



# ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*August 24, 2025*

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## SPRC Begins Sr. Pastor Search

On Tuesday, August 19, a special Church Council meeting was called per the St. John's Book of Discipline, Par. 335.5(e) to authorize the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) to begin the search for the new Senior Pastor. The SPRC voted to enter a contract with Vanderbloemen Search Firm, based out of Houston, Texas, who is currently serving St. John's for the vacant staff positions candidate searches. The SPRC intends to provide on-line and in-person opportunities to be made available for the congregations' input on qualities they desire for our future senior pastor candidate. Please be on the lookout in the church bulletin and email announcements for the schedule and dates of these input opportunities. We ask you to be in prayer for St. John's and the SPRC as we navigate this search together. Should you have further questions about the search process, please reference our Book of Discipline, Paragraph 333.5(e).

## Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on September 8 at 10:30am in the Faith Center. This month's program will feature Dr. Tim McClendon, "History of Edgefield Pottery." Lunch will be served at 12pm at \$5 per plate with the menu of meatloaf, hash brown casserole, salad, cornbread and cherry pie cake. Call the church office to make your reservation by 4pm on Thursday, September 4. Please state whether you plan to stay for lunch. We want to ensure that we have food for everyone who makes a reservation.

## Applefest

**Frozen Features** Needs You! As you make a casserole, soup, chili, meatloaf, etc. for your family, make an extra one and place it in the kitchen freezer for Applefest's Frozen Features to sell. If you have questions pertaining to Frozen Features, please call: Camille Bailey at 803-295-2057 or Brenda Meeks at 803-979-1900.

**Bookworm Corner:** Your book donations, fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, travel, children's, young adults, novels, etc. (hardback, paperback and audio) can be dropped off in the red book bin outside of Ward Hall. Please do not bring CDs, movies or magazines. Contact Mary Ward at (803)439-1245 or [upsmmary7@yahoo.com](mailto:upsmmary7@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**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, 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!

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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:** Adelyn Parker **Acolytes:** Teddy Nichols and James 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 24, 2025

## Children's Ministries

"The Crew" (3rd - 5th graders), join us on Sept. 7 in Ward Hall from 5pm - 6:30pm for a Paint & Praise Party. Register with the QR code on the graphics page.

Congratulations to our Fall Confirmation Class of 2025 in receiving your Bibles. Our prayers are with you through this journey.

### Fall 2025 Confirmation Class

<i>Cooper Reece Alexander</i>	<i>Cooper Patrick Cunning</i>	<i>Emma Elizabeth Gadus</i>
<i>Robert Pierson Hall</i>	<i>Owen Elliott Higgins</i>	<i>Kathleen Grace Kisner</i>
<i>Catherine Nichole Kreitzer</i>	<i>Harper Noelle Raines</i>	<i>Clifford Jardine Ray IV</i>
<i>Anna Bryson Reynolds</i>	<i>Mary Adele Rittgers</i>	

## Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Youth kicks off tonight! 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.

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

## St. John's Missions News

Our third quarter Saturday of Service will be held September 6 in the morning. We will build a ramp with the guidance of the Jack Meeks Ramp Ministry. All skill levels are welcome. Please sign up today in the narthex to join or contact Don Hayes at 803-761-3533 or [hayesdonj@gmail.com](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> for Men's Night Out Bible Study. This week's film will be "Run Silent, Run Deep" with Burt Lancaster and Clark Gable. It's a gripping submarine thriller set in World War II, based on the novel by Edward L. Beach Jr. The film focuses on themes of revenge, endurance, courage, loyalty, and honor, and how these are tested during wartime.

## 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 next Sunday, August 31. If you **still need a name badge**, please let Susan McDonald know to make you one, at [smcdonald@stjaiken.org](mailto:smcdonald@stjaiken.org).

## Favorite Hymn Poll

All of today's hymns and the Call to Worship are among the top favorites as chosen by YOU! Come back next Sunday as we continue to make our way towards St. John's top three favorite hymns (which will be used on the final Sunday of this Kingdom Come series, September 7th).



