

**Welcome to St. John's**

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We hope you enjoy worshiping with us today. If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitor card located in the pews and place it in an alms basin or give it to an usher. We are happy to have you here today! Pick up your visitor and newcomer nametags located on the bulletin board in the Barr Center across from the kitchen. If you would like to speak with someone about our church, please contact Ashley Jaillette with the Newcomer and Visitor's Committee at 803-331-5491 or ajaillette@alumni.clemson.edu.

A Warm Welcome to our Guest Preacher Today: the Rt. Rev. Zebedee Masereka, retired bishop of South Rwenzori, Uganda. The Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation (BMCF) was started by a group of committed Christians in 2001 in Kasese, in western Uganda, where the HIV/AIDS rate is above 15%. There are thousands of orphaned children and many widows/widowers in the district, and the medical crisis was complicated by a 4-year civil war that displaced hundreds of people. BMCF conducts community education activities for prevention of HIV/AIDS, cares for AIDS patients, and provides school fees for orphaned and vulnerable children, who too often were forced to abandon their educations as a result of the death of their parents. BMCF ensures that over 500 children are able to continue their educations from year to year, but there are over 700 applicants still awaiting help. A home-based care program brings assistance and comfort to families who are suffering from AIDS.

Altar Flowers at St. John's

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Music at St. John's

Singers needed in Chancel Choir, Intergenerational Ensemble and Selah. Contact Celia in the office.

Today, October 17: 9:00 am Intergenerational Ensemble: songs of our faith with Caribbean rhythms. Campbell Freeman, Winston Collins, Jamison Welch, Drums; Jaden Gasque, Violin **11:15 am** Offertory anthem "I Lift Mine Eyes unto the Hills" (David V. Friedell) *Text: Psalm 121, BCP 779*

Tuesday 5:30 pm: NO handbells rehearsal this week only.

Wednesday, 4:30-5:15 pm: Music/Rhythm for children

NOTE: two groups 4K-grade 1; grades 2-5.

Next Sunday, October 24: 9:00 am St. John's Chamber Singers "O Lord, Increase My Faith" by Henry Loosemore **11:15 am** Prelude by Early Music Ensemble: Jim Knight, Recorder; Brian McCants, Cello; Celia Tolar-Bane, Harpsichord; Chancel Choir "Thou Visitest the Earth" by Maurice Greene (1695-1755) *Text: Psalm 65:9, 12, BCP 673*

Sunday, October 31: 9:00 am David, Austin and Brad Lewis sing "The Gift of Love" **11:15 am** Chancel Choir "Behold, the Tabernacle of God" (William H. Harris)

Youth at St. John's**EYC Calendar**

5-7pm @ St. John's unless otherwise noted
Oct 17 ReCreation: Corn Maze \$10
Meet at St. John's @ 3pm
Return by 7pm
Oct 24 ArtShack @ St. John's
Oct 29-30 Lock-In (HUGE! Many churches invited!)

SR HIGH SKI TRIP: Jan 7-9

Go to the Youth Blog for more information!

YOUTH DIOCESAN EVENTS

Oct 23-24 24: Sr High Retreat @ Gravatt
Cost \$50, register TODAY!

D-Groups: Wed Night Bible Study**5:15 JR High****6:30 SR High****The Kingdom Experiment**

Come and explore how we might live out scripture intentionally. How do we apply Jesus' teachings to our daily life, and how do they translate his teachings into real actions? Come and join the experiment.

