



# ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*August 10, 2025*

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## Grateful News

"Don't forget to look up! Specifically, look up at our sanctuary steeple. We had been having interior rot and the copper louvers were leaching down the exterior sides. Thanks to Marty Gillam and the Trustees for getting it fixed and to Kenny Wiland of the Endowment Committee for totally covering the cost. The total project has been completed and under budget! Thank you to all of you for providing the funding that we need to make sure everything around the church is in tip-top shape. Your gifts to the Endowment Fund make these kinds of improvements possible! Thank you!" - The Finance Committee

## Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday tomorrow, August 11, 2025. The programs starting at 10:30am will be Debbie Van Zee presenting, "Let's talk dogs: Knowing the difference between emotional support, therapy, and service dogs." Lunch of chicken pot pie, salad, roll, and key lime pie, will be served at 12 noon. Lunch is available by reservation only.

## St. John's Applefest

We are excitingly starting to prepare for our annual APPLEFEST, an event put on by St. John's Methodist Church. Since last year's "First Come Friday" event was a success, it will be held again this year, on Oct. 31, from 5pm - 7pm, in addition to the traditional event held on Saturday, Nov. 1. "First Come Friday" will allow those who wish to shop early for prime merchandise to do so, for a \$10 entry fee. This will also allow shoppers to visit the Silen Auction and purchase items at "BUY IT NOW" prices. The Friday event will not include children's activities, food booths or apple sales.

We have many faithful volunteers that have worked with our Silent Auction over the years. Unfortunately, some are unable to continue to assist. It is our prayer to recruit some NEW volunteers that are willing to solicit items for our Silent Auction. If you have connections with community businesses and such, please consider stepping up to help gather items for donation, services (haircuts, massages, landscaping, house cleaning, oil changes, etc.), or even vacation house rentals, for example. Deadline to receive all Silent Auction items is October 10, 2025. Items or services valued at \$25 or more need to be accompanied by a donation form which will be available with the volunteer forms in the Faith Center and main lobby reception desk. Silent Auction Chair, Lynda Platt, is seeking assistance from someone familiar with eBay or other online marketing sites. Contact her at 803-617-8014.

For 2025's Applefest to be a success, volunteers are critical! YOU could fill our need by giving a little of your time for any part of Friday and/or Saturday! Please fill out one of the volunteer forms located in the boxes labeled APPLEFEST found in the Narthex, the 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!

***"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms." 1 Peter 4:10.***

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**Worship Services:** Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon; 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:** Mary Davisson     **Acolytes:** James Rittgers and Thomas Rittgers

**August 8:30 Ushers:** Tom Miniard, Randy Shelley, Greg Lowry

**August 11:00 Ushers:** Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Diane O'Connor, Gerry Hansen, Bruce Carrera, Jean Geiger, Dawn Beam, Sinclair Short, Larry Travis, Karen Travis, Dave Felak, Allen Radcliffe, Nola Radcliffe

**August Worship Support:** Leah Lewis, Mary Ann Findley, Mary Parrish

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.*

# August 10, 2025

## Children's Ministries

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT: Our annual "Tailgates & Touchdowns" Fall kick off event will be held from 5pm - 6:30pm in the gym. In addition to the giant slide and dunking booth with Rev. Will, our special guests will be the official mascots of The University of Georgia, Clemson University and The University of South Carolina! Spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to join in the fun, food and fellowship!

Children's choirs, chimes and handbells will resume for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade beginning Wednesday, August 13, from 5:30pm - 6:20pm. Please contact Dr. Matt Caine, [mcaine@stjaiken.org](mailto:mcaine@stjaiken.org), for more information.

## Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th Grades)*

Mark your calendars: Youth will kick off on August 24! We 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. See you there!

Looking forward: September 13-14 Youth Lock-In

## Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 223-225. Please join us!

## St. John's Missions News

Our newest mission partner, Anna Long, is traveling to Ukraine, August 7-18. You read that correctly, Ukraine. So we need every church member and church group to pray for her and the team that she is traveling with. Pray for safety of all, for open hearts and minds, for good conversations with the students they will interact with in the English camp, for them to see the need for and seek a relationship with Jesus and for changed lives. Additionally, pray for peace for all the family members as their students are in Ukraine. May God's love and light shine brightly and His grace and mercy be with them all.

For the month of August, we are collecting **peanut butter and crackers**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service. Please place only the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.

## Men's Night Out

Join us in the Faith Center at 6pm on August 12 for Men's Night out Bible Study. This week's film will be "Sargent York" featuring Gary Cooper. The film is the true story of the farm boy who made the transition from religious pacifist to World War I hero.

