

# Month-At-A-Glance

## April, 2011

### Men's Season Activities

Saturday, April 2 ~ Father Son/Daughter Bowling  
Sunday, April 3 ~ Worship Service (8am/11am) ~ Speaker: Rev. Jonathan Ingraham  
Friday, April 8 ~ Fish Fry & Family Fun Night ~ 6pm  
Sunday, April 10 ~ Worship Service (8am/11am) ~ Speaker: Rev. Peter Matthews  
Sunday, April 10 ~ Men Who Cook ~ 1pm

### Lenten Worship Service

April 6 & April 13 ~ Worship Service ~ 6:30pm

### BFT District Conference

Friday, April 8 ~ Hawkins Creek AMEC

### Connectional Christian Ministry Meeting

April 14—16, 2011 ~ Nashville, TN

### Holy Week Worship Service

April 20 ~ Holy Wednesday Worship Service ~ 6:30pm  
April 21 ~ Maunday-Thursday Communion Service ~ 6:30pm  
April 22 ~ Good Friday Worship Service (Place TBA) ~ Noon

### Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 24, 2011  
6:00am ~ Son-Rise Worship Service  
9:00am ~ Church School Easter Program  
10:00am ~ Worship Service

### Quarterly Christian Ed. Department Leaders Meeting

Monday, April 25, 2011 ~ 6pm

### VBS Workshop

Saturday, April 30, 2011 ~ 9:00am—Noon

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

Rev. Mashod Evans, Sr. ~ Pastor

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Tanya Morris, Director of Christian Education (205) 213-8166  
(Contact Church Office if you need a number for group leaders)

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

# Special Events



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**COLLEGE ROAD TRIP** - Calling all High School Students (Grade 9 –12) Get on the bus as you spend a day at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa for loads of fun on April 9th. Leave the church at 7:00am and return at 5:30pm. For more information or to sign up contact Cynthia Mays or Walter Mathis.

## LEADERS BUILDING LEADERS



"Leaders Building Leaders" ministry is compiled of members of St. John willing to make a difference in a child's life (to Build Leaders in our church and community). On March 2nd we celebrated "Read Across America" with the children at Harris Learning Center (across from the church) as we read to them and provided them with Dr. Seuss hats and a cake. For more information about this ministry and to off your service contact Tanya Morris.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

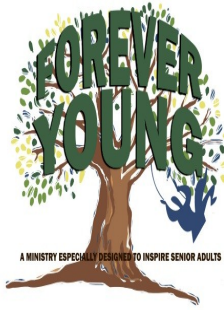


If you joined St. John between the months of August, 2010 and May, 2011, please join us for a formal welcome reception that will be held in your honor on May 1 following the 11:00am service. During this time we will serve lunch and give instructions on membership classes. For more information contact Gloria Vail.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



- **March Community Outreach** => Snacks for testing to Hill/Tuggle Elementary.
- **April Community Outreach** => Serve lunch to teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week at Harris Learning Center on April 29th from 10:30 am—Noon.



## FOREVER YOUNG SENIOR MINISTRY

- Tuesday, April 12th - Make Easter Crafts

Heading to **Montgomery on Saturday, April 16th** for a **DAY** of fun and fellowship. As we visit the following sights:

- Rosa Parks Library - Admission—\$11.00
- Federal Courthouse - Free
- Dexter Ave. Baptist Church - Admission
- Civil Rights Memorial - Free (Just viewing the wall)
- Alabama State Capitol - Free

Admission will be on an individual basis and meals on your own (Lunch and Dinner). If you would like to participate please sign up in the church office or contact Tanya Morris.

- \* Friday, April 29th - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for Harris Learning Center.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING

As we prepare for VBS 2011 we are sponsoring a community wide FREE workshop (put on by Urban Ministries, Inc.) for Pastors, Church School Teachers, VBS Volunteers, Christian Ed. Directors in the surrounding area to be held here at St. John on April 30 from 9am—Noon. We will highlight: 1) Planning & preparation skills for staff, 2) Tips for recruiting, training and budgeting, 3) How to effectively teach every age level.

Sign up in the church office or contact Tanya Morris if you have questions or plan on attending.

