



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

June 7, 2026

8:30

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Demolition of the Annex Building

Out of an abundance of caution, we closed the parking lot. However, due to construction related delays, we will be able to use the parking lot until further notice.

Sunny Monday

St. John's Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on June 8, 2026. The 10:30am program will take place in the Faith Center with a program featuring Logan Ford, "A Musical Sing Along" and "What is ACTS and What are We Doing?" You are still invited to attend the program, however, lunch reservations closed last week.

Author Coming to St. John's

Coming June 8th at 6:30pm in Ward Hall 2/3 is author Cathy Rigg. St. John's Book Club read her book titled "That Which Binds Us." She will be here to discuss and answer any questions pertaining to her book that you may have. All are invited to join in this evening.

Donations for Salkehatchie Needed

We are accepting donations of bottled water and soft drinks for Sand River Salkehatchie that will be here and take place June 20 - 26. Donated items should be marked "SALKEHATCHIE" and left on the table outside of the kitchen.

Upcoming Dementia Support

Caring for someone with memory loss can be stressful, often an isolating experience, but talking with others who are going through the same thing can help. We will begin an 8-week program for all that care for those with Dementia. Rev. Butch will lead a discussion on various topics from a basic understanding of Dementia to resources available within our community, to Biblical support and prayers for caregivers. We will meet on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 4pm, upstairs in the Faith Center. If you have questions or wish to know more about our program, please contact Reverend Butch in the church office.

Upcoming Grief Support

When we lose someone we love, we embark on a journey not of our choosing; and yet, it is a vital and sacred journey we must make. That, of course, is a journey of grief. St. John's offers a Grief Care Group that serves as a means of self-care and shared community for those in grief. It is designed to be a series of twelve sessions, where you will listen, share, and gain important tools to use in navigating your unique grief experience. We will begin a new 12-week session starting July 22, at 3:45pm in the Faith Center. If you are on a journey of grief and would like to attend or know someone who would like to attend, or would like to know more about this group, please contact Rev. Butch at the church office.

Worship Services: 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: James Rittgers **Acolytes:** Madison Bates and Mary Rittgers

June 8:30 Ushers: Tom Miniard, Randy Shelley, Greg Lowry

June 11:00 Ushers: Diane O'Connor, Donald Leader, Jean Geiger, Katherine Sturm, Rea Maynard, Kevin Maynard, Eric Randall, Art Smith, Susie Graven-Smith, Leah Lewis, Sinclair Short, Allen Radcliffe, Nola Radcliffe, Virgil Sauls, Pat Sauls, Dave Felak

June Worship Support: Cindy Snell, Anita Burg, Glenna Lathrop, Patricia Bryan

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

Sunday School (children 4K-2nd grade): Upstairs in the Education building. Sign in by the boat!

June 15-19: VBS - Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/802a90>.

A big **Thank You** to our wonderful Children's Ministry Sunday School teachers! We love and appreciate all you do! Thank you for your dedication and commitment to sharing the love of Jesus with the children.

VBS training will be held today, Sunday, June 7, at 3pm in the Faith Center. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. Safe Sanctuary training, which is required to work with children and youth, will be offered. Thank you for being a part of VBS at St. John's!

Parents: *Save the Date* for our annual Children's Ministry Parent Meeting. This meeting will be held July 26 during the Sunday School hour (10am) in Ward Hall 2/3. The yearly event calendars will be available as well as other important information. We'll see you then!

Foundation Student Ministries

(6th-12th Grades)

Sunday School/Bible Study takes place at 10am in room 212-213 of the Faith Center.

We will not meet for Sunday Night Youth tonight.

SAVE THE DATE:

June 10: Meet & Greet Brett at Sonic on Whiskey Rd. from 5pm - 7pm

June 17: Flanigan's Ice Cream following VBS from 12:45pm - 2pm

We would love to have you help with our youth! Contact Brett Bucklin at bbucklin@stjaiken.org if you are interested in finding out how to do so.