## Dementia Support

Caring for someone with memory loss can be a stressful, often isolating experience, but talking with others who are going through the same thing can help. We will be beginning an 8 week program for all that care for those with Dementia. We will discuss various topics from a basic understanding of Dementia to resources available in our community, to Biblical support and prayers for caregivers. Primarily we will grow in connection with one another to offer support for the journey of caregiving. We will meet on Tuesday, August 12 at 4:30, upstairs in the Faith Center. If you have questions or wish to know more about our program, please call Reverend Butch in the church office.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
by *Kevin & Rea Maynard* in memory of *Bob Sharpe*.**

### Wednesday Night Supper

#### WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

**Aug. 13:** Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and pound cake

**Aug. 20:** Meatloaf, roasted potatoes, roasted vegetable medley, and chocolate cake

**Aug. 27:** Chicken Alfredo, roasted broccoli, garlic bread, and cheese cake

Reservations are required by phone/email: [jwindham@stjaiken.org](mailto:jwindham@stjaiken.org) by **12pm, Tuesday, August 12, 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: [www.stjaiken.org](http://www.stjaiken.org) 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:*

**Charlotte Kelly** on the death of her brother, **C. W. Johnson**, who died on July 28, 2025 in Maplewood, MN.

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August — **Soup**

*Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center*

### Attendance — 8/3/2025

8:30 | 112                      9:02 | 276                      11:00 | 272  
In-Person Total | 660  
9:02 Online Live | 252      11:00 Online Live | 219

### Financials

#### **Operation Budget as of 8/6/2025**

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,526,792.22
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,236,733.93</u>
	\$ 326,058.29

#### **Missions Budget: Year 2025-2026**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 234,194.13
Year to date disbursements:	\$ 167,350.00

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







**ST. JOHN'S  
TAILGATES &  
TOUCHDOWNS  
FALL KICK OFF  
TONIGHT**

**5 P M - 6:30 P M**  
**St. John's Gym**

Come Check Out Our: Programs, Groups,  
Studies, Events, something for all ages, etc!

**FOOD - FELLOWSHIP - FUN FOR ALL  
AND A FEW SPECIAL GUESTS!**

104 Newberry St. NW, Aiken, SC



**Baskets  
Needed for  
Applefest  
Silent Auction**

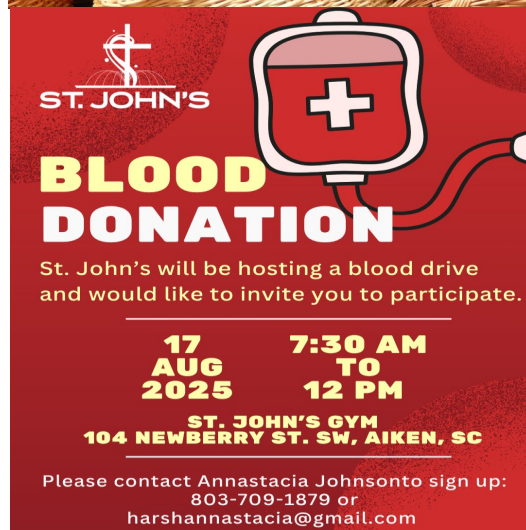
Baskets may be brought  
to the Methodist  
Women's Room #117



**New Dementia  
Support Group**

**8 week session begins  
Tuesday, August 12  
4:30pm, Faith Center  
Open to All**

Contact Rev. Butch if  
interested:  
gblackwell@stjaiken.org or  
803-648-6891, ext. 214



**ST. JOHN'S**

**BLOOD  
DONATION**

St. John's will be hosting a blood drive  
and would like to invite you to participate.

**17  
AUG  
2025**      **7:30 AM  
TO  
12 PM**

**ST. JOHN'S GYM  
104 NEWBERRY ST. SW, AIKEN, SC**

Please contact Annastacia Johnson to sign up:  
803-709-1879 or  
harshannastacia@gmail.com



**ST. JOHN'S**

**KINGDOM  
COME**

**Camp Series Aug. 17 - Sept. 7**



**Youth Kick Off**

**Aug. 24**  
bring \$2 for dinner  
**5-7pm**

**Drop off in the Gym;  
Pick up from the Faith Center**



*Join Us*

**Aug. 31 at 10am  
in the Faith Center  
to hear from:**

**Carson Sublett**  
**Speaking on Kairos Prison Ministry**

*Everyone welcome - Sunday School classes  
encouraged to attend as a group!*

**Missions  
on the 5th  
Sunday**



## Order of Worship - 8:30 A.M.

*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**                      **Shall We Gather at the River**                      Richard Elliot

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**                      ***I Want a Principle Within***                      Louis Spohr  
Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 451, "Be Thou My Vision"**                      SLANE

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Luke 12:22-40**                      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**SERMON**                      **"Planning Your Funeral"**                      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**\*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**                      ***Keep Your Lamps***                      arr. Andre Thomas  
Chancel Choir

**\*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.*

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 399, "Take My Life, and Let It Be"**                      MESSIAH

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**                      ***The Lord Bless You and Keep You***                      Peter Christian Lutkin  
Chancel Choir

**POSTLUDE**                      **Rejoice! The Lord is King**                      Taylor

*\*Please stand, as able.*



*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. This service will be livestreamed today at 9:02 on our website [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org), our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.*

## PRELUDE

## PRAISE SONG

## Soon, Very Soon

*Crouch*

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## PRAISE SONG

## Heaven

*Los Lonely Boys*

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## OFFERTORY

## How Great Thou Art

Boeberg/Hine

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Luke 12:22-40

**Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

## SERMON

## “Planning Your Funeral”

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## PRAISE SONG

## Be Still My Soul

*von Schlegel/Borthwick*

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING FORTH SONG





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*Children K4-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church.  
Chancel Choir members who sang at the 8:30 service may now leave.*

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