



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

October 12, 2025

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Dr. Tim's Sermon Theme

Dr. Tim's next three sermons will cover the theme that is helpful to all: "Being Better: A Better Person (October 12); A Better Christian (October 19); A Better Church (October 26). We will explore how by the grace of God we can be better as persons, as Christians, and as a church. Be in prayer as we all try to be better!

Shepherd of Love

The Shepherd of Love members will be meeting Monday, October 27th at 3pm in Room 119. All Shepherds are encouraged to attend and those who would like to know more about this ministry are invited also. The members of this ministry provide at least one visit per month to home bound church members. Please contact Carol Godfrey at 803-642-8491 or Rev. Butch at 803-648-6891 if you have questions.

Hospitality Committee

As the expectations of the Hospitality Committee grow, the committee itself needs to grow. Please prayerfully consider if God is leading you to become part of this group whose mission statement is: To provide a welcoming environment of love, acceptance, comfort, support, and unity for visitors, members, guests, and friends in order to enhance their worship experience, encourage fellowship, and help build a community of believers. If you feel a nudge or an interest, please call Susan McDonald at 803-648-6891, ext. 210. Leave a message if she is not available, she will return your call.

Applefest

HELPERS NEEDED: Following the 9:02 service on Oct. 26, we are in need of folks to stick around and help move the chairs to open the area for tables for Silent Auction.

Plants: We are accepting cuttings for propagation, bulbs, hostas, and plants simply looking for new homes. Please bring them on Friday, Oct. 31, 1pm - 5pm and the morning of Saturday, Nov. 1. You can place them on the sidewalk/table next to the Faith Center - A sign will be posted.

The Clothes Closet: We are gearing up to receive your gently used clothes for men, women and children. You may deliver them to Ward Hall beginning October 22, 23 and 24 from 9am - 1pm. We will also receive clothing October 27, 28 and 29 from 9am - 5pm.

Twice Loved Treasures will begin accepting items in the gym on Monday, Oct. 27 beginning at 8:30am each day through Friday, Oct. 31. We will have our early Friday sale at 5pm so no donations will be accepted after 12 noon on Oct. 31.

Silent Auction is in need of items to create our wonderful baskets for auction that will take place on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. All items need to be turned into the church by October 13. If you are willing to approach local businesses for items, please contact Sharon West: 803-270-1330 or Marilyn Pfisterer: 317-502-2314.

Frozen Features: Let's fill the freezers! Casseroles, soups, chili, quiches and breads are all needed to sell at Applefest this year. If you make it beforehand and need a place to freeze it, please contact Camille Bailey at 803-295-2057 or Brenda Meeks at 803-979-1900.

Apple Pre-Orders will be taken until Oct. 23, 2025 as whole bushels only. Please contact Judy Kalbaugh at 803-221-1342. Smaller amounts will be available first come-first served on Friday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

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: Dean Parker **Acolytes:** EG Reynolds and Cate Rodgers

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

October 11:00 Ushers: Dave Felak, Donald Leader, John Lindsay, Mick Pisko, Connie Pisko, Newkirk Barnes, Rea Maynard, Kevin Maynard, Dawn Beam, Katherine Sturm, Karen Travis, Larry Travis, Eric Randall

October Worship Support: Jane Fogle, Marsha Mikes, Sandra Shelly

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.

October 12, 2025

Children's Ministries

UPCOMING:

October 15: "The Crew" Fall Festival 5:30pm-7pm in the gym (3rd-5th grade)

Register today: <https://bit.ly/2025CrewFallFestival>

October 26: Trunk or Treat, at 4pm in the back parking lot. This year we are adding a chili cook-off. Register today: <https://links.stjaiken.org/2025TrunkorTreat>

Nov. 8: Operation Christmas Child packing of boxes. More details are available in the lobby. Register today: <https://links.stjaiken.org/2025OCC>. "Pack-on- Your-Own" boxes are due to the church by Nov. 9. Pick up a box in the Church & Faith Center lobbies.

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.



Asbury Hills Retreat will take place November 21-23, 2025.

Register today at: <https://bit.ly/AsburyHill2025> or with the QR Code:

Spring Break Mission Interest Meetings will take place on Oct. 19 and Nov. 9.

Young Adults Ministry

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

St. John's Missions News

We are blessed and thankful for the 20+ years that Maureen Bernard has served as the St. John's liaison for Christmas at Epworth. Before she moves, we would like to train 1-5 people to carry forward this St. John's annual tradition which lets a child know they are not forgotten. To learn more, call Renee Reid at 803-215-8940.

For the month of October, we are collecting **coats**. 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

Men's Night Out will not meet October 14, due to Church Council Meeting taking place that evening. Please plan to rejoin us next week, October 21, 2025.

Kairos Cookies

Kairos Weekend #6 at Trenton Correctional Institution will take place Nov. 6-9, 2025. Home baked cookies are needed for this event. If you are willing to bake for this, please keep in mind the acceptable types: oatmeal, peanut butter, chocolate chip and ginger. Please ensure that cookies are no larger than 2 inches, that they do not contain fruit or nuts, and have no toppings. Please package by the dozen in quart-sized ziplock bags and mark them clearly "KAIROS COOKIES." Please bring to the church kitchen by 4pm on November 3. Any questions, please call Pam McCollum 803-306-9357 or Beth Harman 803-640-4793.

