

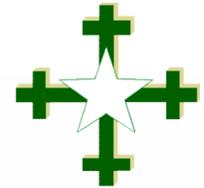
## REGIONAL MISSION PARTNERS

*"But you will receive the power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses, in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the Ends of the Earth." ACTS 1:8*

### REGIONAL (JUDEA) Mission Partners

1. Epiphany Ministry of South Carolina
2. Epworth Children's Home
3. Kairos of South Carolina
4. Salkehatchie Summer Service(PeeDee and Santee)
5. Shirley Townsend-Jones





## 1. Epiphany Ministry of South Carolina



**An Epiphany Weekend**

**Information:** Epiphany Ministry, Inc. is an ecumenical Christian Ministry for young men and women who are in the custody of Juvenile Justice Facilities. The ministry's purpose is to manifest God's Love to incarcerated youth, known as "Stars" through a three day short course in Christianity and an ongoing follow up program. Each Epiphany weekend involves a team of adults and youth from the Christian community who work together to show the Love of God to those attending..

**Prayer Request:** For the youth to respond to the message of God's love, forgiveness & hope, for the volunteers to be organized, and for volunteers to step forward to help.

**History:** Members of St. John's have been regular participants with Epiphany Ministry for several years. We also provide some funding through the Faith Promise funds to aid in carrying out the Epiphany Ministry mission..

**Volunteering:** Epiphany Ministry is always looking for volunteers. Contact St. John's member Jackie Hyche, (803)295-7512 , for questions regarding volunteering.  
National website: [www.epiphanyministry.org](http://www.epiphanyministry.org)



**Showing God's transforming love to incarcerated and at-risk youth**

**For more information: Call Jackie Hyche, (803)295-7512, <https://www.southcarolinaepiphany.org/>  
Email: [Jackiehyche@bellsouth.net](mailto:Jackiehyche@bellsouth.net)**





## 2. Epworth Children's Home



**Information:** Epworth Children's Home is a licensed and accredited non-profit organization in Columbia, SC that provides group residential care for children and youth from all over South Carolina. They provide child care, counseling and related services to families and children without regard to race, religion, national origin or ability to pay. The mission of Epworth Children's Home is to serve children, youth and families through a caring, accepting and safe Christian community, where hurts are healed, hope is nurtured, and faith in God, self and others is developed. The goal is to break the destructive cycle of abuse, neglect and shame and replace it with an opportunity for each child to live a life of self-respect, responsibility, and productivity.

**Prayer Request:** For the children to accept the love, peace and structure offered at Epworth; for the staff to have the patience and perseverance to reach the kids; for all their needs to be met, and for all to "come" and follow Jesus.

Showing Christ's  
love to Children and  
Youth at the  
Epworth Home

**History:** St. John's has been a strong partner and supporter of Epworth Children's Home for many years. We participate in Campus Work Days and school visits as well as provide funding through Faith Promise plus two annual collections—Mothers' Day in May and the Campus Work Day in September. Each Christmas we participate in their Angel Tree program and provide individual gifts for the children at Epworth.

**Volunteering:** Call St. John's member Maureen Bernard (803)221-9635 for more information on volunteering opportunities.

**For more information: Call Laura Bundrick, Epworth's Development Officer: (803)256-7394; <https://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/>**





### 3. Kairos of South Carolina

**Information:** The mission of Kairos is to bring Christ's love to the incarcerated, their families, and those who work with them. St. John's primary involvement has been with Kairos "inside teams" at a maximum security male prison that the Lord continually reveals as a rich "harvest field". Members have also served at other male and female state institutions. Residents start with the Kairos Weekend (KW), a 3-1/2 day short course in Christianity. This is followed by a one day instructional reunion for those who just completed the KW. At the heart of these events is the establishment of strong Christian communities that meet on a regular basis for prayer and share sessions. The ministry continues all year with two 2-day retreats and monthly reunions to help sustain, encourage and grow all Kairos community members in their faith walk. From 100-200+ residents participate in these monthly events.

**Prayer Request:** Prayers that more prisoners will find Christ through **Kairos**, that more men will step forward to support this ministry, and all will "come" and follow Jesus

**History:** St. John's members have been regular participants on inside teams, who meet with the residents, as well as on outside teams, who help prepare meals for the visitors and inmates. We also provide funding through Faith Promise, bake 200 dozen cookies per event, provide church resources and serve on prayer teams.

**Volunteering:** Volunteers are always being sought to serve on Kairos teams. Contact St. John's members Tom McCollum (803)642-9414 or Jim Holly (803)221-4276 for volunteering questions and Beth Harmon (803)648-6739 or Pam McCollum (803)642-9414 for questions regarding Kairos cookies.

**For more information:** Call – Tom McCollum (803)642-9414, [tmpcollum125@att.net](mailto:tmpcollum125@att.net), [www.kairossc.org](http://www.kairossc.org) or

call Carolina chapter: <http://www.kairossc.org>; International organization: [www.kpmifoundation.org](http://www.kpmifoundation.org);

*"I was in prison and you visited me"*  
Matthew 25:36



*"The Kairos team loved me at a time I felt most lost"*





## 4. Salkehatchie Summer Service (PeeDee & Santee)



**Information:** Salkehatchie Summer Service is a pioneering servant ministry at selected sites in South Carolina involving high school and college age youth, adult community leaders, and persons of different cultures. During each week-long camp, youth and adult leaders are grouped into site families that work together in upgrading housing and making a bond with their site homeowners, who are of a different background than their own; learning about teamwork and community while making friendships that last a lifetime.

**History:** St. John's youth and adults have been participating in Salkehatchie trips for many years, most notably the Pee Dee, Santee, and Sand River camps. St. John's hosts the Sand River camp each year. Through Faith Promise we give financially to each of the three camps that our church has historically participated in.



**Volunteering:** Salkehatchie is always looking for volunteers to participate in their activities. Opportunities include volunteering, donating supplies and providing financial support. Visit website: <http://salkehatchie.org/>

**For more information:** Call St. John's member Jimi Whitesell (803)648-6891 ext 212; Email: [jwhitesell@stjaiken.org](mailto:jwhitesell@stjaiken.org)  
Website: <http://salkehatchie.org/>





## 5. Bennettsville-Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry



**Information:** Shirley Townsend-Jones is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church serving as a Church and Community Worker with the Bennettsville-Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry, in Bennettsville, South Carolina. She coordinates, implements, and supervises programs as a part of the ministry that meets the spiritual, social, ecumenical and educational needs of the member churches and community. Ms. Townsend-Jones' many areas of responsibility include: Vacation Bible School, SBC Resource Center, educational and spiritual leadership training, summer camps, after school tutoring, scouting, mission fairs, health fairs, Strengthening Families for Renewal life programs, Shalom programs, housing, food distribution and transportation for the ten rural churches that comprise the cooperative ministry. This cooperative is the first rural ministry to become involved in the Communities of Shalom.

**Prayer Request:** For relationships to be sustained and strengthened through the programs of the ministry, for the children to be encouraged in their education and for the elderly not to be forgotten, and for all to "come" and follow Jesus.

**History:** St. John's has a long history of financially supporting Shirley and her work through the General Board of Global Ministries.

**Volunteering:** Contact MLT member, Tom McCollum at (803)642-9414 or Email: [tmpcollum125@att.net](mailto:tmpcollum125@att.net).

**For more information:** Call Shirley Townsend-Jones, (843)523-6550, [www.qbgm-umc.org](http://www.qbgm-umc.org)