**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
by Jim & Mae Beth Thompson in honor of  
their 54th Wedding Anniversary on August 21.**

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

#### **WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:**

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

**Sept. 3:** Pork Loin, green beans, mac & cheese, and peach cobbler

**Sept. 10:** Hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots,  
and chocolate pudding pie

Reservations are required by phone/email: [jwindham@stjaiken.org](mailto:jwindham@stjaiken.org) by  
**12pm, Tuesday, August 25, 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.

### **Lost & Found**

Today, August 24, we will have a table under the portico outside the Sanctuary with multiple items that have been turned into the office lost and found. Please stop by and see if you've left something behind.

### **Undy Sunday**

Collection for underwear is now under way! We are accepting new packaged underwear for men, women, and children. Drop boxes are located in the Narthex, Faith Center lobby, and the hall across from Ward Hall. Recipients of your generous donations will be those in need in the Aiken area. We're hoping to exceed what we brought in last year. You can help!

### **ACTS Monthly Collection Item**

**August — Soup**

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

#### **Attendance — 8/17/2025**

8:30 | 105                      9:02 | 202                      11:00 | 292

In-Person Total | 599

9:02 Online Live | 153      11:00 Online Live | 99

### **Financials**

#### **Operation Budget as of 8/20/2025**

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$1,617,702.00

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$1,304,693.97

\$ 313,008.03

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

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us  
to do in Missions:

\$ 247,396.21

Year to date disbursements:

\$ 192,600.00

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

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





# Youth Kick Off

## TONIGHT

bring \$2 for dinner  
**5-7pm**

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

ST. JOHN'S  
FOUNDATION  
Student Ministries

## Baskets Needed for Applefest Silent Auction

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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. John's  
Applefest

SHOW COME TOGETHER  
SHOW GOD'S LOVE

Please complete a sheet found  
in the Narthex and Lobby

## 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  
S M T W T F S  
on the 5th  
Sunday

ST. JOHN'S

## JOIN "THE CREW" FOR A PAINT & Praise Party

paint, praise &  
fellowship with us!

Sunday Sept 7 | 5:00 - 6:30pm  
St. Johns Methodist Church | Ward Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

REGISTER HERE

ST. JOHN'S  
Methodist Church  
Children's Ministry

## NOW ACCEPTING

# Jewelry!

Please drop your  
earrings, bracelets and  
necklaces at the  
Reception Desk

SHOW COME TOGETHER  
SHOW GOD'S LOVE

## YOUNG ADULTS

# Asbury HILLS

## FALL RETREAT

SEPT. 12-14, 2025

ST. JOHN'S

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.





## 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** **Prelude in E** Vincent Lübeck

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EPWORTH VIDEO

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **Blessed Assurance** Phoebe P. Knapp  
Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 364,** **"Because He Lives"** RESURRECTION

**\*SCRIPTURE READING** **Matthew 6:1** **Rev. Will Altman**

**SERMON** **"Kingdom Come: All About the Heart"** **Rev. Will Altman**

**HYMN No. 504,** **"The Old Rugged Cross"** THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

**\*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"** GREATOR EX  
*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 SOLO** **His Eye Is On the Sparrow** Charles H. Gabriel  
Tim Bennett, *tenor*

**\*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. 370,** **"Victory in Jesus"** HARTFORD

### \*BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE** **Fugue in E** Vincent Lübeck

*\*Please stand, as able.*





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#### **PRELUDE**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord**                      *Baloché*

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Soul On Fire**                      *Third Day*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                      **We Believe**

*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**                      **The Truth**                      *Woods*

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Matthew 6:1**                      **Rev. Will Altman**

**SERMON**                      **"Kingdom Come: All About the Heart"**                      **Rev. Will Altman**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Goodness of God**

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **SENDING FORTH SONG**





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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** **Be Thou My Vision** John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

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Chancel Choir members who sang at the 8:30 service may now leave.*

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