

St. John's Visitor

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Parents, please take note:

On Palm Sunday, the children of the church are invited to join the choir by the fountain to process into the sanctuary with their palm branches before joining their families.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Wednesdays at noon - Lenten Lunch
First Baptist Church
March 28 - Message by
Father Marcin Zahuta
St Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

Wednesday, March 28, 6 pm
Concluding Lenten Worship
in the Chapel
with Sacrament of Holy Communion
led by Lay Speaker 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
Identical services at 8:45 & 11:00 am

Congregational Care Committee News

The mission of the Congregational Care Committee is to provide opportunities to know and to care for all members of our church. We are currently involved in several effective ministries: these include Nursing Home/Homebound Visitation, Hospital Lay Visitation, Grief Support, Prayer Shawls, New Member Dinners, Casseroles, and Bereavement Meals.

Our new Shepherding Leader, Steve Lathrop, is diligently working to reorganize this ministry. We are very excited about the opportunity to help our entire congregation to know and care for one another.

Much prayer is needed for God's direction and plan for all of these ministries. We have scheduled a Day of Prayer for each fourth Tuesday, March-December, 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to come to pray for these ministries as well as other concerns and requests from our congregation.

Jeanette Isaacson
CCC Chairman

Sunday, April 1, 2007 Palm/Passion Sunday

"NOTHING COULD STOP HIM"

Scripture: **Luke 19: 28 - 40**

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

Prelude	Aiken Brass
Anthem	Behold The Lamb The Chancel Choir
Offertory	Face The Cross Catherine Stapleton Nance, Carla Fleming, Jill Ashworth
Hymns	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna All Glory, Laud and Honor Lamb of God

Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 29

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Follow-up Mission Meeting
- 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, April 1 (Palm Sunday)

- 8:15 am Coffee House
- 12:00 noon Lunch and Egg Hunt
- 5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 pm Women's Emmaus
- No UMYF/Confirmation Class
- or Parents Prayer Group
- No Women's Bible Study

Monday, April 2

- 8:15 am First Place
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 3

- 6:30 pm Education Committee
- 7:00 pm First Place

Wednesday, April 4

- 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
- 7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm Men's/Women's Bible Study

Maundy Thursday, April 5

- 5:00 pm Fellowship Supper
- 7:00 pm Worship/Communion Service

Good Friday, April 6

- Church Offices Closed
- 7:00 pm Tenebrae - Service of Shadows

Serving April 1 (Palm Sunday)

- Crucifer** - Connor Kane
- Acolytes** - Alan Kelly, Thomas Osteen
- Altar Guild** - Mildred Karraker, Virginia Morris, Betty Mullikin, Ann Taylor
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Susan Vernon
- Toddlers** - Karen Buchanan
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Stephanie Shick
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Dawn Mahoney
- Children's Worship** - Kathy Samaha, Babs Bowers, Deedee Vaughters
- Greeters 8:45** - Hilda Secrist, Ann Carter, John & Andrea Downs
- Sunday School Greeter** - Diane James
- Greeters 11:00** - Jimmy & Ruth Stewart, Selona Murph, Sherry Williamson, David & Sandra Jameson,
- Sunday AM Host (Apr 1)** - Dave Kelly
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (Apr 1) - Jeff Crenshaw
- Monday - Robin Dillman
- Tuesday - Kevin Buchanan
- Wednesday - Lamar Keisler
- Thursday - Tom Nance
- Friday - John Tucker, Jr.
- Saturday - Edward Yeh

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVALS: *Grainger Furman Young, son of Bryan & Casey Young, was born March 22 in Augusta.*

NEW MEMBERS: *Welcomed as new members on Sunday, March 25:*

Mr. & Mrs. Breck E. Klein (Charlotte)

P O Box 3632 648-6734

Aiken 29802

Mrs. Sara "Sally" Hooper (Associate Member)

Cumberland Village Apt 140 641-8335

WEDDING: *Congratulations to Andrea Denise Brissey and Jonathan Derek Lupton who were married March 10 in Aiken. The bride is the daughter of Joel Brissey, Jr., and Gail Brissey-Bryant.*

HOSPITALIZED: *Aiken - Paul Bowers; VA-Augusta - Charles Lide; Univ. Specialty Select - Jimmy Player; MCG Children's: Benton Orr; Discharged - Dick Irwin*

RELEASE THE FUTURE UPDATE

In the spring of 2006 St. John's conducted a capital campaign, *Release the Future*, in an effort to expedite the payment of our mortgage loan. Members of the congregation were urged to make a three-year commitment to our debt reduction campaign for the period June 2006 - May 2009.

