



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*March 17, 2024*

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## Dr. Tim's Bible Studies for Wed. 3/20

Both morning and evening Bible Studies of Dr. Tim's will not take place next Wednesday, March 20. They will both resume the following week, March 27, 2024.

## Funding a New Life for St. John's

We want you to pray about your giving to the Lord's work as we embark on a new historic chapter in this church. Your commitment to giving will help us move forward as a Jesus and Bible-centered church that ministers to all. We need to fund a new life for St. John's. Stewardship Sunday is today! We hope that you have already received a pledge card. If not, please ask an usher or pick one up at the church office. Today you can present it at the altar in the sealed envelope provided or place it in the offering. Of course, you can also call it in to the church office at 803-648-6891 and ask for Nancy Fairgrieve. Another option is to email Nancy at: [nfairgrieve@stjaiken.org](mailto:nfairgrieve@stjaiken.org). Please pray for God to give you clear guidance on what He's asking you to do! Thank you for your faithfulness.

## Easter Lily Sales

Easter lily orders begin today. Tables will be set up and receive orders in both the main lobby of the church office and the lobby of the Faith Center, before and after all services. Orders can also be placed online at <http://stjaiken.org/give>. Simply select the "flowers" fund and put to whom you wish to honor or remember in the memo box of your payment. The cost of each lily is \$25, and checks are to be made out to St. John's UMC. Thank you to all who have supported this ministry over the years and for helping to bring glory to our RISEN Lord.



## St. John's Missions News

Please stop and pray for the boys who now have a home and are in school due to the work of Nissi Street Boys. Here are names of few of those boys: Michael (18), Cedrick (15), brothers, Elvis (12) and Newton (10), Gladys, and Emmanuel. Pray for all those living on the streets to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Pray for perseverance and guidance for the Nissi Team who regularly meet with those living on the streets.

For the month of March, we are collecting **granola bars and breakfast bars**. 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.

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### SERVING THIS WEEK

**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:** Benton Orr **Acolytes:** Finn Mole and Henry Vaughters

**March 11:00 Ushers:** Donald Leader, Larry Burdette, Missy Poe, Eric & Helen Randall, Connie & Mick Pisko, Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Penny Rue, Bill Hillan, Jerry Miller, and Nola & Allen Radcliffe

**March Worship Support:** Lynda Troutman, Mary Musick, Sherry Williamson, & Gayle Jones

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.*

# March 17, 2024

## Children's Ministries

Please join us for Children's Wednesday night activities for music and lessons from 5:30pm - 6:45 pm.

**Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on March 30, 2024. Please join us from 10am - 12 noon in the Faith Center. This is for children 0 - 12 years. Please register today in Realm if you plan on participating.

**HELP NEEDED:** We are accepting donations of 12 filled Easter eggs for our Easter egg hunt. Eggs can be filled with candies (please, NO nuts), coins or stickers. Donations will be accepted through March 28. Please leave on the table outside of the Children's Director door.

## Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th Grades)*

Join us tonight for Sunday Night Youth and wear GREEN! We will have a scavenger hunt, dinner, worship and a group devotion. We'll be looking at the Parable of the Sower and learning a little about St. Patrick! Drop off in the Faith Center loop starting at 5pm. Bring \$2 and invite a friend! Pick up is at 7pm in the Faith Center loop.

**Youth Band** 3:30pm - 5pm in room 205

**Youth Small Groups on Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm:**

Brotherhood (7th-12th grade boys) in the gym

CORE (7th-8th grade girls) in the Faith Center

Dwell (9th-12th grade girls) in Bekah & Amy's office

MS Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:10

HS Memory Verse: Luke 5:16

**Attention Seniors:** The Inez Crain Scholarship Application has been posted to the website. Visit [www.stjaiken.org/foundation-seniors](http://www.stjaiken.org/foundation-seniors) to complete the application and turn in by April 28 at 12pm.

## Young Adults Ministry

**Thursday Night Bible Study, 6:30pm - 8pm:** We are currently studying the Gospel of John with N.T. Wright's Gospel of John for Everyone. Young Adults focuses on ages 18-35. Hope you will join us. Contact Rev. Will for more information at [waltman@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:waltman@stjohns-umc.org) or 864-873-7585.

## New Ministry for Dementia Support

We are looking forward to beginning a new ministry support program for those who care for and/or who have family members or close friends who are challenged by Dementia. This ten-week program is scheduled to start on Tuesday, April 16. They will meet Tuesdays from 4:30pm - 6pm in room 212/213 of the Faith Center.

## Hospitality Meeting

A Hospitality Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19, at 6pm in room 202. All who may be interested are encouraged to attend or contact Juli Davis at 803-648-6891 or [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org).

