

St. John's Visitor

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Get Up and Get Going!

"Dear Friends, Being with you was a tremendous blessing for me and for our team [The Mission Society] this weekend. Thanks for opening your church and your hearts to us. We were all moved – blessed by your heartfelt responsiveness to the call of God. We look forward to seeing all that He will do through you in the days ahead, and look forward to joining you on that journey.
In His Grip, Dick McClain

Yes, St. John's *Global Outreach Weekend* was an awesome experience starting with the seminar itself, throughout the Sunday School hour, and in Dick McClain's message on Sunday morning. There is no doubt that the Holy Spirit was alive and working in the hearts of those who were present. Thank you for your warm welcome and reception to Dick McClain, Richard Coleman and Jerry Samuels and for your generous love offering which totaled \$2,448.50. This donation will provide funding for *The Mission Society* to share the *Global Outreach Weekend* with other churches in the future.

We were reminded that God has empowered us - the local church - to be His "witnesses in Jerusalem, and all of Judea, and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). God used our *Global Outreach Weekend* as a starting point to stir up hearts. But we've only just begun. It is one thing to have a stirred heart. It is quite another to respond in action to what God has laid on our hearts. Praise God because we've already seen and heard evidence that this is happening. Here are just a few examples:

- ◆ Our Pastor has publicly stated that he has been convicted - God has laid it on George's heart to go to Ghana, West Africa, in August. He believes that he must "go to the ends of the earth" in order to be more effective in leading our church toward becoming a balanced "Acts 1:8" church.
- ◆ An anonymous donor left what appears to be a sacrificial gift of seed money to help George get to Ghana this summer.
- ◆ A Bible Study facilitator shared her heart by asking others in her group to pray for The Mission Society, Jerry Samuels and an unreached people group this week.
- ◆ Two more people from St. John's have stepped forward to join the June Honduras team (half of that 16 member team is from St. John's!!!)
- ◆ Someone has stepped forward to say she feels called to lead a prayer initiative for our missionary and mission agency partners and other mission concerns.
- ◆ God has led one of our children's ministry to get our kids intentionally involved in an on-going mission project.

Oswald Chambers says, "The remarkable thing about spiritual initiative is that the life and power come after we 'get up and get going.'" What about you? Are you ready to get up and get going? Then I encourage you to take the initiative. If God has laid something on your heart, I'd love to hear from you. Please call or e-mail me.

Many Blessings,

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Jerry Samuels, George Howle, Dick McClain, Richard Coleman

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, February 22

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, February 25

- 8:15 am Coffee House
- 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, February 26

- 8:15 am First Place
- 9:00 am District Clergy Meeting
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee

Tuesday, February 27

- 7:00 pm First Place
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, February 28

- 9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
- No Old Testament Bible Study this week**
- 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 Lenten Communion Service
- 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm Men's/Women's Bible Study

Serving February 25

- Crucifer** - Gaines Milliner
- Acolytes** - Kathleen Brannon, Alan Kelly
- Altar Guild** - Phyllis Campbell, Ann Prather, Mary Ann Ray, Mildred Whitaker
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Darby Copeland
- Toddlers** - Kelly Boni
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Dottie Salter
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Roslyn Ingram
- Children's Worship** - Paul Musick, Teresa Crain, Myrle Jett
- 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 25)** - Mick Ferrell
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (Feb 25) - Jim Wert
- Monday - Tom Brown
- Tuesday - Bob Kosky
- Wednesday - Marc Nadeau
- Thursday - Jeff Crenshaw
- Friday - Robin Dillman
- Saturday - Kevin Buchanan

NEW ARRIVALS: *Duncan John Staniszewski, son of Ellen & Kevin Staniszewski, grandson of Eric & Helen Randall and great-grandson of Mary Ellen Randall, was born February 12 in Aiken.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to June Bryan in the death of her mother, Marie Mayer, in Rio Linda, CA, on Sunday, February 18.*

Sincere sympathy is also extended to the family of former staff member, Hattie Thomas, who passed away in Aiken on Saturday, February 17.

