

# St. John's Visitor

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## CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING

A congregation that approaches financial stewardship from a biblical perspective does not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, these congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our stewardship program is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Our stewardship program encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, October 21, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in Aiken and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes a Stewardship Pledge Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday, October 21. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

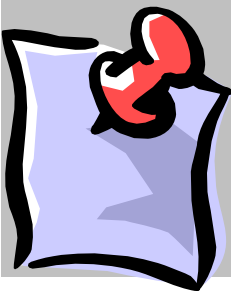
We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Stewardship Committee and the Church Council. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Paul Rideout  
Stewardship Chairman

**THE CITY OF AIKEN** has requested that those using Richland Avenue for parking during events at the church (usually Sunday worship, funerals, and weddings) not park on the curb or grass strip between the curb and the sidewalk. This harms the grass and may break the buried sprinkler system.



**September 30, 2007**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**150th ANNIVERSARY**  
**HOME COMING CELEBRATION**  
**Single Service at 10:30 am**  
**followed by Luncheon**

**Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor**  
**Preaching**

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

**Meetings to Note**

**Thursday, September 27**

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

**Sunday, September 30**

- 9:30am Coffee House
- 10:30am Worship
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 5:00pm Lay Leadership Committee
- 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00pm Women's Emmaus
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth
- 6:00pm Parents' Prayer Group
- 6:00pm Christian Believer Bible Study

**Monday, October 1**

- 8:00am First Place
- 10:00am Visitation Committee
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 3**

- 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

**Serving This Week**

- Crucifer** - Rebecca Osteen
- Acolytes** - Sarah Fleming, Colby Hozey
- Altar Guild** - Nell Berrie, Kay Shirley, Vivian Tate
- Crib Rm (10:30 am)** - Marian Dean
- Toddlers** - Robin Vitali
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Karen Buchanan
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Angie Doolittle
- Sunday School Greeter** - Beverly Burch
- Greeters 10:30** - Evelyn & Gale Marine, Jean & John Geiger, Dot & Lee Poe
- Sunday AM Host (September 30)**  
John Geiger
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (September 30) - John Geiger
- Monday - Jeff Crenshaw
- Tuesday - Robin Dillman
- Wednesday - Kevin Buchanan
- Thursday - Lamar Keisler
- Friday - Tom Nance
- Saturday - John Tucker, Jr

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:45	170
11:00	452
Total	622
SS	373

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY:** Best wishes to **Alda Keeter** who celebrates 94 years on Saturday, September 29, and also to **Delilah Thornton** who celebrates 93 years on Saturday, September 30.

**BAPTISM:** Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11am service last Sunday was **Nathan Thomas Loibl**, son of **Matt and Susan Loibl**.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to **Julie Ann Moore** and **James B. Whitesell, IV** who were married at Edisto Island on September 22.

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

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|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| *Earl R. Bruorton | Donald A. Orth             | Mary Ellen C. Randall |
| Myrle S. Jett     | Jean L. Orth               | James E. Whitaker     |
| *Sara S. Little   | P. Mark Pitts              | Mildred C. Whitaker   |
| *Evelyn G. Marine | Margaret "Monnie" M. Pitts | Barbara A. Wiland     |

\*To be recognized at a later date

**NEW ARRIVAL:** **Adam & Samantha Kelly** announce the birth of their daughter, **Paige Grayson Kelly**. **Dave & Beth Kelly** are the new grandparents.

**CONDOLENCES:** Deepest sympathy is extended to **Judy Kalbaugh** in the death of her father, **Simon Herdt**, of Rochester, PA, on September 20.

Sincere sympathy is also extended to **Billy West** in the death of his mother, **Elma Carnes**, in Aiken on September 21.

**HOSPITALIZED:** **MUSC** - Bryan Staubs; **Discharged** - Delilah Thornton; **Discharged to Carriage Hills** - Bea Crawford, \*Myra Smith (mother of Carolyn Roberts); **Walton Rehab** - Jane Goldston

Dear St. John's: I feel very honored that you invited me to fellowship with you on August 26. I enjoyed everyone I met. Your warmth and love has not left me yet. Special thanks goes to the United Methodist Men, the Fellowship Sunday School class and the Parlantieris. I look forward to being with you again (at your Global Impact Celebration next January.) Your Brother in Christ - **Rev. Jerry Samuels**

**I N M E M O R I A M**

**GEORGE MURRAY DOMINICK**

**September 24, 2007**

**HOST FAMILIES ARE NEEDED**

for the GIC Missionaries. It is anticipated that St. John's will have a need to host between 6-12 visiting missionaries (some with family members) during our Global Impact Celebration scheduled for January 23 -27 of 2008. If you have a room or rooms available and would like to serve the **LORD** in this manner, please contact Brent or Jan Boore at 649-2313 for more information or sign up as a volunteer on the GIC Bulletin Board outside of Ward Hall.

**GLOBE NEEDED**

also for the Global Impact Celebration. If you have one available please call Claudette at 649-5405.



**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

will have Dr. Ken Callahan as their guest speaker on Thursday evening following their 6:30 covered dish supper.

**Financials for week ending September 22, 2007**

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 17,024
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,080,923
Actual expenses to date	\$ 986,288
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,688,508

# St. John's Youth News

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**YOUTH CHOIR** meets with Catherine at 5pm in the Jr. High Sunday School room.

**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH** will be continuing the discussion on Missions!! There will be some talk about the possible Spring Break trip to New Orleans. George Howle will be coming to the meeting to share some of his story about his trip to Kenya.

**STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN CONCERT** will be played at the USCA Convocation Center on Thursday, October 18. If there are enough people interested, the discount rate is available. Please notify Gene Aiken or Randi Hyché if you plan to attend so enough tickets are purchased.

**CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL** sign-ups continue after both services on 9/23 and 9/30 for the following age groups. *Ages are as of 9/1/07.*

### 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.

Anyone interested in volunteering for **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** at 11am please contact Michelle Brown. In order to provide this program for ages *4 years through 2nd grade*, there is a need for at least two couples to lead this 30 minute program every Sunday during the 11am service. Training guidance, support and back-up will be provided. Anyone interested in providing back-up should contact Michelle at the church (648-6891) or on her cell phone at 803-522-2010.

*Please know that the team of Kairos Walk #28 volunteers and all the residents (1400 approx.) appreciated all the cookies that were provided as well as monetary gifts. Not a single cookie goes to waste; even the broken cookies and crumbs get used (they get sent on Saturday night to the men who are in solitary confinement (The Hill); the mix them with milk and make a shake.) They feel the love of Christ through these cookies and they know that someone loves them. The cookies are a simple way of saying "Christ Loves You."*

*In Christ's Service - Dave Kelly & Jim Holly*

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007:**

**No Sunday School**

**150th Anniversary Celebration  
Plan to attend!**

### LOOKING AHEAD

**September 26** - ID Theft/Internet Safety Program

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

**October 7** - World Communion Sunday

**October 14** - Homecoming Drama

**October 21** - Stewardship Sunday

**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

**January 23-27** - Global Impact Celebration

### FLOWER CALENDAR VACANCIES

October 14	One vase
October 21	One vase
November 4	One vase
November 11	One vase
November 25	Two vases
December 9	One vase



### LOOKING FOR SHORT TERM MISSION TEAM LEADERS!!

**The Mission Society** is offering a *Short-term Mission Team Leaders Workshop* on December 7 & 8. If you are interested in being a future St. John's short term team leader, please call Jan Gilbert for more information at 803-646-0451 (cell.)

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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...

### Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE  
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON  
29 TERRY FLEMING  
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YVONNE DUBLIN

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Church Secretary  
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