On January 1, 2006, the amount of our loan was \$2,953,815.68. During 2006 \$52,000 was applied to the loan from budgeted funds. As of March 2007 \$1,003,100.94 has been received specifically for debt reduction. After paying the campaign consultants and campaign expenses, \$947,107.37 was applied to our loan. Our loan now totals \$1,954,708.31. St. John's is indeed making an effort to *Release the Future!*

POVERTY SEMINAR/GLOBAL OUTREACH SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP

An informal brainstorming meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, beginning at 7 pm. Although this meeting is intended to be a follow-up to the *Poverty Seminar & Global Outreach Seminar*, prior attendance is **NOT** a requirement. If you have a heart for reaching out to the lost and needy of this world, please plan to attend. Call Jan Gilbert at 646-0451 for questions.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER will be THURSDAY, April 5

- Soup
- Corn Bread
- Green Salad
- Cookies & Ice Cream

Financials for week ending March 24, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 22,664
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 389,675
Actual expenses to date	\$ 286,046.85
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,954,708.31

Last opportunity to place your **EASTER LILY ORDER** is Sunday, April 1. See an altar guild representative in the lobby next Sunday after early worship, before 11 a.m. service and after 11 a.m. service. Cost is \$15 per plant. Those persons being honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

FUN TUESDAY for retirees will be held on the second Tuesday in April (April 10) at 10am in Ward Hall. Please note the change from the customary first Tuesday meeting. Hope to see you there!

Last Sunday's Attendance

8:45	187
11:00	497
Total	684
SS	293

St. John's Youth News

Youth Choir, UMYF, Confirmation Class and Parents Prayer Group are in recess until after Easter!



It's time to apply if you are interested in being considered for an **INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP**. Application forms are available in the church office. High school seniors heading for college as well as those who are resuming their education after some years are eligible. Applications are due by May 15.

MOVIE NIGHT

You are invited to view "Facing the Giants" on Sunday, April 15, at 6 p.m. More info to come!



VBS REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1 after early worship as well as before and after 11 a.m. worship in the lobby across from Ward Hall. Anyone interested in volunteering during VBS week may call Ann Gillam, 649-6803. Theme this year is *The Great Bible Reef*.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN APRIL CIRCLE MEETINGS

Monday, April 9

11:00 am # 4 Church Parlor

Tuesday, April 10

10:00 am #11 Church Resource Rm

12:30 pm # 9 Phil's Deli

2:00 pm #10 Church Resource Rm

7:30 pm # 1 No meeting in April

Monday, April 16

2:30 pm # 3 Church Parlor

Tuesday, April 17

2:00 pm #13 Church Rm 116

7:00 pm # 8 At the Church

Wednesday, April 18

4:00 pm #14 Church Prayer Rm

7:00 pm # 7 At the Church



CHILDREN'S CORNER

This Sunday a light lunch after the 11 a.m. service will be held in our gym to raise money for the Honduras mission trip. The lunch is being sponsored by the Friendship Sunday School Class. *All church members are invited!*

We encourage all of our children to bring a friend to church this Sunday!



Our annual Easter egg hunt is this Sunday! The Easter egg hunt will begin immediately following the fund raising lunch in the gym, so it should begin close to 1:00 p.m. All details and instructions for the hunt will be given in the gym after the lunch. The hunt is for all children *from birth through third grade*. We ask each family that participates in the egg hunt to bring a dozen eggs per child filled with individually wrapped candy, preferably non-chocolate, before the late service this Sunday. We will have a drop-off station for the eggs by the office.



O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2007:

1ST GRADE: THOU ART

2ND GRADE: FROM BC TO PC

**3RD GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S BED
& BREAKFAST**

4TH GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE

5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: CREATION STATION

5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: PALMS & PSALMS

Coming to St. John's on Tuesday, April 24: **COMMON SLEEP DISORDERS ... and what to do about them.** This seminar is sponsored by Aiken Regional Medical Center and will be held in Ward Hall beginning at 6 p.m. If you have trouble sleeping, you should attend this seminar. Complimentary dinner is included. To reserve your spot, please call Direct Doctors Plus physician referral service at 1-800-882-7445 and speak with a representative.

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the Good News of Jesus Christ, through
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