

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

September 7, 2025

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#### **Lost & Found**

Please stop by the tables in the Narthex and check out the Lost & Found items to see if you've left something behind. Whatever is not claimed today will be sold at Applefest.

# **Epworth Work Day**

Please mark your calendars for September 14 - Epworth Work Day Offering. We continue to remain committed to supporting Epworth Children's Home. They rely heavily on the offerings received on Work Day and Mother's Day to provide care to the 400+ individuals who are in Epworth's care weekly. We will have the yellow Epworth envelopes in the pews and ask that you contribute what you can to this very worthy cause.

# **Sunny Monday**

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday tomorrow, September 8 at 10:30am in the Faith Center. This month's program will feature Dr. Tim McClendon, "History of Edgefield Pottery." All are still welcome to join us for the program, however, reservations for lunch have closed.

# **Applefest**

**Frozen Features** Needs You! As you make a casserole, soup, chili, meatloaf, etc. for your family, make an extra one and place it in the kitchen freezer for Applefest's Frozen Features to sell. If you have questions pertaining to Frozen Features, please call: Camille Bailey at 803-295-2057 or Brenda Meeks at 803-979-1900.

**Treasure Chest**: We are in need of bubble wrap for fragile items. If you have some to share, please bring into the church office and leave at the reception desk. We will accept bubble wrap in gym during set up the week of October 27.

**Volunteers** are critical! YOU could fill our need by giving a little of your time for <u>any</u> part of Friday and/or Saturday. Please fill out one of the volunteer forms located in the boxes labeled APPLEFEST found in the Narthex, Faith Center lobby and the main lobby of the office. Please take time to pray about this and see where the Lord leads you. Your time and talents are what make this annual event a grand fundraiser for our local charities!

# **Men's Night Out**

Join us in the Faith Center at 6pm on September 9 for Men's Night Out Bible Study. This week's film will be "American Sniper." The film follows the life of Chris Kyle, who became the deadliest marksman in US military history with 255 kills from four tours in the Iraq War.

**Worship Services:** Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Will Altman; Director of Traditional Music - Dr. Matt Caine; Organist - Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader - Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band - Chuck Carver, Juli Davis, Earl Melton, Matt Osteen, George Collins, Steve Davis, Alec James, Jeff Krok, Jonathan Cook, Susan Lawson, Marshall Sanders

Crucifer: Rebecca Kreitzer Acolytes: Palmer Gregory and Grant Kreitzer

September 8:30 Ushers: Tom Miniard, Randy Shelley, Greg Lowry

**September 11:00 Ushers:** Dave Felak, Donald Leader, Art Smith, Susie Graven-Smith, Commie Peebles, Bill Hillan, Cary Milliner, Hollie Milliner, Kevin Maynard, Rea Maynard, Joe Lewis, Leah Lewis, John Bradley, Katherine Sturm, Penny Rue

**September Worship Support**: Judy Turner, Anita Allen, Camille Bailey, Pam Beckum, Claire Seawell

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 1-888-364-4483 and following the instructions.

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The 11:00 service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.

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#### **Children's Ministries**

Congratulations to Robert, Eliza and Richie for memorizing Psalm 119:105.











"The Crew" (3rd - 5th graders), join us tonight in Ward Hall from 5pm - 6:30pm for a Paint & Praise Party.

St. John's Talent Show will take place on Sept. 14 at 5pm in the gym. All children are invited to come join our talent show to showcase your God given talent. We welcome acts of all kinds! We will be having a potluck, so please bring your favorite foods to share.

Register today: <a href="https://links.stjaiken.org/4mGxCkt">https://links.stjaiken.org/4mGxCkt</a> Or scan:

# **Foundation Student Ministries**

(7th-12th Grades)

Youth Choir & Band will begin at 4pm in the Choir Room. Sunday Night Youth will meet in the gym at 5pm and pick up from the Faith Center at 7pm. Bring \$2 for dinner and invite a friend to join you.

Looking forward: September 13-14 Youth Lock-In; Please register with the QR code on the graphics page or: <a href="http://bit.ly/41wQnyt">http://bit.ly/41wQnyt</a>

# **Young Adults Ministry**

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. Please join us!

#### **Looking Forward:**

Young Adults Fall Retreat will be held Sept. 12-14 at Asbury Hills.

