



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

October 26, 2025

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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.

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!

Shepherd of Love

The Shepherd of Love members will be meeting tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 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 TODAY, 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 who 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. 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 volunteers for prep and assembly in the church kitchen Thursday 10/30 from 8am - 12pm and a few on Friday morning 10/31. 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.

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:** James Rittgers and Thomas Rittgers

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, Donna Findley

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 26, 2025

Children's Ministries

UPCOMING:

TONIGHT: Trunk or Treat, at 4pm in the back parking lot. This year we are adding a chili cook-off. Come join in on the fun!

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)

SNY – Come join us for Trunk or Treat at 4pm today and stick around for the costume party in the gym from 5pm-7pm!

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 Nov. 9 following Sunday Night Youth.

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. Please join us! Operation Christmas Child packing party on November 9 during Sunday School.

St. John's Missions News

A nursing student at Aiken Tech has experienced a house fire and the family is in need of the following items: new or used laptop, bedroom furniture, mattress, desk. Personal items needed: Men's medium shirts, pants size 32/34, shoes size 11. Women's work scrubs XL. Child (boy) shoes size 6. Please leave items in basket by Will's office. Thank you church for your heart for others and they need our prayers, too.

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.

Men's Night Out

Due to Charge Conference, Men's Night Out will not meet on Tuesday, Oct. 28. We will resume on November 4, 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 "KAIREOS 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.

St. John's T-Shirts

If you ordered a St. John's T-shirt, they are now available. Please contact Susan McDonald at: 803-648-6891, ext. 210 to arrange your pick up time.

Under the Steeple

On Sunday, November 16, at 7pm, our own Christopher Nash will present an organ concert entitled "Magnificent Endings." It will be a celebration of the best endings in organ literature and will include works by Franck, Bach, and several other composers. You don't want to miss this free concert in the Sanctuary!

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Peggy Neill* in memory of *Charlie Neill*.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

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

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

Nov. 12: Hamburger casserole, peas & carrots, mac & cheese, & cherry pie

Reservations are required by phone to 803-648-6891 or email Jennifer at:

jwindham@stjaiken.org by 12pm, Tuesday, November 4, 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.

Dr. Tim's Bible Studies

Due to Applefest both of Dr. Tim's Wednesday Bible Studies will not take place this week. Both morning and evening Bible Studies will resume on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. See you back then.

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!

News of the Family

Welcome our Newest Members:

Matt & Ashleigh Forrest

Jack, Katie and Olivia Forrest

Martha Melton

Sympathies to:

Mike & Keisha, Ryan, Natalie and Jared Uhle, on the death of *James Fuqua*, who died October 15, 2025 in Greenwood, SC. James was father to Keisha and grandfather to Ryan, Natalie and Jared.

In Memoriam

Mr. James Fuqua

October 15, 2025

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — Rice (1 lb. bag/box)

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 10/19/2025

8:30 | 109 9:02 | 211 11:00 | 223

In-Person Total | 543

9:02 Online Live | 169 11:00 Online Live | 150

Financials

Operation Budget as of 10/22/2025

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,967,422.88

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,699,322.11

\$ 268,100.77

Missions Budget: Year 2025-2026

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

\$ 281,900.75

Year to date disbursements:

\$ 235,200.00

*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.

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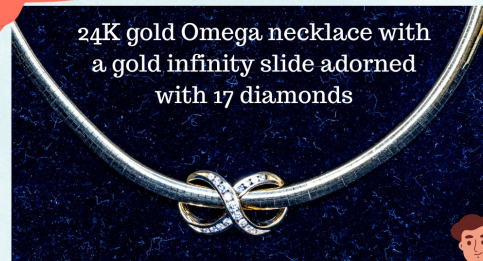
Applefest Silent Auction Item



Thomas Kinkade Picture

SNEAK PEEK

Applefest Silent Auction Item



24K gold Omega necklace

SNEAK PEEK

Applefest Silent Auction Item



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

EVEN IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED -
PLEASE JOIN US IN THE BACK PARKING LOT!

TODAY, OCTOBER 26

FROM 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM



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





PRELUDE	O God Our Help In Ages Past	Manz
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CALL TO WORSHIP *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee* Foundry Collection (1792)
Chancel Choir

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

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Christ Has No Body Now But Yours* Ephrem Feeley

*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.*

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 **AZMON**

POSTLUDE *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

On and On

Housefires

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

If We Are the Body

Casting Crowns

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

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.

OFFERTORY

Make Heaven Crowded

Swindell

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-17

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON

“Being A Better Church”

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

PRAISE SONG

O For A 1,000 Tongues to Sing

Wesley

BENEDICTION



Order of Worship - 11:00 AM

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CALL TO WORSHIP *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee* Foundery Collection (1792)
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 554, "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"** ST. PETER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Apostles' Creed**

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***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 *Christ Has No Body Now But Yours* Ephrem Feeley

***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.

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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER AND 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.

SCRIPTURE READING **Colossians 3:1-17** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Being A Better Church"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 566, "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love"** AZMON

BENEDICTION AZMON

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*