

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

September 28, 2025

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Church Council Nominations

Nominations for the various church committees are now open. If you are interested in serving on one of the various committees within Church Council, please email Dr. Tim at tmcclendon@stjaiken.org. Do let your committee chair know of your desire to rotate off or remain on. Committee Chairs, please let us know of your committee rosters before October 6, 2025, as the Leadership Development Committee will meet at 12pm on October 12 for consideration. Elections will take place at Charge Conference on October 28 at 6pm in the Chapel.

Senior Pastor Search

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) continues to collect congregational input on the key pastoral skills the congregation would like to see in a Senior Pastor. If you have not completed a survey please complete one and submit it by September 30, 2025. The link to complete the survey online is on the Church's website: www.stjaiken.org, or hard copies are available in the Church office. Completed hard copy surveys may be emailed to the Church office: jwindham@stjaiken.org or delivered to the Church office.

Stephen Ministry

We are a Stephen Ministry church! Everyone faces periods of crisis, transition, grief, or difficulty. During these times, a caring relationship with a Stephen Minister who will faithfully listen, empathize, and pray with and for you can be a tremendous benefit. Stephen Ministry ensures no one walks alone. If you would like to speak confidentially, contact any Stephen Leader at St. John's: Rev. Butch Blackwell 803-682-6719, Steve Lathrop 803-295-3433, Julie Roe 865-805-6609, or Don Hayes 803-761-3533.

Applefest

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. Your generous donation are greatly appreciated.

Discovering God's Good News Bible Study

A Bible Study entitled *Discovering God's Good News* on the first eight chapters of Romans will begin on Tuesday, October 7, at 5pm in Room 119. This 5-week Stonecroft Bible Study explores questions such as "Is God ever unfaithful?" and "How can we live life to the fullest?" Each lesson will last 60-90 minutes. Beginners will appreciate that a companion Bible is available for this study with page numbers that correspond to the Scripture reference in the study book, and long-time Bible students will enjoy gleaning truths that help them grow in their faith. For more information or to order a study book, please contact Susan Frushour at 803-507-0373.

St. John's Library News

Welcome home, Pastor Tim! In your honor and praise God for your good news, a collection of health related books are on the display shelves. Please church, these are not just for display! Please help yourself and sign them out on the clipboard.

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: Mary Davisson **Acolytes:** Davis Smith and Walker Smith **September 8:30 Ushers:** Tom Miniard, Randy Shelley, Greg Lowry

September 11:00 Ushers: Dave Felak, Donald Leader, Art Smith, Susie Graven-Smith, Commie Peebles, Bill Hillan, Cary Milliner, Hollie Milliner, Kevin Maynard, Rea Maynard, Joe Lewis, Leah Lewis, John Bradley, Katherine Sturm, Penny Rue, Eric Randall

September Worship Support: Judy Turner, Anita Allen, Camille Bailey, Pam Beckum, Claire Seawell

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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Children's Ministries

Children's Music will not meet on Wednesday, October 1 due to Fall Break.

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. 9: Operation Christmas Child packing of boxes. More details are available in the lobby. Register today: https://links.stjaiken.org/2025OCC

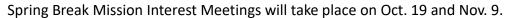
Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

SNY, Youth Choir & Band will not meet this Sunday due to Fall Break.

Asbury Hills Retreat will take place November 21-23, 2025.

Register today at: https://bit.ly/AsburyHill2025 or with the QR Code:





Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. Please join us!

St. John's Missions News

REMINDER: We will hold the Disaster Response and Community Support Initiative meeting today, September 28, at 12:15 PM in Ward Hall.

Runners - Walkers - Helpers of all ages needed to support The Bridge2Home's annual Run for Freedom 5K on Saturday, October 18. Call Marsha Mikes at 803-645-0078 to volunteer or learn more. To sign up as a runner or walker (5K or 1 mile fun run for ages 9 and under) go to: www.thebridge2home.com/events-2/.

For the month of September, we are collecting **canned or dried fruit with easy to open tops**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service. Please place <u>only</u> the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.

Dr. Tim's Bible Studies

Dr. Tim's morning Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. However, the evening study will not take place October 1 due to WNS being cancelled. He will resume the evening Bible study on Wednesday, October 8.

Men's Night Out

Join us in the Faith Center at 6pm on September 30 for Men's Night Out Bible Study. This week's film will be, "Taking Chance" featuring Kevin Bacon. The fictionalized 2009 HBO film based on the true story of Marine Lt. Col. Michael Stoble who volunteered to escort the body of 19-year old Lance Corporal Chance Phelps from Dover Air Force Base to his hometown of Dubois, WY, after Phelps was killed in the Iraq War.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on Monday, October 13 at 10:30am in the Faith Center. This month's program will feature David Nichols "A Brief History of Bagpipes." Lunch will serve at 12pm following the program at \$5 per plate with a menu of baked chicken alfredo, salad, roll and apple pie with ice cream for dessert. Please call the church office 803-648-6891 by 12pm on Thursday, Oct. 9 to make your reservations.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *John Bland* in memory of *Carl F. Bland*.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

Oct. 01: **CANCELLED** - Thank you for your understanding. Oct. 08: Spaghetti, grilled zucchini, garlic bread & cheese cake Oct. 15: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans & apple pie

Reservations are required by phone/email: jwindham@stjaiken.org by 12pm, Tuesday, October 6, 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.