Share Abundantly, Stewardship Sunday, October 24

You and your children are invited to the Stewardship Breakfast on Sunday, October 24, following the 9:00 am service, in the Barr Center gym. Our new Bishop, Rev. W. Andrew Waldo with the Upper Diocese of SC, will join us. Don't forget your pledge card! *Sunday school for adults and children is canceled on October 24 so that everyone can attend the Stewardship Breakfast with Bishop Waldo. A nursery will be provided only for toddlers and infants.*

Children's Sunday School 10:15 am**Nursery Available on Sunday**

9:00 am Service

10:15 am Sunday School Hour

11:15 am Service

Children's Sunday School 10:15 am

3K "Little Lambs" (Curriculum used)

4K - Story Hour Year I (Room 129)

5K - Story Hour Year II (Room 127)

1st Grade - Godly Play (Room 216)

2nd Grade - Godly Play (Room 215)

3, 4 & 5 Grades - Living the Good News (Room 226)

Children's Chapel

9:00 am Service for 3K, 4K, 5K

Early Adult Formation Class following 7:45 am service (Heyward Hall, Multi-purpose Room – Next Class is November 14)

Early church adult formation class meets Sunday, November 14 with breakfast and Rev. Brad Wilson presenting a series called *Tales from a Madhouse*. A set of 15-20 minute vignettes of a series of visits to an 18th Century insane asylum, *Tales from a Madhouse* takes you to hear

one person who was present at the crucifixion: Pilate's wife, the centurion, Judas, the penitent thief, etc. Each has his or her unique tale to tell. These brief cameos were produced by BBC and feature many of England's finest actors. Following, we will have an opportunity to chat and reflect on the visit - and why the inmate is there.

Adult Formation Classes 10:15 am

The Book of Acts (Heyward Hall Multi-purpose Room)

Do you wish you knew more about the Bible? Are you afraid to ask what might turn out to be a rather elementary question, so you just don't ask it?

Did you know the Bible is filled with stories and accounts of people just like us, who had the same challenges and situations facing them as we recognize in our lives today? When you hear someone say, "The Bible is relevant and timeless!" do you think to yourself, "Really? I wish someone would show me how that's true." This class will help us to begin a walk through The Acts of the Apostles. Come and find out what the 1st century church experienced in the years following Christ's resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Getting Involved with God (Heyward Hall Parlor)

Do you find reading the Old Testament intimidating, frustrating, unengaging? How might it speak to us today with greater meaning and relevance? In her book Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament, Duke University divinity scholar Ellen Davis provides a revitalized reading of these ancient texts in ways that respond to the cultural, environmental, and spiritual conditions of our own time. We'll read a chapter or two each week followed by lively discussion in class as we rediscover the Old Testament. (Books still available, \$13.)

Counterfeit Gods (Barr Center Dining Room)

*Do you believe money, power, or love can bring you true happiness? Discover how only God can wholly satisfy our cravings! Using nationally renowned and best selling minister Reverend Tim Keller's latest book *Counterfeit Gods* as our guide, we will discuss modern day idols by way of classic Bible stories (such as Abraham, Isaac, Jonah, Zaccheus, others).*

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Men's Monday Morning Bible Study, Men's Bible Study now reading and discussing *A Father's Gift: Lessons from Proverbs* by Ken Wingate. Contact: Ned Badgett 787-8189.

Rector's Bible Study Mondays, 11 am, Room 109, lower level Heyward Hall. All are welcome to attend this informal, conversational Bible Study. Come as you are. No experience necessary!

MOMS Welcomes all Mothers to join us anytime! Weekly Tuesday meetings in the parlor from 9:30 am-12:00 pm. Childcare is provided. Contact: Cope Fralick 397-2544.

EWC Fall Branch Meeting Today, 5-7 pm, home of Rhett Hardy, 24 Woodhill Circle. All women are invited to attend. Bring an appetizer or beverage.

Keenagers meet Tuesday, October 19, 12:30 pm. Rodger Stroup of 'Marrying into a Southern Family' fame will return to share his extensive knowledge of railroads.

Connections (Married and unmarried in their 20's & 30's) will gather at the home of Collins and Carroll Williamson (920 Montague Rd) on Tuesday, October 19, 7 pm for our annual pumpkin carving. Newcomers & visitors welcome. BYOB & an appetizer to share. Contact Ashley Jaillette at 331-5491.

Steak Dinner All men are invited to a Steak Dinner on October 21: Social hour at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm. BYOB. \$12/ person.

