

St. John's Visitor

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Growing Christians Sunday School Class

The Growing Christians Sunday School Class started over 20 years ago with a core of two to three couples. Today the Class, located in Room 238, has over 50 members. This diverse group consists of couples and singles ranging in age from the 40's to grandparents. The best description of the class is reflected in the class goals:

- To learn to apply Christian principles to everyday life through study of the Holy Bible.
- To provide opportunities for social interaction and support.
- To support St. John's United Methodist Church and our local community.

What sets the Growing Christians Class apart from most other adult Sunday School Classes is that there is no designated teacher. The class teacher/facilitator comes from class member volunteers.

Course curriculum is selected by the curriculum committee. The studies selected are usually six to eight week studies. An advent session is usually planned. Student materials include a teacher's guide to assist with lesson preparation.

The class is structured with a yearly elected President who is supported by various committees. Current committees include Missions, Curriculum, Social and Sunshine. The class also has a representative on the Senior Adult Council. In addition to a president, there is a vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Missions are very important to the Class, currently support is provided to the Cumbee Center and ACTS. Special mission projects are recognized and supported on an "as needed" basis.

The class is also very social with a social time each Sunday prior to the lesson with coffee/tea and refreshment. Quarterly the class hosts a breakfast and class outings and events are scheduled throughout the year.

Anyone interested in this type of class is very WELCOME to join us. Hope to see you there!



Nancy Martin (Sec), Jack Roberts (Pres) and Joyce Bowman (V-P) Absent-Susan McDonald (Treas)

EVENING SERVICES

SCHEDULED DURING LENT

To mark the beginning of Lent, an *Ash Wednesday Service* will be held in the Chapel on February 21 at 6:00 pm. Services will continue to be held each Wednesday evening during the Lenten season beginning at 6 pm in the Chapel. Certified Lay Speakers from within the congregation will lead this time of reflection which will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. You may wish to make a Wednesday supper reservation and then stay for worship. Scheduled to speak are:

February 28	Jim Ross
March 7	Paul Rideout
March 14	Rob Braithwaite
March 21	Jim Holly
March 28	Neil Flowers

Sunday, February 18 Last Sunday after the Epiphany "LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

Scripture: **John 13: 31-35**
Rev. Dr. George Howle

Prelude	Aiken Brass
Anthem	<i>I Give You a New Commandment</i> Rutter
	The Chancel Choir
Offertory	<i>And This Is Love</i> - Judy Kalbaugh & Tom Nance
Hymns	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> <i>The Servant Song</i> <i>Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service</i>

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, February 15

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Men's Emmaus Group
- 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, February 16

- 7:00 pm Primetime Bridge

Sunday, February 18

- 8:15 am Coffee House
- 12:00 noon Children's Ministry Lunch/ Mtg
- 5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Women's Emmaus Group

Monday, February 19

- 8:00 am First Place
- 10:30 am Primetime Sunny Monday
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, February 20

- 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee

Wednesday, February 21

- 9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group
- 4:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm Grief Share
- 5:00 pm Fellowship Supper
- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm Men's/Women's Bible Study

Serving February 18

- Crucifer** - Warren Durrett
- Acolytes**-Kathleen Brannon, Adam Bumpus
- Altar Guild** - Phyllis Campbell, Ann Prather, Mary Ann Ray, Mildred Whitaker
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Molly Jones
- Toddlers** - Michelle Orr
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Deedee Vaughters
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Laura Rowan
- Children's Worship**-Page Hall, Keisha Uhle, Mary Cornelius
- Greeters 8:45** - Claude & Marie Goodlett, Claudette Strickland
- Sunday School Greeter** - Carla Dillman
- Greeters 11:00** - John & Jean Geiger, Henriann Goddard, Johanna Gibbs, Evelyn Seebeck, Gail Marine
- Sunday AM Host (Feb 18)**
Norflet Caprell
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (Feb 18) - George Kelley
- Monday - Charlie Neill
- Tuesday - Chuck Bryan
- Wednesday - Barry Pearson
- Thursday - Jim Minear
- Friday - Rick Endler
- Saturday - Matt Beckum

BAPTISM: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, February 11, was **Sophia Grace Vitali**, daughter of **Jason & Robin Vitali**.

NEW MEMBERS: Received into membership at St. John's:
Mrs. Danny Mayes (Shannon)

Morgan Laura Mayes and Ryan William Mayes added to Baptized Roll
463 Town Creek Rd 648-4907

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Susan Frushour** in the death of her stepfather, **Samuel Edgar Cooper**, on February 8 in Parkersburg, WV.

