

St. John's Visitor

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DAY OF PRAYER

Tuesday, March 27

Sanctuary

6:00 am 7:00 pm

You are invited to pray in solitude,
with friends, family or a group.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Wednesdays at noon - Lenten Lunch

First Baptist Church

March 14 - Message by

Dr. David Cozad

First Presbyterian Church

Wednesdays at 6 pm

Worship Service in the Chapel

with Sacrament of Holy Communion

led by Lay Speakers

March 14 Rob Braithwaite

March 21 Jim Holly

March 28 Neil Flowers



Sunday, April 1 - Palm Sunday

Regular Worship 8:45 and 11:00 am

Wednesday, April 4

Concluding Lenten Lunch/Devotions

First Baptist Church - Noon

Thursday, April 5

5:00 pm - Fellowship Supper

Note change from Wednesday!

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday

Service of Holy Communion

Friday, April 6 - Good Friday

7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 8 - Easter

Frances Asbury Sunday School Class

The Asbury Class was formed during the 1960's and many of the original members are still attending. We welcome new members, too! The class has moved many times over the past years due to growth of the class. Currently there are 60 members who meet upstairs in the Ebenezer Building in Room 240.

The class uses the Adult Bible Series by Cokesbury as their Sunday School study literature. Class teachers are Rick and Linda Endler, Judy Bilyeu, Jim Lockridge, Craig Musick, Tom Brown and Bob Clyburn.

Our biggest Mission Project is selecting families in need in the Aiken County area to assist with food, clothing and gifts during Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons.

We also provide funds to the Epworth Home, Salkehatchie, Honduras Mission and projects during the Fall Apple Fest. Many of our class members participate in these projects.

The current class officers are Craig Musick-President, Rick Endler - Vice-President, Opal Bullington - Secretary, Jay Bilyeu - Treasurer and Ann Prather - Sunshine.

Sunday, March 18, 2007

Fourth Sunday in Lent

"COSTLY PERFUME"

Scripture: **John 12: 1 - 8**

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

Music

Alabaster Box

Juli Davis

In Christ Alone

The Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 25, 2007

Requiem by John Rutter

Chancel Choir and Instruments

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 15

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Men's Emmaus
- 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00 pm Congregational Care
- 7:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee

Friday, March 16

- 7:00 pm Primetime Bridge

Sunday, March 18

- 8:15 am Coffee House
- 5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 pm Women's Emmaus
- 6:00 pm UMYF/Confirmation Class
- 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, March 19

- 8:15 am First Place
- 10:30 am Sunny Monday Meeting
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee
- 7:00 pm Global Outreach Epworth Team

Tuesday, March 20

- 7:00 pm First Place

Wednesday, March 21

- 9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30 am Old Testament Bible Study
- 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 March 18

- Crucifer** - Warren Durrett
- Acolytes** - Nicole Neill, Lauren Pearson
- Altar Guild** - Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson
- 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** - Mary Cornelius, Page Hall & daughter, Keisha Uhle
- Greeters 8:45** - Phyllis and Bobby Coker, Ed Farmer, Paula and Barry Clayton
- Sunday School Greeter** - Beverly Burch
- Greeters 11:00** - Jack & Libby Taylor, John & Joyce Bowman, Dot & Lee Poe
- Sunday AM Host (Mar 18)**
Jim Heffner

Evening Hosts

- Sunday (Mar 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, March 11, were **Hailey Elizabeth Young and Ashley Caroline Young**, daughters of **Tom and Heather Young**.

NEW MEMBERS: Received as new members of St. John's UMC on Sunday, March 11, were:

Mr. & Mrs. Adam W. Beatty

Will and Caroline Beatty added to Constituent Roll
550 Timberchase Ln 644-5819

WEDDING: Congratulations to **Perry Shealy Tucker and Victoria Ann Martin** who were married Saturday, March 10, at First Baptist Church, Aiken.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Tony Bledsoe** in the death of his father, **Monroe Preston Bledsoe, Jr.**, in Ridge Springs on March 4

Sympathy is also extended to **Betty Thomason** in the death of her father, **H. D. Ponton**, in Aiken on March 7.

HOSPITALIZED: VA-Augusta - Charles Lide; Aiken - Jimmy Player, Paul Bowers

St. John's Family - Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy when my son, Leonard Berry, Jr., died February 11. It was such a comfort to know that people care and are concerned at a time like this. The food, flowers & cards were greatly appreciated.