## BIBLE STUDY



***Calling all officers and members*** don't miss out on this fantastic Book Study that will start soon (check Sunday's worship bulletin for date). Our study will be the "*Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*" by [Robert Schnase](#). This book focuses on the fundamental practices critical to the success of congregations. We will pay special attention to our Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity that is vital to our congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness. By repeating and improving these practices, our church will fulfill its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. **So if you are on the Ministerial Staff, Steward, Trustee, WMS, Church School, Choir, Evangelism, Meals Ministry, Lay Organization, Media Ministry, Couples Ministry, Greeters Ministry, Hospitality, Stewardess, Youth Ministries, Christian Education, everybody please join us.** Reserve your copy today in the church office.



## SCOUTS

**BOY SCOUTS** - Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:00pm we are calling all boys from ages 5—12 to join in the excitement of scouting. For more information contact Henry or Linda Young.

**GIRL SCOUTS** - We are in the process of recruiting individuals who are interested in starting a Girl Scout troop at St. John. Please contact Tanya Morris for more information.



## HEALTH MINISTRY

**ZUMBA/EXERCISE CLASSES** - are held every Tuesday at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall and on selected days the group will walk at the Park. Contact Kerensa Perkins for more information.

**HEALTH/NUTRITION MINISTRY**—information is available to you on Healthy Eating and Living. Contact Deborah Harris for more information.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** - During the **MONTH OF APRIL** youth choir rehearsal will be held on **THURSDAY, APRIL 14th & 21st at 6:00pm**. Please contact Linda Young or Sandrieka Moore for more information.

**ADULT CHOIR** - If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir contact Sharyn Menzies. If you would like to join the Male Chorus contact Daryl Steward.



## DEBUTANTE—MASTER COMMISSION

**On May 15th during the 11:00am** worship service we will honor our graduating seniors who have completed the required study for the Debutante Master Commission. Please join them as they formally dedicate their lives to a higher Christian Service. For more information contact Leslie Evans.



## PRAISE DANCERS

The Praise Dance ministry mission is to spread the good news of the Lord; while redeeming souls, restoring faith, and relaying God's message through the worship of dance. For more information about joining and rehearsal times contact Tonya Bradley.



## YOUNG PEOPLES DEPARTMENT

The YPD meet on the 3rd Wednesday's of each month at 6:00pm. Due to Lenten Season, the next meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday in May. Join us as we prepare for Youth Recognition Sunday and summer activities. Contact Cynthia Mays for more information.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**— designed for ages 2-12 and is held on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday's at 8am/11am during Worship service. We are continuing our Travel through the Bible as this month we will visit the Books of Esther, Job and learn about Holy Week. Contact Evelyn Burrell for more information.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY**— designed for Grades 5th—8th grade. We apply Life Applications using the Bible as we focus on Life Skills and Building Character . Contact Helen R. Cunningham for more information.

*Each Sunday we are continuing to grow (Praise God!!!) we are in need of more Volunteers to help during classes (contact one of the Leaders for more information). We are also in need of donations of drinks and healthy snacks for about 40 children each Sunday. Contact Kem Steward.*



## SPANISH CLASSES

Spanish classes will be held 15 minutes before Choir rehearsal. The children will learn songs and words in Spanish. Contact Belita Faki for more information.



## CHURCH SCHOOL

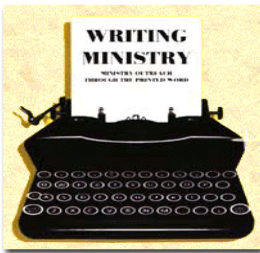
Join us for Church School every Sunday at 9:30am. We have classes for every age level. During the month of April on Wednesday's at 6pm there will be Easter Rehearsal for the children as they prepare for the Annual Easter Program that will be held on April 24 at 9:00am. Contact Donald Billups or Roberta Evans for more information.

**\*\*\* Don't forget to bring your Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.**



## YOUTH STEP TEAM

All young people if you are interested in joining the Step Team please come out and join us on Wednesday's following Youth Choir Rehearsal at 7:15pm. Classes will resume April 27th. For more information contact James Roscoe.



## WRITERS GUILD

We hope that you are continuing to read your Lenten meditations during this time. We pray that the Journal will be more than words printed on paper, but rather a means of growing closer to Jesus Christ, who died that we might live. Copies are still available in the church office. Chairpersons Camilla Avery and Francesca Roscoe.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

If you are celebrating a Birthday in April don't miss out on the Birthday party in your honor that will be held on Thursday, April 21 starting at 5:30pm before the Maundy-Thursday Communion Service. Stop by and get your birthday dinner, cake and gift. For details contact Wanda McFadden.

## 9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT NEWS

### **2011 Pentecost Explosion and IMPACT SUMMIT**

**June 11 –15, 2011**

**More Details to come... Check next page for Order Form**

