

St. John's Visitor

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IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY!!!

On Sundays, we are used to seeing Matt Willoughby and Gary Frazier in choir robes! This time, they are in harmony on another effort. Employees from Gary Frazier's company, Silver Bluff Landscaping, watch while Gary operates the small excavator being used to get out the root system of the aged shrubs. Matt Willoughby, standing right, as well as Chris Copeland from Layman's Wholesale Nursery, prepared the overall plan.

Despite heavy rains from Hurricane Ida last week, the fountain project got underway this past Saturday with the removal of much of the old shrubbery. The days lost due to the rain are expected to be made up this week. The planting project is still scheduled for Friday the 20th from 1 to 5 and Saturday from 8 am until done. Mulch will then be spread to keep the weeds out and the moisture in. Volunteers are needed to help plant the shrubs and flowers, already spotted for planting.

Contact Bob Kosky (642-2848), Al Snell (642-5672), or the church office for more information.

WHY NOT JOIN IN?

There may still be a few tickets available for Turkey Dinner, held this Thursday from 5:30 until 7. Mary Jordan, UMW organizer of the event, reminds us this tradition began in 1970, and has gained in popularity over the years.

This year's menu? Turkey and dressing, green beans, candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls and an assortment of pies for dessert. The price? \$9 for adults, and \$4 for children. You may also arrange for carry-out.



**November 22
Last Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Messages this week by
Rev. Dr. George Howle and Rev. Keith Stewart
"HE GAVE THANKS"
Scripture: I Thessalonians 5: 18**

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

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, November 19

- 9:30am Sisters Bible Study
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 5:30pm UMW Turkey Dinner begins
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, November 20

- 10:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Bridge Group

Saturday, November 21

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen opens doors

Sunday, November 22

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00pm Revelations & Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth Group
- 6:00pm Financial Course

Monday, November 23

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:30pm Al-Anon
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 24

- 11:00am Preschool Thanksgiving Feast
- 12:00noon Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00pm 9:02 Band Practice
- 7:00pm Church Council

Wednesday, November 25

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am TF Bible Study
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Alan Kelly
- Acolytes** - Max Madden, John Luke Nance
- Altar Guild** - Nita Bell, Libby Taylor, Christy Kisner, Keenan Kizer, Peg Robinson, Claudette Strickland

Crib Rm (11am) -Hilda Secrist

2-3 Yr Nursery - Commie Peebles

3-4 Yr Nursery - Dottie Kochli

Sunday AM Host (Nov 22) Mick Ferrell

Evening Hosts

- Sunday (Nov 22) - Jim Minear
- Monday - Rick Endler
- Tuesday - Matt Beckum
- Wednesday - Jim Wert
- Thursday - Tom Brown
- Friday - Bob Kosky
- Saturday - Marc Nadeau

CONGRATULATIONS to Charles and Helen Lide who celebrate sixty years of marriage on November 19!

NEW ARRIVAL: Dylan Enzo Walke, son of David & Rieko Walke and grandson of Pat & Sue Ann Walke, was born Nov 5 in Peachtree City, GA.

CONDOLENCES: Correction from last week – Joey Kneece, who passed away Nov 3 in Aiken, is the son of Georgia Stallings Hill.

HOSPITALIZED: MCG - Tom Minter; Columbia - Art Justice; Recently Discharged - Archie Hargett, Bob Sharpe

To Church Members: I have really appreciated all the prayers, flowers, calls and visits from our Church Family. Rev.Howle, Keith Stewart and several of our Sunday School members came to the hospital to have prayer with me and my family. ST. JOHN'S IS A GREAT CHURCH!! In Christ, Les & Mattie King

My Dear Friends and Family of St. John's - Thank you for all my cards, phone calls, visits and beautiful red prayer shawl. Without your love, support, and powerful prayers, this journey would be much more difficult!

With love and blessing to all, **Brenda Bodie and Family**

GRACE KITCHEN needs volunteers to serve the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov 28.) Please contact Bobby Coker (649-1511) or Marsha Mikes (644-7204) if you can help.



STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW continues in adult Sunday School classes. An open session for those not in a class or who missed an opportunity takes place during the Sunday School hour on November 22. Your attendance is encouraged and welcomed.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available outside Ward Hall beginning Friday, November 20. Please take a moment to find yours and save the church mailing costs. Children's envelopes are now available - see Nancy Fairgrieve.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF ST. JOHN'S?

New members will be introduced next Sunday. Please contact the church office at 648-6891.



NO SUPPERS
November 18 or 25
Come to UMW Turkey Dinner on November 19!
Tickets available in office.

Financials for week ending Nov 14, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 21,156
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,328,100
Actual expenses to date	\$1,373,815
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 328,076

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$122,647.62
Disbursed YTD	\$122,337.13
2009 Faith Promise year =	
2/1/09 thru 1/31/10	

Attendance - November 15

8:30	116
9:02	150
11:00	415
Total	681
SS	304



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, November 22 6:00PM
Regular Meeting

Youth Choir Reminder:
Caroling on December 17

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009
ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL
FINISHING "SPREAD THE JOY" CRAFTS

1ST/2ND GRADES - ART ROOM
3RD/4TH GRADES - KITCHEN

MONTHLY BRIDGE GROUP will be meeting Friday, November 20, at 7pm in Ward Hall. All bridge players are welcome - it is not necessary to have a partner to participate.

HELP MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS brighter and warmer. Several area agencies have children, individuals or families with needs. Please contact **Nancy Reed** (648-6891) if you or your family or your group/class would like to learn how you could help.

*Please remember to notify the church office when you have a **CHANGE IN ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER.***

ACTS COLLECTION

NOVEMBER: Grits

DECEMBER: Canned Soup

GO Global Outreach News

Volunteer opportunity! St. John's is sending 20 volunteers to the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center in Charlotte, NC on Monday, November 30, to help pack & inspect boxes. The church bus will leave at noon, volunteer time is from 3-6:00 p.m., followed by dinner & then everyone will return home later that evening. If interested, please contact Allison Beatty at 648-6891.

Home Hosts are needed for the GIC from January 27-31. If you are willing to open your home & house one of our visiting missionaries, please contact Cindy & Al Snell at 642-5672 or alsnell@bellsouth.net.

Thank you note from Michael Agwanda:

Lolla, Mike and I are really blessed to have St. John's as part of our family. We really thank you so much for your financial support of \$1000 toward our medical bills. May God bless you and those who gave towards this burden that we have been enduring. Giving has not been good but I know for sure that God will not neglect those who serve him. He called us and he shall provide for us through his faithful like you and others. We are really honored by your giving as well as others who have been standing with us in all circumstances.

In His Service.
 Michael Agwanda

5TH-6TH GRADE GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK :

I DARE YOU TO BE DIFFERENT! I DARE YOU TO QUIT THINKING THAT GOD DOESN'T WANT YOU TO HAVE FUN! I DARE YOU TO TAKE GOD ALONG WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO TO A PARTY. I DARE YOU TO INVITE GOD TO COME ALONG WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES WITH FRIENDS OR JUST HANGING OUT.

WE NEED YOUR HELP in taking our children back in time to Bethlehem for an amazing Christmas experience! This will be an event that no one will want to miss! If you are interested in roaming Bethlehem with our children on December 19th from 2-5pm, please contact Allison at the church office!



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS, an encouraging seminar aimed at those who have recently experienced family losses, will be offered in a 2-part daytime session on Wednesday, Dec 2, and again Dec 9 from 4-5pm. There is no charge but registration is helpful in making take-home material available. Please call the office, 648-6891.

EPWORTH CHRISTMAS ANGELS will be at the Turkey Dinner. Children's gifts are needed by Sunday, Dec 6. Maureen Bernard, 803-221-9635, has additional details.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Saturdays** - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
- November 19** - UMW Turkey Dinner
- November 22** - Thanksgiving Sunday, Holy Communion
- December 6** - Children's Christmas Program
- December 19** - A Night in Bethlehem
- December 20** - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
- December 21 - 6pm** The Longest Night
- December 24 - 5pm** Family Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
- December 24 - 6pm** Communion Service (Chapel)
- December 24 - 11pm** Candlelight service (Sanctuary)
- January 27-31, 2010** - Next 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

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE
29 KEITH STEWART
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE HAWKINS
21 PAULA SAWYER
30 MICHELLE PEARSON
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