Limited Parking Sunday, September 28

Please make note that parking will be limited on Sunday, September 28 due to Newberry Street being closed by the City starting Thursday morning in preparation for The Aiken Seafood Festival that will run Friday through Sunday until 4pm.

Thank You from the Usher Family

Arlene and Gene Usher would like to thank everyone for the notes, cards phone calls, flowers, and especially for the prayers following Gene's hospitalization and recovery.

News of the Family

Welcome New Members:

Amy & Frank Prendergast Peach Abbott-Douglas Doug & Sara Carmichael Karen Field Danny & Mary Jo Herring Hanna Hammons Matt & Ashleigh Forrest

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September — cereal/oatmeal or grits

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 9/21/2025

8:30 | 108 | 9:02 | 189 | 11:00 | 284 In-Person Total | 581 9:02 Online Live | 146 | 11:00 Online Live | 152

Financials

Operation Budget as of 9/24/2025

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,846,555.09 Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,564,899.17 \$ 281,655.92

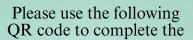
Missions Budget: Year 2025-2026

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us

to do in Missions: \$ 267,423.31 Year to date disbursements: \$ 210,550.00

> We thank you for your generous support of St. John's Ministries & Missions! Please use our new GIVING QR code to give on line:





ST. JOHN'S MC SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH SURVEY



SEPT. 30, 2025





Masters of the Opera

Friday, October 10, 2025 7:00 PM



St. John's Methodist Church Downtown Aiken



Friendship SS Class Soup Luncheon

October 12, 10am - 2pm in Ward Hall. TO GO containers available

Money raised benefits the Honduras Agape Foundation & Local Missions.



H. Odell Weeks Activity Center 1700 Whiskey Rd., Aiken, SC

- Wheelchairs, strollers and friendly pets welcome! Please
- start rate at the back of the line. NO bikes Prizes for each age category. Music, games, and vendors! Drinks and other items available for purchase.
- 1 mile Fun Run FREE for kids 9 and under. Starts at 10 AM Register by 10/5 to receive t-shirt as participation prize. \$38 THROUGH 10/5. \$43 THROUGH RACE DAY.

CHECK-IN AND LATE REGISTRATION: 7:30 - 8:30 AM ON RACE DAY

THE BRIDGE 2 HOME IS A 501/C)/3) NON PROFIT IN AIKEN. SC THAT HELPS CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

TRUNK OR

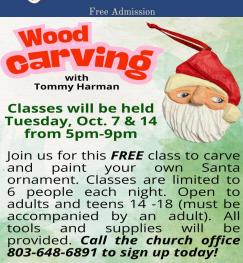
WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HOST A TRUNK AND PARTICIPATE IN A CHILI COOK-OFF FOR TRUNK OR TREAT ON

> SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 FROM 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

> > CHILDREN'S











FREE SATURDAY NOV. 1, 8AM - 2PM









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 Trumpet Tune Flor Peeters

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION TEAM BLESSING

CALL TO WORSHIP A Charge to Keep I Have Lowell Mason

Chancel Choir

*OPENING HYMN No. 444, "O Young and Fearless Prophet" BLAIRGOWRIE

*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:19-31 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON "The Need to Be Seen" 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 ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Chancel Choir

John Rutter

*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, 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. 389, "Freely, Freely" FREELY, FREELY

BENEDICTION

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

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE O God Our Help in Ages Past Fleischer



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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG Hurricane Needham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION TEAM BLESSING

PRAISE SONG Give You Glory Camp

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY Hard Fought Hallelujah Lake

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:19-31 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON "The Need to Be Seen" Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

PRAISE SONG Come to Jesus Rice

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG



Order of Worship - 11:00 AM

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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.

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Operation Christmas Child

Packing Options

Pack a Box PJ Party Option

- 1.Register using the QR code for each box you plan on packing. The cost covers the shipping of these boxes.
- 2. Grab a packing list available in the Main Church Lobby or Faith Center Lobby and you purchase ALL THE ITEMS for your box(es)
- and bring these items with you for the packing party on
- Saturday, November 8th to the gym from 5:30-7:30pm.
- Boxes will be provided the night of the packing party.

Pack on Your Own Option

- 1. Pick up a box or boxes located in the Main Church Lobby or Faith Center Lobby.
- 2.Purchase box items and pack your box/boxes at home.
- 3.Pay for shipping online or include check/cash with your box(es) when you drop them off.
- 4. Return completed box(es) to the table outside of the Children's Director's Office by Sunday.

 November 9th.



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!

Packing Lists available on the christmas trees located in the Main Church and Faith Center Lobbies. Operation Christmas Child Boxes will be provided the night of the packing party. You must register in advance to indicate the number of boxes you will need in addition to be counted for dinner. All registration fees are to cover the shipping cost of each box you are personally packing that evening. Dinner will be provided at no additional cost.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

5:30-7:30 pm ST. JOHN'S GYM

EAT | PACK | BE MERRY

Register Today!

https://links.stjaiken.org/2025OCC or:

