



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

October 19, 2025

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St. John's Library News

In keeping with Dr. Tim's series on "Being A Better Person/Christian/Church" there is a new display of books from the Christian Living Shelf in the non-fiction section. For a joyous reminder that we are Christians read My Year of Living Biblically by A.J. Jacobs. This is a true account of his experiences of making every effort to follow the laws of the Old Testament. His humorous effort to be a better person makes us grateful for the sacrificial gift of Jesus. You are invited to check out anything on display for your reading pleasure and inspiration.

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.

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.

Appleseed Café: Donations of canned sodas and bottled water are needed for the Appleseed Café. Please leave donations clearly marked: APPLEFEST, outside of the kitchen. Thank you!

Bake Shop: It's time to gather your baking ingredients! Thank you to all whom have offered your talents to this year's Applefest Bake Shop. If you have forgotten to sign up, don't despair - the deadline is the afternoon of Friday, October 31. Please bring your items for both Friday and Saturday to the gym between 3pm and 5pm on Friday 10/31 or early Saturday 11/1. WE will be open at 8am Saturday and will be present to price new items at 7:30am.

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.

Apple Dumplings: Would you like to help make those delicious Apple Dumplings for Applefest? We are in need of a few volunteers for prep and assembly in the church kitchen on Monday 10/20 from 8am-10am and Thursday 10/30 from 8am - 12pm. If you are willing to help, please contact Ira King at 803-270-9794 or Sharon West at 803-270-1330.

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: Audrey Dietzel **Acolytes:** Joel Nichols and Teddy Nichols

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 Shelley

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

UPCOMING:

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

Pray for the families of the Tejas community in Honduras: For each of them to accept Jesus as their savior, for God to provide food for each of them to thrive, and for protection as they walk along the busy road.

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 and in front of Ward Hall. Please place only the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.

All Saints Banners

You may have noticed that our All Saints banners have been set up in both the Narthex of the Sanctuary and the lobby of the Faith Center. You are welcome to attach bells in memory of your loved ones.

Men's Night Out

Join us in the Faith Center at 6pm on October 21 for Men's Night Out Bible Study. This week's film will be "Full Metal Jacket." From boot camp to the battlefield, Stanley Kubrick's classic follows a US Marine and his fellow soldiers as they're trained and sent to fight in Vietnam.

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 November 2, in Ward Hall 1. If you are interested in this class, please call Susan McDonald at 803-648-6891, ext. 210 or email: smcdonald@stjaiken.org.

Home Communion Volunteers

Seeking those who would like to learn more about serving homebound communion to our shut-in members. Please contact Rev. Butch at 803-682-6717.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Sinclair Short* in memory of *Karon Short*
and by *Gayle Jones* in memory of *Wade Jones*.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

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

Nov. 5: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, & cheesecake

Reservations are required by phone/email: jwindham@stjaiken.org by 12pm,
Tuesday, October 21, 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.

Meal Train for the Altmans

Since Rev. Will and Stockton have brought their new baby Millie home, a meal train has been created to help them during this transition. If you are wanting to help, here is the link: <https://mealtrain.com/r0ql5w>. Due to Millie being premature, they are not ready for visitors to come in and meet her just yet. Thank you for your kindness and understanding!

SEED Trick-or-Treating

The SEED children trick-or-treat through the church hallways is on October 28th and 29th starting at 9am. We would love to have you join us in handing out treats. We just ask that you do not include anything with nuts or peanut butter. The total number of children is 100; 50 each day. This is always a fun activity!

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Cary & Hollie, Cary VI (Nicole) and Gaines Milliner on the death of **Dorothy Milliner** who died October 6, 2025 in Lynchburg, VA. Dorothy was mother to Cary and grandmother to the boys, Cary and Gaines.

Robert & Millie Winston on the death of Robert's brother, **Norman Winston**. Norman died on October 9, 2025 in Natick, MA.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — **Rice (1 lb. bag/box)**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 10/12/2025

8:30 | 115 9:02 | 215 11:00 | 233

In-Person Total | 563

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

Financials

Operation Budget as of 10/15/2025

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,916,664.84

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,672,488.62

\$ 244,176.22

Missions Budget: Year 2025-2026

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us

to do in Missions: \$ 286,689.64

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:



FINANCE COMMITTEE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

As we approach the end of the calendar year, the Finance Committee wants to review two "gifting" options for our church members.

1.) Gifting highly appreciated securities (i.e., stocks, bonds, etc.) - please contact Nancy Fairgrieve and/or speak to Mary Ann Barrett, Janney, Montgomery Scott LLC, Aiken office (803-649-6304) per the church's local brokerage account. We ask that transfer instructions be in process on or before 12/20/2025.

2.) Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) - for charitable gifts from IRAs. Please have check made payable to and as beneficiary "St. John's Methodist Church," PO Box 809, Aiken, SC 29802. Nancy Fairgrieve can provide further assistance if needed.

Both of these options can provide advantageous tax benefits to individuals and couples. Please consult your own personal tax advisor if appropriate.

SNEAK PEEK

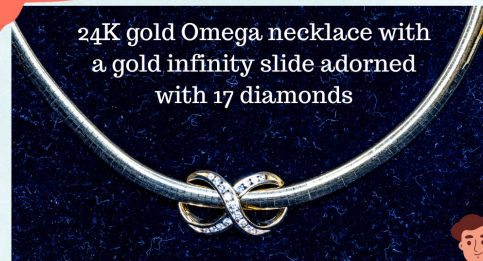
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Thomas Kinkade Picture

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24K gold Omega necklace

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Nativity Scene

APPLEFEST: APPLESEED CAFE

DONATIONS NEEDED



CANNED SODA & BOTTLED
WATER ARE NEEDED
FOR APPLESEED CAFE

PLEASE LEAVE ON THE
TABLE OUTSIDE OF THE
KITCHEN.
CLEARLY MARKED
"APPLEFEST"

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



Register:



Operation Christmas Child Pajama Packing Party

Join us in the St. John's Gym for a festive
and cozy Christmas Pajama Packing Party!
Slip into your favorite holiday PJs, **bring**
your already purchased box items, grab
some hot cocoa, and get ready for a night of
holiday cheer and fun!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

5:30-7:30 pm

ST. JOHN'S GYM



EAT | PACK | BE MERRY



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

Meditation on a Scottish Melody arr. Kevin McChesney
Chancel Bells

Alleluia! Amen arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter
Chancel Bells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP ***The God of Abraham Praise*** arr. Mitchell Eithun
Chancel Bells

***OPENING HYMN No. 422, "Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love"** AZMON

SCRIPTURE READING **I Thessalonians 5:1-24** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Being A Better Christian"** **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

***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 AND LORD'S PRAYER

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. 402, "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"** I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG	Change Me	Long
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **The Wondrous Cross** *Tomlin*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	We Believe
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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	Make Room	<i>Andrews</i>
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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SERMON “Being A Better Christian” Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

PRAISE SONG	My Tribute	Crouch
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