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
**Robert C. and Mary A. Bland (parents) by John Bland.**

### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Chicken fettucine alfredo, broccoli, salad, and Mississippi Mud Pie

**Kids menu:** Pizza and fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 18 at 5pm by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org). Cost is \$8.00 for ages 10 yrs. - adult and \$3.00 for children over 3 years. You can pay online at [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org), select "GIVE NOW" and then from the drop down menu, select "WNS." You may also pay in person - checks are preferred. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

### News of the Family

#### *Sympathies to:*

**Mary Guynn**, on the death of her mother, **Cheryl Guynn**, who died on March 9, 2024 in Aiken, SC.

**David & Cara Robinson**, on the death of **William Crews** who died on March 11, 2024 in West Columbia, SC. William was Cara's father.

#### *In Memoriam*

Mrs. Cheryl Guynn  
March 9, 2024

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March — **cereal, oatmeal or grits**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

#### Attendance — 3/10/2024

8:30 | 104      9:02 | 181      11:00 | 274

In-Person Total | 559

9:02 Online Live | 344      11:00 Online Live | 260

### Financials

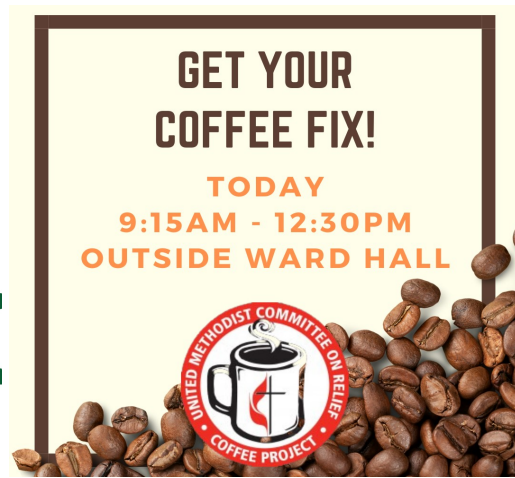
#### Operation Budget as of 3/13/2024

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$531,671.03
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$418,400.38</u>
	\$113,270.65

#### Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 57,701.39
Year to date Mission's Disbursements:	\$ 17,600.00

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



Palm/Passion Sunday  
March 24, 2024  
8:30am and 11:00am  
Chancel Choir  
and  
Orchestra of St. John's  
present  
Karl Jenkins' *Stabat Mater*



## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT

[STJAIKEN.ORG/FOUNDATION-SENIORS](http://STJAIKEN.ORG/FOUNDATION-SENIORS)

APPLICATIONS DUE: APRIL 28 @12PM

SENIOR SUNDAY: MAY 19

# Are You missing something?



*Do you have questions, have a void that  
needs to be filled, thinking about joining?*

Please join us and learn more:

**"Getting to Know St. John's"**  
Join us April 28 in Ward Hall 1, at 10am

Contact Juli Davis: [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org) or  
Rev. Will Altman: [waltman@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:waltman@stjohns-umc.org)  
for more information or call  
the church office at (803)648-6891.

## 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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	<b><i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i></b>	Martin Herbst
<b>*OPENING HYMN No. 159,</b>	<b>"Lift High the Cross"</b>	CRUCIFER
<b>*SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>John 12:20-33</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon</b>
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>"Hearing Voices"</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon</b>
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</b>	<b>The Apostles' Creed</b>	

*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.*

<b>*GLORIA PATRI No. 70,</b>	<b>"Glory Be to the Father"</b>	MEINEKE
<i>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.</i>		

<b>OFFERTORY ANTHEM</b>	<b><i>My Eternal King</i></b> Chancel Choir	Jane M. Marshall
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<b>*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS No. 95,</b>	OLD 100TH
<i>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. Amen.</i>	

### 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.*

<b>*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 354,</b>	<b>"I Surrender All"</b>	SURRENDER
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### \*BENEDICTION

<b>*CHORAL RESPONSE</b>	<b><i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i></b> Chancel Choir	Peter Christian Lutkin
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### POSTLUDE

**\*Please stand, as able.**

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<b>PRAISE SONG</b>	<b>Awesome God</b>	<i>Mullins</i>
<i>West</i>		

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>PRAISE SONG</b>	<b>All to You</b>	<i>Brewster</i>
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## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Apostles' Creed**

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<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>Man on the Middle Cross</b>	<i>Walker Band</i>
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## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>John 12:20-33</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon</b>
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<b>SERMON</b>	<b>"Hearing Voices"</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon</b>
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<b>PRAISE SONG</b>	<b>Glory to His Name</b>	<i>Hoffman</i>
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*Chancel Choir members who also sang at the 8:30am service may exit at this time.*

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