

St. John's Visitor

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KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

KAIROS is an ecumenical Christian ministry designed for use in state and federal men's and women's correctional institutions in the United States and throughout the world. This ministry is governed by the *National Board of Kairos Prison Ministry, Inc.* with headquarters in Winter Park, Florida.

KAIROS is conducted, in cooperation with the chaplains and wardens of correctional institutions, by teams of laity and clergy who are qualified by their experiences in Christian renewal programs. Team members are selected, trained, and certified by area governing bodies of KAIROS and approved by correctional institutions as citizen volunteers.

The purpose of KAIROS is to establish a *strong Christian community* among the residents of correctional institutions. This is done by the presentation of a 3-Day short course in Christianity. It is offered by an interdenominational team of about 55 persons for a group of 42 residents. The chaplain carefully selects the inmates from the prison population. The ideal recruits are those residents who are presently the leaders in the institution. There, they become Christ's agents for change in their environment which ultimately can bring about change in the attitude and quality of life for the entire institution.

The primary goal of the KAIROS ministry is to teach those who attend the weekend to become part of a share and prayer group. This allows them to share their lives on a deep spiritual level and pray for one-another. Many times, the members of these groups find their peers who have not been through KAIROS program coming to them and saying, "I don't know what it is you've got, but I want it!". . . and then they introduce their friend to Christ.

Recently nine St. John's members assisted in the presentation of a Kairos weekend. One of the participating inmates in this particular weekend wrote the following:

I've chosen to open the door and have a friendship w/God. I've chosen to take action and be a Christian. I've chosen to discover the body of Christ, for I'm not alone, I am part of the Church. I've chosen to leave and see footprints in the sand. When I see only one set, I know He's carrying me on. No matter what tomorrow may bring I will sing His praises in victory. Evil triumphs when good men stand by and do nothing. God loves me, God loves you, and I'm very blessed to be part of the Kairos Krew. With much "AGAPE!!" as we walk hand in hand! "Peace to You."

September 21, 2008

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.....

October 5, 2008

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

"WHAT WILL GOD DO?"

Scripture: **Matthew 21: 33 - 41**

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

Services at 8:30 and 11:00
in the sanctuary.

Contemporary service
at 9:02 in the gym.

Meetings to Note

Thursday, October 2

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

Saturday, October 4

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, October 5

8:15am Coffee House
11:00am Spaghetti Lunch
3:00pm GIC Children's Mission Committee
5:00pm Youth Choir
5:00pm Lay Leadership Committee
6:00pm *Old Testament* Bible Study
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth Meeting
6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, October 6

8:00am First Place
10:00am Visitation Committee
10:00am Exercise Class
10:45am Fun Time for Retirees
12:00pm Music Reading Class
6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 7

12:30pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Basketball Coaches
7:00pm Board of Trustees & GOLT Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
9:30am *Acts* Bible Study
10:00am Cancer Support Group
4:00pm GriefShare Group
5:00pm Fellowship Supper
5:45pm Children's Choirs
6:00pm Family Life Council
6:30pm Youth Bible Study
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00pm Women's & Men's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Christa Eberhard
Acolytes - Ryan Fogle, Danielle Smith
Altar Guild - Brenda Meeks, Jane Fogle, Sandra Shelley
Crib Rm (11am) - Lara Burkhalter
Toddlers - Michelle Orr
2-3 Yr Nursery - Erin Herron
3-4 Yr Nursery - TBD
Greeters 8:30 - Hilda Secrist, Ann Carter, John & Betty Jossey
Greeters 11:00 - Barry /Paula Clayton, Bill/ Mary Anne Quinn, Debi Rood, Shirley Powell
Sunday AM Host (10/5) - Frank Smith, III
Evening Hosts
Sunday (Oct 5) - Clay Jones
Monday - Jerry Johnson
Tuesday - Edward Yeh
Wednesday - Charles McKeel
Thursday - Dennis Fish
Friday - Mike Uhle
Saturday - Keith Polk

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW MEMBERS received on Sunday, September 28:

Ms Lynn Smith Goss

Jessica Ann & David James "D J" added to baptized roll
143 Glencarin Dr 642-0600

Mr Michael Allen Krueger

110 Portofino Ln SW 439-0615

BIRTHDAY: Special wishes to **Jennie Lee Willis** who celebrated 90 years on Friday, September 26.

BAPTISM: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 28, was **Skylar Elizabeth Faile**, daughter of **Melissa & Clint Faile** of Rock Hill and granddaughter of **Gale & John Soares**.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Mary Kosky** in the death of her brother, **Max W. Walker**, in Houston on September 3.

Sincere sympathy is also extended to **Ruth Alexander** in the death of her brother, **John Sramek**, in Racine, Wisconsin, on September 25.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Gene Carroll, Nita Robison; Augusta - Sally Ewing

FYI-The Rev. John Culp will receive the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award on Nov 7 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. This humanitarian award recognizes John's founding of the Salkehatchie Summer Service mission 31 years ago. In the last 5 years (2003-2007) 1,198 homes have been repaired at a cost of \$3,243,098.

