunteer desk.

GRIEFSHARE can help you find hope and healing from the pain and hurt that comes from the death of a loved one. The meetings are weekly on Wednesdays at 4pm in the parlor.

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	94
9:02	109
11:00	470
Emmaus	4
Prison Ministry	11
Total	688
SS	300

Wednesday Supper Menu for October 1

- Barbequed Ribs
- Barbeque Sandwiches
- Cole Slaw
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Chocolate Chip Pudding

Meetings to Note

Thursday, September 25

- 9:30am Experiencing God Bible Study
- 6:30pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, September 27

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, September 28

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 10:00am Armstrong Program on *Indonesia*
- 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Women's Emmaus
- 6:00pm Old Testament Bible Study
- 6:00pm Lay Leadership Committee
- 6:00pm 40/60 Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth Meeting
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, September 29

- 8:00am First Place
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:00pm Music Reading Class
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 30

- 12:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 1

- 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** - Lindsay Carpenter
- Acolytes** - Ryan Carpenter, Collin Ray
- Altar Guild** - Nell Berrie, Kay Shirley, Vivian Tate, Judy Turner
- Crib Rm (11am)** - DeeDee Vaughters
- Toddlers** - Dana Massey
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Meg Massie
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Carrie Killian
- 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 (9/28)** - Dave Kelly

Evening Hosts

- Sunday (Sept 28) - Marc Nadeau
- Monday - Jeff Ray
- Tuesday - John Geiger
- Wednesday - Jeff Crenshaw
- Thursday - Robin Dillman
- Friday - Kevin Buchanan
- Saturday - Lamar Keisler



St. John's
youth ministry

GRACE KITCHEN-Saturday, September 27
Youth are in charge this day. At least 10 are needed to help serve breakfast. Plan to arrive about 6:45am and to finish no later than 10am.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
6pm September 28

ASBURY HILLS registration forms for the Nov. 7-9 trip are available. If you or your friends plan to go, you must attend Sunday Night Youth 3 times between now and departure time.



40-60 MID-LIFE BIBLE STUDY TOPIC

Sunday, September 28, 6pm - *Preretirement and Work*

UNITED METHODIST MEN meet in Ward Hall Thursday, September 25, at 6:30 for a covered dish supper. Keith Stewart is the invited speaker.

Local Church Representative Day at **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME** is Sunday, Oct 12. *Maureen Bernard* will attend and worship with the children, tour the facility and hear what they need. Also at that time she will deliver any donations of new children's clothes, health/beauty products or school supplies. Please leave items in the appropriate donation box. Epworth is thankful for the generosity of South Carolina Methodists.

GIC Children's Missions Team meets Sunday, Oct. 5, from 3-5pm. Interested people welcome to participate in this planning opportunity.

GO Global Outreach News

1. **Volunteers needed for ACTS!** There is a critical shortage of the following volunteers at ACTS: *Senior Food Delivery, Food Workers, Interviewing and Receptionists.* If you can help, please **contact Karen Perry**, ACTS Operations Manager, at 649-3800. She will help you find a position to suit your schedule.

2. On September 28, **Dan and Judy Armstrong**, South Eastern US coordinators for various mission efforts in Indonesia, will visit St. John's. *During the Sunday school hour*, they will give a presentation in Ward Hall on how they help bring Jesus to an unreached people group. Questions: Michael Norton (648-9740).

3. **Seekers of Good News Sunday school class** is hosting a *spaghetti lunch on Sunday, October 5* in Ward Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Takeout will be available. There is no charge for the lunch, but donations will be accepted and used to offset the travel costs of the Kenya mission trip in December.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008:

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

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS continue after all services on 9/28 for the following age groups.

Ages are as of September 1, 2008

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

Coaches for all ages needed also!

Practices start the first week of November. Games begin week of Nov 22. Contact Mark Mahoney at 649-1279 with any questions.

ACTS is collecting beef stew in September.

October request is canned vegetables.

SPREAD THE JOY, a new program for Grades 1-6 (& 5K if supervised by a parent) begins Sunday at 6pm. Join Beth Kelly & Tina Frazier to make Magi Mix & Soup in a Jar upstairs in OARS art room.



LOOKING AHEAD

September 21-25 - Book Fair
October 5 - World Communion Sunday
October 12 - Fred Swann, Organist - Under the Steeple
October 14, 15, 16 - Stewardship Dinners
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
Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Gifts
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
January 21-25 - Global Impact Celebration
February 12 - Valentine Lunch

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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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23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
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25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
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