Love, **Jessie Berry**

Dear St. John's Friends - I can't thank you enough for your wonderful outpouring of support during my recent operation. Your prayers, cards and meals did so much to lift my spirits and speed my recovery.

Frankie Lambright

SUNNY MONDAY GROUP

meets Monday, March 19, in Ward Hall at 10:30 am. Please notify the office if you plan to be present for lunch. Menu that day includes chicken tetrazzini, bread, congealed salad and dessert. Things to consider should you need home health care will be discussed during the program. We hope you can be present.

PICTURES STILL NEEDED!

To help update written and pictorial history of St. John's, old photographs of the church, parsonages, groups and events at the church or sponsored by the church would be appreciated. Include date, names, explanation of picture as well as your name (in order that pictures may be returned. Leave in the office marked to the attention of Bob Kosky.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Menu for March 21

- Pork Roast
- Sweet Potato Casserole
- Green Beans Rolls/Butter
- Layered Salad
- Strawberry Shortcake

NO SPAGHETTI DINNER

on Sunday, March 18.

Seekers Sunday School Class

plans to reschedule.

Watch for a future announcement.



Last Week's Attendance

8:45	139
11:00	600
Total	739
SS	272
Concert	252

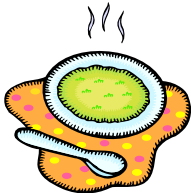
Financials for week ending March 10, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 41,620
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 341,415
Actual expenses to date	\$ 267,252.56
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$2,025,708.32

St. John's Youth News

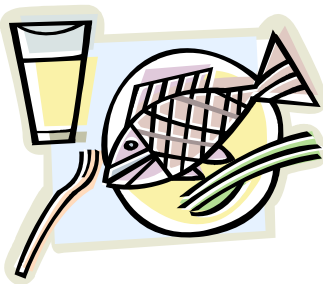
Sunday, March 18

- 5:00 pm Youth Choir**
- 6:00 pm Regular UMYF Meeting**
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class**



Note to those who save *Campbell Soup* labels to contribute to the UMW mission project: The company now accepts **only** the bar codes rather than the label as was the previous practice.

UNITED METHODIST MEN meet next on Thursday, March 22, in Ward Hall. The speaker that evening will be David Jameson, President of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce and member of St. John's. This meeting will also feature the annual fish fry. All men of St. John's are invited.



WOMEN'S SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY meets every week from 6:00-7:30 pm. On March 27 they will be viewing *Super Sheep* by comedian, Ken Davis. No preparation needed, just come for the fellowship and laughter. We will **NOT** meet on April 1 or April 8, but will use *Bible Studies by Demand, Volume 2* from April 15 - May 22. These 6 sessions are independent of one another and require only your presence to view a video. No workbook, no homework. Come for all 6 sessions (or as many as you can) to enjoy the fellowship of other women wanting to learn more about our God.

For more information, contact: Flo McElmurray, 642-5763, or flomcelm@aol.com (put *Bible Study* in "subject.")



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES HAVE CHANGED.

VBS 2007 will be held June 11-15.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Come to the upcoming meeting on Monday, March 19, at 7 pm in Ward Hall for the **GLOBAL OUTREACH-EPWORTH THEM (E.T.)** All interested in mission work for Epworth Children's Home are welcome to join us for prayer, ideas, and projects in support of the children. There will be a special guest, Rev. Kim Eanes from Epworth, who will give a presentation on Epworth Children's Home. Light refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

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

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

needs help in contacting visitors who come to St. John's. If this sounds interesting and you are willing to assist the committee, please contact Jim Holly, 648-1700.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION -

PRAYER LIST is updated weekly and available on the website or a printed copy may be found on a table in the narthex of the sanctuary for those interested.



CRAFTERS, START YOUR ENGINES!

It's March, but November is coming. Put on your thinking caps, start your imaginations and get crafting for Applefest. Contact Pam Howle, gphowle@bellsouth.net or 644-8454 for more information.

EASTER EGG HUNT

is planned for Palm Sunday, which is April 1. The Friendship Sunday School Class will provide a lunch following 11 am worship as a fund-raising project. The egg hunt will come after lunch and will be for children *through the third grade.*



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