APPLE FEST INFORMATION

Co-Chairs - Please be prepared at the meeting on Monday, Oct 13, 7pm, to turn in your request for change monies for your booth/area. Contact Hilda Secrist if unable to attend.

Fried Apple Pies - helpers needed. Contact Jackie Hyche, 648-9106.

Clothing Consignment Store - Get your adult, children's & baby items ready. Information on how to label, price & drop off will be available soon.

Silent Auction Committee needs those of you who have not placed your cards in the basket in front of office to do so ASAP. They are counting on all Sunday School classes & circles! You're needed.

Apple Dumpling Gang needs volunteers to make pie dough at home & bring to church kitchen Oct 28, place in refrigerator, or Oct 29 in a.m. Call Glenna Lathrop (649-4508), Doris Roman (642-3459) or Jan Close (643-0961.)

Financials for week ending September 27, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 25,754
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,171,872
Actual expenses to date	\$1,094,157
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 933,908
Faith Promise Report for week ending Sept. 27	
2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	800.00
Received YTD	103,080.49
Disbursements to date	84,881.48
Balance for which to pay	130,171.99

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

will meet Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008, from 10:00-11:00am in Room 116. If you are living with cancer or are a family member of someone with cancer, please contact Nancy Reed at 648-6891 to sign-up.

FUN TUESDAY meets on Monday this month in combination with the exercise program. So...plan to come on Monday, Oct 6, from 10:00-10:45 for the exercise part and plan to remain for **FUN MONDAY** from 10:45-11:30. Zenith Sharpe will lead this portion of the morning following June Cannon's exercises.

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	118
9:02	139
11:00	446
Total	703
SS	355

**Wednesday Supper
Menu for October 8**
*Lasagna
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Cake*



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6pm October 5

Discussion of Methodism continues, comparing it to other denominations & faiths. Remember \$2 for dinner!

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

6:30pm Youth Room Wednesdays

Open to all Senior High age youth. Focus is on New Testament, using a short term Disciple Bible Study.

ASBURY HILLS November 7-9

Registration forms are available from Gene Aiken. If you or your friends plan to go, you must attend Sunday Night Youth *two times* between now and departure.



IT TAKES A VARIETY of people and talents to do God's work. Come see the ways planned for children to recognize their unique gifts and abilities to help others!!! Sign up to help with OARS Sunday School for **one Sunday** between Oct. 12th - Jan. 21st. Many volunteers are needed to commit to **ONE Sunday**. Your gift of spending **one Sunday School hour** encouraging the children would be as rewarding to you as it would be to our children.

Call Michelle Brown before Oct. 12th. ☺ ☺ ☺

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin in October. An information letter will soon be mailed to the parents of seventh graders. Should, for some reason, you do not receive this information for your 7th grader, please contact Gene Aiken at the church office. Also, please contact him if you have an older student who is interested.

GO Global Outreach News

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

2. ACTS has a **critical shortage** of volunteers: Senior Food Deliverers, Food Workers, Interviewers and Receptionists are all needed. If you can help, please contact Karen Perry at ACTS (649-3800) to find a position to fit your schedule.

3. We are collecting **toothbrushes and toothpaste** to take to the LCM children in Kenya. We hope to get at least 120 of each item. Please contact Frances Osteen (648-2548).

4. On October 22, a group from St. John's will take a **day trip** to visit Shirley Townsend-Jones, our missionary in Bennettsville, SC. We will view her ministry in action and deliver "Operation Backpack" school supplies. Please contact Michael Norton (648-9740) if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008:

- 1ST GRADE: THOU ART
- 2ND GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
- 3RD GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
- 4TH GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GRP 1: CREATION STATION
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GRP 2: PALMS & PSALMS

ACTS item for October: Canned Vegetables!

SPREAD THE JOY for Grades 1-6 (& 5K if supervised by a parent) is Sunday at 6pm. On Oct 5 Leigh Crain & Allison Beatty will help in *Planting the Seeds of Love* upstairs in OARS art room.



REMEMBER - The first team meeting for the GIC Children's Missions Committee is Sunday, October 5, from 3-5 pm in Room 109. **Your help** is needed to create a fun, impactful, eye-opening and meaningful set of programs for 1st -5th graders during the January, 2009 GIC! Here is a wonderful opportunity to show our children the many ways missions help our church grow and spread God's word.

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME in Columbia hosts local church representatives on Sunday, October 12. Maureen Bernard will be attending and will deliver donations of new children's clothes, health/beauty products and school supplies on this trip. Please leave your contributions in the appropriately marked box.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 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

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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
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
21 PAULA C. SAWYER
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