

St. John's Visitor

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PLEASE REMEMBER FOOD FOR ACTS

Bring non-perishable items and leave in appropriately marked containers when you come to worship next Sunday.

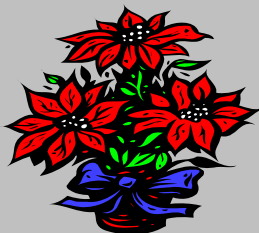


EPWORTH ANGELS

are available during the week outside the church office. Pick your name, and shop for that child. Gifts should be brought to the church by Sunday, Dec 9.



POINSETTIA ORDERS will be taken the next two Sundays from those who wish to honor or remember a loved one. Cost per plant this year is \$13.50.



BIBLE STUDIES ABOUND!!

Are you aware that there are Bible Studies for various ages, on varied topics and on a variety of days throughout the week?

During this fall there have been Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday studies, some in the evening, some during the day. There have been studies for senior highs, young adults, and also women and men of all ages. Topics come from the Old Testament, Gospels and other portions of the New Testament

Some studies are in recess until after the first of the year but, if you are interested, you are invited to make your preference known by clipping and submitting the following information to the church office:

YOUR NAME _____

BEST WAY TO CONTACT _____

PREFERRED DAY OF WEEK _____

TIME OF DAY (e.g. morning, afternoon, evening) _____

AGE GROUP PREFERENCE _____ **M or F?**

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVERS

St. John's members over 70 ½ years of age are reminded that 2007 is the last year that one can transfer IRA distributions directly to qualified charitable organizations (such as St. John's) free of federal income tax. Members who meet the age requirement may want to consider this as a means of fulfilling pledges to the church budget or to the debt reduction campaign.

December 2, 2007
First Sunday of Advent

St. John's Children and Youth Choirs

present

"Children's Lessons and Carols"

8:45 and 11:00 o'clock a.m.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVALS: *Ryan Michael Anaclerio, son of Stephen & Cheryl Anaclerio and grandson of Archie & Kathy Hargett, was born November 14 in Augusta.*

Bennett O'Neil Flowers, son of Scott & Summer Flowers and grandson of Neil & Patsy Flowers, was born November 20 in Augusta.

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Sue Ann Walke in the loss of her step-father, Leland Fisher, on November 23 in Inman, SC.*

HOSPITALIZED: Univ. - Marcus Huff, Clay Jones; Panama City, FL - Elizabeth Dill

Meetings to Note

Thursday, November 29

- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00pm Youth Bible Study

Saturday, December 1

- 9:30am Fellowship Class Brunch
- 3:00pm Children's Rehearsal & Party

Sunday, December 2

- 8:15am Coffee House
- Children's Choir Program-Both Services
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Christian Believer Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 4

GIC Mentoring Day

- 7:00pm First Place

Wednesday, December 5

- 9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
- 1:30pm Old Testament Bible Study
- 4:00pm Grief Share Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Kathleen Brannon
- Acolytes** - Colby Hozey, Matt Hudgins
- Altar Guild** - Donna Caprell Kraft, Betty Mullikin, Zenith Sharpe, Cynthia Stapleton, Vivian Tate
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Susan Vernon
- Toddlers** - Katie Proctor
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Molly Jones
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Dawn Mahoney
- Greeters 8:45** - Joe & Leah Lewis, Bobby & Phyllis Coker
- Sunday School Greeter** - Beverly Burch
- Greeters 11:00** - James & Lou Davis, Bill & Sylvia Spell, Bill & Mary Anne Quinn
- Sunday AM Host (December 2)** - Bobby Coker
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday (Dec 2) - Robin Dillman
 - Monday - Kevin Buchanan
 - Tuesday - Lamar Keisler
 - Wednesday - Tom Nance
 - Thursday - John Tucker, Jr
 - Friday - Edward Yeh
 - Saturday - Charles McKeel

IN MEMORIAM

ANN GUNDERMAN FREITAG

November 23, 2007

IN MEMORIAM

RONALD DELL LONG

November 24, 2007

Thank you to those who donated a turkey, a gift card or gave of their time by volunteering for One Table, THANK YOU. Marsha Mikes

REMINDER: Host homes still needed for visiting missionaries during the Global Impact Celebration, Jan 23-27. Contact Brent or Jan Boore, 649-2313.

2008 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Budget	\$ 1,822,175
Amount pledged	\$ 1,510,893
Projected amount	\$ 1,905,077
Number of pledges	493
Number not yet rec'd	494

FUN TUESDAY for retirees happens again next Tuesday, December 4. Merry Christmas, seniors!! Come enjoy some pre-Christmas fun and fellowship. No reservation necessary.