HOSPITALIZED: *Aiken - Jimmy Player; VA-Augusta - Charles Lide, Wyatt Johnson; Discharged - Sara Charlton*

UNITED METHODIST MEN are being treated to a delicious spaghetti dinner at their meeting on Thursday of this week. It will not be necessary to bring a covered dish thanks to the generosity of L. S. McCormick and Bob Sharpe. Meal begins at 6:30



pm in Ward Hall. The program which follows will be about the Solid Waste Authority located on the SRS Site near Jackson. General Manager of the facility, Colin Covington, will be the presenter. In addition to discussing the landfill operation, he will present a proposal to convert the waste to gasoline.

REMINDER: First Place Christian Weight Loss Program - a new session begins 7 pm, Room 216, Tuesday, February 27, and runs until May 22.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Menu for February 28


- Seasoned Chicken Breast*
- Carrot Souffle*
- Green Peas* *Rolls*
- Salad w/fruit and*
- Poppy Seed Dressing*
- Ice Cream Dessert*

EVENING SERVICES DURING LENT

<i>Chapel</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
February 21	Rev. Howle
February 28	Jim Ross
March 7	Paul Rideout
March 14	Rob Braithwaite
March 21	Jim Holly
March 28	Neil Flowers

Sisters in Christ, you are invited to attend the 4th Annual Women's Conference at Wesley UMC. The theme this year is "Certain Women: Making a Difference for Freedom and Healings Through Sacrifices, Support and Service." It will be held on Friday, March 9, beginning at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 10, at 9:00 am. There is a cost involved which includes lunch. To register, contact Bernice Sanders at 649-2450. You will be renewed! Contact Renée Reid, 642-8951, for additional information.

SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE APPLICATIONS are

now being received. If interested please download the form from  Salkehatchie.org or contact Neil Flowers at the church office.

Financials for week ending February 11, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 21,118
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 25,640
Budget needs to date	\$ 94,050
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 205,634
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$2,177,708.32

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	148
11:00	493
Total	641
SS	336

St. John's Youth News

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR

6:00 PM REGULAR UMYF MEETING

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP COOK AND SERVE AT THE SALKEHATCHIE FUND-RAISING DINNER SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 4. PLEASE THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN ASSIST!

*UMYF members and counselors
invite you to dinner
following 11 am worship
Sunday, March 4
Proceeds will benefit
Salkehatchie Summer Service*

ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, led by Church Women United, will begin at 10am on Saturday, March 3, at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church located at 3522 Trolley Line Rd NW in Aiken.

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2007:**

- 1ST GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S BED & BREAKFAST
- 2ND GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
- 3RD GRADE: CREATION STATION
- 4TH GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: THOU ART



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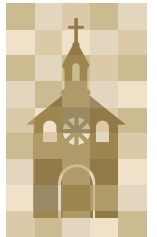
***WE GROW IN FAITH AND NUMBER
BY SHARING THE GOOD NEWS
OF JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH WORSHIP,
NURTURE AND SERVICE.***

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Plan to join us on Sunday
(February 25)
for
NOAH'S PARK,
the NEW adventure of
Children's Church

CONFIRMATION 2007

Here we go again! It is time for our annual Confirmation Class. The class will be primarily made up of 7th graders and their mentors. Confirmation is also open to any youth or adult who is not a member of St. John's and would like to learn what it means to be a Christian and how to live a life in relevant relationship with God.



Our first gathering will be on Sunday, March 4 at 5:00 p.m. in Ward Hall. Parents of 7th graders will be contacted by phone this week to invite their child's participation. At this gathering, we will give out the class calendar and share expectations. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Fleming at 648-6891 (church) or 644-8496 (home).

Please note
for your calendars
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 18-22, 2007

Sunday, February 25 First Sunday in Lent

"WHAT CAN I DO?"
Scripture: **I Corinthians 12: 1 - 14**
Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

Anthem	Find in Me The Chancel Choir	Hinnant
Offertory	When It's All Been Said & Done Heather Yeh, Soprano	

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