Men of St. John's Shrimp Fundraiser Get your fresh shrimp caught locally from Bennetts Point, SC. \$8.50/pound, minimum order 10 pounds. Pick up orders at the Steak Dinner October 21 beginning at 5:30 pm. Profits go to philanthropic causes in the church and local community. Deadline to place orders and payments is October 17. Contact Bob Reynolds at 238-3227 or mail check to PO Box 5857, Columbia, SC 29250.

Under the Tent 2010 An evening benefiting Gravatt Camp & Conference Center, Friday, October 22, 7:00 pm at The Hall at Canal and Senate. Tickets \$55 per person. For more information, visit www.bishopgravatt.org.

St. John's Annual Fall Fling @ Seibels House Friday, November 5, 7-10 pm. Food, Fun, & Entertainment. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Please bring your own beverage.

Proceeds to benefit St. John's youth mission trips.

UTO The fall ingathering of the United Thank Offering is November 14. Bring your offering to one of the three services. Envelopes and blue boxes will be available in the narthex.

Harvest Eve, November 21, 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship in the Church (Evensong) followed by supper, hosted by Servant Ministry & EYC.

Youth Basketball 2010-2011 Basketball Teams are offered for grades 3-12. The registration fee is \$45 per player. Make checks payable to St. John's. *The registration deadline is November 1.* Go to church website for forms or contact Dorian at 799-4767.

Wanted! Used suitcases on wheels for supplies in Cange, Haiti. Label the suitcase "For Cange" and leave it in the Barr Center foyer. Call Ned Badgett at 787-8189 for information.

Operation Love: Many Haitians still suffer from the January earthquake. St. Mary's Guild is collecting first aid and toiletries for families, which will be flown to Haiti in November. See how to donate on St. John's home web page or on handout received before/after 9:00 and 11:15 services. Drive ends October 24. Questions: Call Ned Badgett, 787-8189. Mesi! (Thanks!)

Kanuga Parish Weekend 2011, February 18-20, *Many Voices, One Family*, Speaker: Mark Tidsworth with Pinnacle Leadership Associates.

Prayer Requests at St. John's For Healing: Jerry Arnold, Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, Serena Cann, Ralph Coleman, Mary Margaret Collins, David Cooper, Liz Cooper, Brion Denny, Blair Epting, Georgia Ewing, Janice Fort, Burt Fowles, Melinda Franks, Larry Grant, Lamar Grimmitt, Donna Hall, Tom Herbkersman, Laura Wells Hiers, Nancy Hinson, Sandy Jacobs, Lyn Johnson, Rudy Jones, Susan Love, Mark Leach, Morris Lumpkin, Jr., Chris MacDougall, Joyce Mann, Sandra Martin, Mickie Mathes, Kathryn McCormick, Marilyn Meacham, Susan Michaels, Jim Mittenzwei, Frances "Cici" Newcomer, Evan Pertile, Earl Redout, Bob Reynolds, Sam Roberts, Dominic Rocco, Allen Rogers, Greg Rollings, Peggy Samotis, Aloo Tata, Ron Tata, John Thomas, Stace Todd, John Tolar, DuBose Tuller, Buster Walker, Polly Watts, Martha Weed, Ann Wells. **For Expectant Parents:** Amber & Scott Rankin, Collins & Carroll Williamson, Laura & Scott Winburn, Wendi & Steve Spratt. **For Active Military:** Fred Aldrich, John Benson, Michael Fisher, Michael Hook, Kyle James, Mike Williams

Wednesdays at St. John's

4:30 pm: Evening Prayer & Holy Communion
Children's Music & Rhythm Classes

5:15 pm: Adults: "Believing is Believing" & Jr. High BS
Children: "Learning to use my Bible" & "Growing with God"

6:00 pm: Family Dinner: (Kid's meals will begin at 5:45 pm)

6:30 pm: Adults: "Believing is Believing"

Youth: "The Kingdom Experiment"

7:00 pm: Choir Practice

Nursery Provided for Infants & Toddlers from 5:00-6:30 pm