DO YOU HAVE a mid-year graduate? If so, please let the church office know of this achievement (recipient's full name, name of degree and name of school.)



FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

during next month
are
December 5
and
December 12
Serving from 5-7 pm

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	129
11:00	411
Total	540
SS	238

Financials for week ending November 24, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 23,294
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,345,809
Actual expenses to date	\$1,181,567
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,478,508



St. John's
youth ministry

Sunday Night Youth - 6pm

The youth will again adopt a family for Christmas. This year's shopping date is December 15. Plans are to return to the church to wrap and then deliver the gifts the same day.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, December 18 Christmas Caroling
 Fri-Sun, February 8-10 Ski trip to
 Sugar Mountain, NC

NEW YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet in at Gene & Katie Aiken's home on Thursday, November 29, 7:00pm. Please RSVP to Gene at 522-2008.

PARENTS OF YOUTH are invited to be part of a Prayer Group which will meet on the first Sunday of each month. The next meeting is Sunday (Dec 2) at 6:00 in the Prayer Room #117. This group is open to *anyone* who feels the call to pray for our youth. You do not need to pray out loud. You simply have to believe in the power of prayer. God has been faithful and answered so many of our prayers, so come join us to experience how Great our God truly is. Questions? Call Renee Reid at 642-8951.

God has moved the hearts of three people to volunteer as teachers for the **TWO-YEAR-OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL**. If you have prayed about where God is calling you to volunteer, please consider investing your time in teaching the little ones of St. John's about God's love and amazing grace! Try it!! If five more members of St. John's would volunteer, we can put everyone on a rotating schedule *after the holidays*, so that your team would teach only once a month! So far, Ann & Bob Prather and Beverly Burch have stepped forward. If you would like to partner with Beverly or create your own team, please call Michelle Brown at the church or on her cell at 803-522-2010.

DECEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Monday, December 10	
11:30 am # 4 & #14	Eejay's
Tuesday, December 11	
11:00 am #11	Davor's
12:30 pm # 9	Genie Farmer 220 Trafalgar St SW
12:30 pm #10	Café Monet
7:00 pm # 1	Mary Lou Wallace 782 Palm Dr
Thursday, December 13	
# 8	Dinner - To be announced
Monday, December 17	- Circle #3 No December meeting
Tuesday, December 18	- Circle #13 TBA
Wednesday, December 19	- Circle #7 TBA



CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007:**

- 1ST GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS**
- 2ND GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**
- 3RD GRADE: THOU ART**
- 4TH GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: THE ARKADE**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: JOYFUL NOISE**

**NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2.
 CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO STAY
 FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.**

Thanks, Jimi & Julie Whitesell, Stephanie Osteen and Janel Poe for doing an excellent job of teaching our children about how Gideon listened to God and obeyed what God called him to do! Galatians 1:15. The children made torches out of wrapping paper, paper towel tubes and tissue paper while learning that God knows them and is calling them, too!

St. John's **OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES** is coordinating the *Retreat at Springmaid Beach, Feb. 5-7* sponsored by the SC Conference Council on Older Adults. The retreat speaker is Rev. Dr. George H. Mathison, Senior Minister of Auburn UMC in Auburn, AL (brother of Rev. Dr. John Ed Mathison of the Frazier UMC in Montgomery, AL.) The cost of the 3-day/2-night retreat (including 6 meals and bus transportation) is very affordable compared to other 3-day trips. Reservations are almost complete, with about 3 rooms available. Call **Zenith & Bob Sharpe (648-1268)** for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 2** - First Sunday of Advent
 Children's Christmas Program
- December 2-7** Preschool Book Fair
- December 16** - Masterworks Concert
- December 19** - Last day of Preschool
- December 21** - Winter Solstice Service
- December 23** - Chancel Choir Cantata
- December 24** - Candlelight/Communion Service (5pm)
 Candlelight Service (11pm)
- January 23-27** - Global Impact Celebration
- February 6** - Ash Wednesday Service
- February 14** - Valentine Widow/Widowers' Luncheon
- February 10** - Organ Concert
- March 20** - *Last Supper* Dramatic Presentation
 and Communion
- March 23** - Easter Sunday
- April 5-11** - Mission trip to New Orleans
- April 27** - Organ Concert
- May 18** - Confirmation Sunday

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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...

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23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
29 TERRY FLEMING
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
58 WALTER CANTWELL
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
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