#### St. John's Missions News

Grace Kitchen still needs around 10 more individuals to complete our 10 teams. You would serve about 5 Saturday mornings throughout the 12 month period. Call Renee at 803-215-8940 to learn more or volunteer. It's a great way to start your Saturday!

For the month of September, we are collecting **canned or dried fruit with easy to open tops**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service. Please place <u>only</u> the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.

## **Favorite Hymns**

Today's service includes the top three hymns as selected by YOU. Did you guess that "Amazing Grace" was listed on one out of every four surveys and would be our number 1 most favorite hymn? Did you not have a chance to fill out the hymn survey or had no idea such a survey was sent out? You still have time to let your favorite three hymns be known. Please email them to Dr. Matt Caine, director of traditional music, <a href="mailto:mcaine@stjaiken.org">mcaine@stjaiken.org</a>.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Demetria Atkins in memory of Miriam Atkins Kinard and by The Asbury Sunday School Class in memory of Paul Isaacson, a faithful member of the class.

# **Wednesday Night Supper**

#### **WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:**

Sept. 10: Hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, & chocolate pudding pie

Sept. 17: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, & pound cake

Sept. 24: Barbeque chicken, coleslaw, diced potatoes with cheese, & cherry pie

Reservations are required by phone/email: <a href="mailto:jwindham@stjaiken.org">jwindham@stjaiken.org</a> by 12pm, Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

Dinner is served at 5pm in Ward Hall 2/3. Cost for dinner: \$8 per adult (10 yrs. & older) and \$3 per child (ages 3 - 9yrs). Payment options: on-line via our website: <a href="www.stjaiken.org">www.stjaiken.org</a> and select "GIVE NOW" and then select "WNS" from the drop down menu. You may also pay in person by cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

# **News of the Family**

Sympathies to:

**Kevin, Dawna, Carson & Owen Higgins** on the death of **Kevin F. Lyons**, who died August 30, 2025 in Rockwell, NC. Kevin was father to Dawna and grandfather to Carson and Owen.

**Penni Rouch** on the death of her mother-in-law, **Mrs. Rosemary Rouch**, who died September 3, 2025 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Rosemary Rouch September 3, 2025

# **ACTS Monthly Collection Item**

September — **cereal/oatmeal or grits**Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

**Attendance** — 8/31/2025

In-Person Total | 494

#### **Financials**

#### Operation Budget as of 9/2/2025

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,687,439.74
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,426,748.18
\$ 260,691.56

Missions Budget: Year 2025-2026

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us

to do in Missions: \$ 253,834.24 Year to date disbursements: \$ 192,600.00

> We thank you for your generous support of St. John's Ministries & Missions!
>
> Please use our new GIVING QR code to give on line:





# REGISTER TODAY LOCK SEPT. 13, 8PM

# BUBBLE WRAP NEEDED

For Applefest Treasure Chest

Please bring into the church office and leave at the Reception Desk.



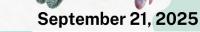














Classes will be held Tuesdays in October from 5pm-9pm

Join us for this **FREE** class to carve and paint your own Santa ornament. Classes are limited to 6 people each night. Open to adults and teens 14 -18 (must be accompanied by an adult). All tools and supplies will be provided. Call the church office 803-648-6891 to sign up today!





We welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE It Is Well With My Soul Eleanor Whitsett

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee L. Beethoven

**Chancel Choir** 

\*OPENING HYMN No. 77, "How Great Thou Art" HOW GREAT THOU ART

\*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:18-20 Rev. Will Altman

SERMON "Kingdom Come: Go and Make Disciples of Jesus" Rev. Will Altman

HYMN No. 377, "It is Well with My Soul" VILLE DU HAVRE

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 71, "Glory Be to the Father" GREATOREX Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Go Ye Therefore
Chancel Choir

Mary McDonald

#### \*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 378, "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE

**BENEDICTION** 

\*CHORAL RESPONSE Go Ye Therefore (abr.) Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Toccata on Amazing Grace Pardini



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**PRELUDE** 

PRAISE SONG It Is Well DiMarco

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRAISE SONG Put Your Hand In the Hand McClellan

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH We Believe

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again. We believe.

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OFFERTORY Our God Is An Awesome God Mullins/Wickham

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PRAISE SONG In Christ Alone Townsend

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**SENDING FORTH SONG** 



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