



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

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Dr. Tim's Retirement Announcement

Last Sunday, August 10, Dr. Tim announced his retirement effective December 31. His unstable angina heart issues have made this a necessity. Rest assured, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and the Vanderbloemen search firm will find the best person to lead St. John's. Dr. Tim will be out of the pulpit for the next 4-6 weeks as a sabbatical of sorts to get prepared for a trip to the Cleveland Clinic. He will be onsite at St. John's during the week continuing the Tuesday "Men's Night Out," and both Wednesday Bible Studies, 10 am-11:30 am, and 5:30 pm-6:15 pm. He loves this church and urges us all to be in prayer for the church, SPRC, and him as we celebrate what God has in store for us. The best is yet to come!

Special Church Council Meeting

This coming Tuesday, August 19, at 6 pm there will be a special Church Council meeting to deal with the process for hiring a new Senior Pastor and an update on our other searches. This meeting will be held in the Chapel behind the Sanctuary. This process is per St. John's Book of Discipline Par. 333.3(a) which authorizes either the Church Council Chairperson or Senior Pastor to call this meeting. The only purpose of this meeting is authorize SPRC to begin the Senior Pastor search.

Applefest

Since last year's "First Come Friday" event was a success, it will 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 Silent Auction and purchase items at "BUY IT NOW" prices.

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 who 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.

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: Madison Zeigler **Acolytes:** Teddy Nichols and E.G. Reynolds

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 17, 2025

Children's Ministries

Due to the Blood Drive in the gym, Children's Sunday School will be meeting upstairs. Parents, please sign your children in at the sailboat near the elevator and then pick them up from their classrooms.

Big **Thank You** to everyone who helped make our Tailgates and Touchdowns a great success! Stop by the main hall and see some of the great pictures. Everyone had a great time!

Children's Advisory Council Meeting will take place on August 21, at 6pm in Ward Hall 2/3.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Next Sunday, August 24, Youth will kick off! 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!

Looking Forward:

Young Adults Pickleball will be held on August 21, at Odell Weeks at 6pm.

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

St. John's Missions News

Our third quarter Saturday of Service is September 6 in the morning! We'll be assisting the Jack Meeks Ramp Ministry and all skill levels are welcome. To serve our community by volunteering, call Don Hayes at 803-761-3533 or email hayesdonj@gmail.com.

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 19 for Men's Night Out Bible Study. This week's film will be "The Enemy Below" featuring Robert Mitchum. It is the 1957 war film of a battle between an American destroyer escort and a German U-boat during World War II.

St. John's T-Shirts

Today (8/17), you may pick up your pre-ordered T-shirt at the tables in front of Ward Hall. The official T-shirt Sunday will be on August 24, so make sure you have yours and are ready to wear it! If you did not order one, we will have a few extras available as long as they last.

St. John's Name Badges

If you have requested a name badge, please pick it up either in the narthex of the sanctuary or the lobby of the Faith Center. Once you have them, please remember to wear them each and every Sunday. Our official "Greet Everybody By Name" Sunday will be August 31. If you still need a name badge, please email Susan at smcdonald@stjaiken.org.

Favorite Hymn Poll

Thank you to the 140+ of you who completed the Favorite Hymn Poll we distributed last Sunday! Each Sunday for the next four Sundays we will be singing the most popular hymns, leading up to September 7, when we will sing St. John's two most popular hymns (nearly 1 in 4 respondents listed the same hymn as their favorite). Since we are working toward #1, our opening and closing hymns for this morning are tied at eighth place. Our middle hymn is tied for seventh place with the closing hymn for next Sunday's service. Join us next week to the sing that hymn, as well as the sixth and fifth most popular hymns at St. John's!

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by **Bob & Jane Fogle** in memory of
Elinor Fogle Cannon and Michael Allen Fogle.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

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 by **12pm, Tuesday, August 19, 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.

Dementia Support

Beginning August 19, Dementia Support will meet from 4pm - 5:30pm on Tuesdays in the Faith Center, as opposed to 4:30pm - 5:45pm as it started.

Java for Jesus

Coffee, tea and chocolate sales will be open today outside of Ward Hall from 9:15am - 12:30pm

News of the Family

Congratulation to:

Bianca & Kevin Plunkett on the birth of their daughter,
Kennedy Alexandra Plunkett, born July 31, 2025.

Proud grandparents are **Mark and Tammy Plunkett.**

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August — **Soup**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 8/10/2025

8:30 | 111 9:02 | 250 11:00 | 302
In-Person Total | 663
9:02 Online Live | 175 11:00 Online Live | 180

Financials

Operation Budget as of 8/13/2025

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,596,920.80
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,280,356.32</u>
	\$ 316,564.48

Missions Budget: Year 2025-2026

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 242,643.68
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:



Stop by TODAY


We're Open
Outside Ward Hall
9:15am -12:30pm

Coffees, Teas,
Chocolates!!



Baskets Needed for Applefest Silent Auction

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

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 Johnstone to sign up:
803-709-1879 or
harshannastacia@gmail.com

MINISTRY MEAL DRIVER NEEDED FOR CEDAR CREEK AREA!



Please Contact: Sharon Stewart at
sharonleighstewart@gmail.com to volunteer!

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!




VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COME TOGETHER
St. John's
Applefest
SHOW GOD'S LOVE

Please complete a sheet found in the Narthex and Lobby



Children's Ministry Presents: ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT

Participate in our talent show to showcase your God given talent. We welcome acts of all kinds!

Sunday Sept. 14, 2025 | In the Gym 5:00 PM

Bring a Pot Luck Dish to Share

REGISTER NOW onrealm.org
803-648-6891

Outside the children's director office.





PRELUDE **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** arr. Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Ludwig van Beethoven
Chancel Choir

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Matthew 5:3-12, 48** **Rev. Will Altman**

HYMN No. 707,

"Hymn of Promise"

PROMISE

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 *Blessed Are You* Craig Courtney
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.

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.

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE **Allegro** Hayes

***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, our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Carry Me Through** *Barnes*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **Days of Elijah** *Mark*

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY **I Know A Name** *Lake*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 5:3-12, 48** **Rev. Will Altman**

SERMON **"Kingdom Come: Invitation and Expectations "** **Rev. Will Altman**

PRAISE SONG **Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone** *Tomlin*

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG



Order of Worship - 11:00 AM

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***OPENING HYMN No. 575, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"** ST. GERTRUDE

PRESENTATION OF SIXTH GRADE CONFIRMATION BIBLES

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

*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.*

HYMN No. 707, "Hymn of Promise" PROMISE

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

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***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE **Allegro** Hayes

**Please stand, as able.*