HOSPITALIZED: Univ. - **Bobbie Blackmon**; VA-**Augusta** - **Charles Lide**; **Aiken** - **Jimmy Player, Elmer Wilson**; **Discharged** - **Frankie Lambright**

A BIG THANK YOU to those who help: cook, set-up, cashier, serve, clean up and deliver Ministry Meals for Wednesday night suppers. Enjoy your time off on this Valentine's Day! Volunteers are **always needed** to keep our suppers going. Please sign up on the calendar (on table in hallway outside the office) or call Mimi or Mary. The fellowship is great and many helping hands are needed each week so please volunteer to make it happen.

A heartfelt thank you from **Ben and Clydean Cooper** to their St. John's family for their love and prayers. Please let them hear from you. Their address is:
70 Mt. Hebron Rd. - Leitchfield, KY 42754.

Mark your calendars for March 11 at 4 pm. The **talented young organist, FELIX HELL**, will be once again playing our organ in concert. Many of you will remember his appearance at St. John's in 2004. It is an experience not to be missed. The concert is free to the public.

The speaker for the **UNITED METHODIST MEN** on Thursday, February 22, will be Colin Covington, General Manager of the Solid Waste Authority located on the SRS Site near Jackson. The Waste Facility helps solve a long-standing environmental problem for our County. In addition to discussing the landfill operation, he will present a proposal to convert the waste to gasoline.

PRIMETIMERS SUNNY MONDAY GROUP meets Monday, February 19, at 10:30 am. *Excursions Unlimited* (from Savannah) will present their special Travel Presentation, including door prizes and surprises. Please call the church office (648-6891) by noon, Friday February 16, to make reservations for lunch (\$3.50 per person.) A good count is needed because this month's menu features shrimp from Savannah, boiled on the premises, complemented by red rice, cole slaw, cornbread & dessert. An alternate entrée (chicken fingers) will be available if requested with your reservation.

ANOTHER REMINDER

As of February 1 the old staff email addresses are no longer operational. Please send all staff emails to the addresses shown on the last page of this newsletter to assure your correspondence is correctly delivered.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Menu for February 21

- Chili Corn Bread*
- Mixed Green Salad*
- Brownies*

Financials for week ending February 4, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 4,946
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 33,631
Budget needs to date	\$ 72,932
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 179,994
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$2,177,708.32

Last Week's Attendance

	2007	2006
8:45	157	166
11:00	489	548
Total	646	714
SS	305	373

St. John's Youth News

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR
6:00 PM REGULAR UMYF MEETING

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2007:

Please come to the gathering room 220 at 9:45.
You will be dismissed to classes from there.



There are several openings on the **FLOWER CALENDAR** during April as well as months following. Please contact Paula or Anne in the church office if interested in remembering or honoring a loved one with flowers on the altar.

PLEASE PARK CAREFULLY

The St. John's minibus is used almost every Sunday to pick up folks for worship, and to take them home again. The bus drivers report that it's often hard for them to get the bus out of its parking slot because of other vehicles that are in the way.

Please, when you park your car, make sure you're not obstructing the path of the minibus. This will make it easier for us, and may save you a crumpled fender!



ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY BRIDGE GROUP will meet on Friday, February 16. Please call the church office or Doug & Elsie Leader if you plan to attend. You do not need to have a partner. Anyone who enjoys playing bridge is welcome.

Join a **First Place Christian Weight Loss Program**
(Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm, room 216)
February 27 - May 22, 2007.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Our families had so much fun playing putt putt at this month's family outing! If you and your family were not able to come, we hope you will join us in March for our next family activity. Be sure to check back here in the next couple of weeks for all of the information on March's family outing.

Our Children's Ministry Follow-Up Luncheon and Meeting is this Sunday in Ward Hall immediately following the late service. We hope to see all of you there!

Happy Valentine's Day! Remember that Jesus loves you very much!

Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:39)

St. John's **FAMILY MINISTRIES** is coordinating a day-trip **Saturday, March 31**, to attend the **Passion Play** at the Atlanta Civic Center. Cost is reasonable for excellent main floor reserved seating and transportation on St. John's bus. Lunch on the way in Madison and a supper stop in Conyers after the performance will be "Dutch Treat." Most seats have been assigned based on the PrimeTimer's signup list; however, please call Spence Grotheer (642-0084) for cost information and if you are interested in this day-trip or being added to the stand-by list.

MISSION STATEMENT:

**WE GROW
IN FAITH AND NUMBER BY
SHARING
THE GOOD NEWS
OF JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH
WORSHIP,
NURTURE AND SERVICE.**



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