New Member Class

A 7-week class (2 absences allowed) will begin SOON! Please watch for an updated schedule. This class will allow you to learn what we believe about: God, St. John's Methodist Church, Methodism, our commitments as members, and much more. This class is not limited to just those interested in joining our church but also for those who wish to learn more about St. John's and the best ways to get involved, and for those that simply need a refresher on the basics. If you are interested in this class please email Susan McDonald: smcdonald@stjaiken.org.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *The Shallo Family* in memory of *Harriett Shallo*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

Oct. 15: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, & apple pie

**Oct. 22: Grilled chicken thighs, roasted broccoli, diced potatoes
with cheese, & peach cobbler**

Oct. 29: NO WNS due to Applefest prep - WNS will resume Nov. 5

Reservations are required by phone/email: jwindham@stjaiken.org by
12pm, Tuesday, October 14, 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 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.

WNS Volunteers NEEDED

Volunteers for food prep on Wednesdays from 10am - 2pm and for clean up are needed. If you are interested and available, please contact Jim Hanna at (803) 645-4336.

Leadership Development Committee

The Leadership Development Committee will meet today, October 12 at 12 noon in the Sanctuary to consider all Church Council nominations that have been received. Elections for Church Council will take place at Charge Conference on October 28 at 6pm in the Chapel.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Rev. Will & Stockton Altman on the birth of their daughter, ***Millie Sharon Altman***, who was born October 5, 2025 in Lexington, SC.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — **rice (1 lb. bag/box)**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 10/5/2025

8:30 | 120 9:02 | 212 11:00 | 271

In-Person Total | 603

9:02 Online Live | 176 11:00 Online Live | 143

Financials

Operation Budget as of 10/8/2025

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,884,693.81

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,627,824.11

\$ 256,869.70

Missions Budget: Year 2025-2026

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us

to do in Missions: \$ 273,033.14

Year to date disbursements: \$ 212,950.00

*We thank you for your generous support of
St. John's Ministries & Missions!*

Please use our new GIVING QR code to give on line:





Soup's On!
TODAY
Friendship SS Class
Soup Luncheon
October 12, 10am - 2pm
in Ward Hall,
TO GO containers available
Money raised benefits the Honduras Agape
Foundation & Local Missions.



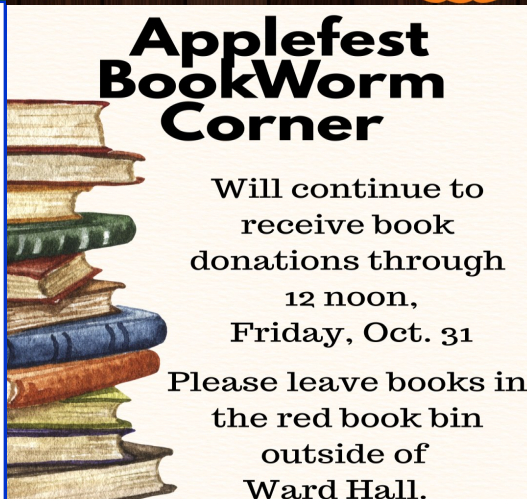
ST. JOHN'S
THE CREW
FALL FEST
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15
5PM - 6:30PM
ALL 3RD - 5TH GRADERS
JOIN US IN WARD HALL
FOR PUMPKIN PAINTING, PRAISE MUSIC, AND
GAMES! DINNER WILL BE SERVED.
GAMES



5K RUN FOR FREEDOM 2025
H. Odell Weeks Activity Center
1700 Whiskey Rd., Aiken, SC
OCT 18
9am
register here
THE BRIDGE 2 HOME IS A 501(C)(3) NON PROFIT IN AIKEN, SC
THAT HELPS CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

- Wheelchairs, strollers and friendly pets welcome! Please start race at the back of the line. NO bikes
- Prizes for each age category. Music, games, and vendors! Drinks and other items available for purchase.
- 1 mile Fun Run FREE for kids 9 and under. Starts at 10 AM

Register by 10/5 to receive t-shirt as participation prize.
\$38 THROUGH 10/5. \$43 THROUGH RACE DAY.
CHECK-IN AND LATE REGISTRATION: 7:30 - 8:30 AM ON RACE DAY



Applefest
BookWorm
Corner
Will continue to
receive book
donations through
12 noon,
Friday, Oct. 31
Please leave books in
the red book bin
outside of
Ward Hall.



Silent Auction
Basket Items
NEEDED BY 10/13
Item Examples:
Pet Supplies, Golf Items,
Gift Certificates, Pottery,
Beach House/Condo rentals,
concert/sports tickets, etc.



Calling All
St. John's Bakers!
Applefest
BakeShop
We need your special treats for
Applefest!! Items can be
packaged as individual treats or
items that will serve several.
Further deliver instructions
will be shared
closer to Oct. 31.



TRUNK OR TREAT
WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HOST A TRUNK AND
PARTICIPATE IN A CHILI COOK-OFF FOR TRUNK OR TREAT ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
FROM 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Register:
ST. JOHN'S FOUNDATION Student Ministries



Nov. 21-23, 2025
Asbury Hills
Fall Retreat
Register
Today
ST. JOHN'S FOUNDATION Student Ministries

ST. JOHN'S
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

Do Lord
Thomas Rittgers, *piano*

arr. Bret Edstrom

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, United by Thy Grace
Chancel Choir

ST. AGNES

***OPENING HYMN No. 549, "Where Charity and Love Prevail"**

ST. PETER

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-11

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON

"Be A Better Person"

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love
Chancel Choir

Hal H. Hopson

***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

Amazing Grace
Thomas Rittgers, *piano*

arr. Bret Edstrom

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; 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. 560, "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

AURELIA

BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Chancel Choir

Peter Christian Lutkin

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*



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PRAISE SONG **Come, Now Is the Time to Worship** *Doerksen*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **Holy Is the Lord** *Peterson*

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OFFERTORY **For God So Loved the Lord** *Hillsong*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 12:9-11** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Be A Better Person"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **Way Maker** *Sinach*

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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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