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. We are studying Key Christian Beliefs. There will be plenty to discuss whether you were confirmed or have never studied this information. We may start a little after 10am due to the 9:02 service. See you in Sunday School!

SAVE THE DATE:

June 10: Pickleball at Odell Weeks - 6:30pm

June 23: Serving Salkehatchie Supper & Bowling

July 1: Game Night– Board gams and more!

July 22: Arcade Night at Radioactive Pinball Arcade

St. John's Missions News

Mark your calendars for our next Missions on 5th Sunday, August 30 at 10am in the Faith Center. Dominique Bunton will be here to share the latest news from The Bridge 2 Home. This event is open to everyone.

For the month of **June**, we are collecting **granola bars**. 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 Bible Study

Men's Night Out Bible Study meets on Tuesdays, at 6pm in the Faith Center this week's film will be "Zulu Dawn." This 1979 American-made movie is an adventure war film of the historical Battle of Isandlwana in 1879 between British and Zulu forces in South Africa.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by **Barry & Paula Clayton** in memory of **Walter & Lillian Dusch**,
and by **John & Jean Geiger** in honor of
their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Wednesday Night Supper

Both WNS and Ministry Meals are on break for the Summer.
Both will resume August 19, 2026.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Hayden Woody, son of **Layton & Chloe Woody**, grandson of
Brandon & Vikki Woody and great-grandson of **Tom & Max Watt**,
was baptized here at St. John's on May 31, 2026.

Melody Binion on the birth of her grandson, **Leo Samuel Leguizamon**, born
May 28, 2026 in Aiken, SC. Proud parents are **Samuel & Katie Leguizamon**
and big sisters, **Sophia and Eliza.**

Sympathies to:

Cindy Melton, Chloe and Peyton Andrews on the death of **Tom Melton**
who died May 31, 2026. Tom was husband to Cindy
and grandfather to Chloe and Peyton.

In Memoriam

Mr. Tom Melton
May 31, 2026

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

June — **Spaghetti noodles or pasta**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 5/31/2026

8:30 | 101 9:02 | 222 11:00 | 254
In-Person Total | 577
9:02 Online Live | 143 11:00 Online Live | 157

Financials

Operation Budget as of 6/03/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,343,947.40
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 828,474.45</u>
	\$ 515,472.95

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$207,325.93
Year to date disbursements:	\$101,800.00

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

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



FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

MEET & GREET @ SONIC

Stop by Sonic on Whiskey Road anytime between 5 and 7 pm on **Wednesday June 10!**

JOIN US FOR ST. JOHN'S METHODIST VBS 2026

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

DATES: JUNE 15 - 19
Time: 9AM - 12PM


OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN RISING 4K - 6 GRADE

REGISTER TODAY:
<https://vbspro.events/p/802a90>



FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

SCOOPS AND SMILES



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 AT 12:45PM
MEET US AT THE FOUNTAIN AFTER VBS OR AT FLANIGAN'S ICE CREAM AT 12:45PM!

New Dementia Support Group

8 week session begins Tuesday, July 21 4pm, Faith Center Open to All

Contact Rev. Butch if interested:
gblackwell@stjaiken.org or 803-648-6891, ext. 214

DONATIONS NEEDED



Salkehatchie June 20-26

CANNED SODA & BOTTLED WATER ARE NEEDED FOR SAND RIVER SALKEHATCHIE

PLEASE LEAVE ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE OF THE KITCHEN, CLEARLY MARKED "SALKEHATCHIE"



NEW GRIEF SUPPORT 12 WEEK SESSION

Begins Wednesday, July 22 3:45 pm, Faith Center

All are invited to join.

Please contact Rev. Butch if you plan to attend:
(803)648-6891 ext. 214
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APPLEFEST PREP

PLEASE WATCH FUTURE BULLETINS FOR DATES OF COLLECTION.

WE ARE **NOT** ABLE TO STORE ITEMS ONSITE PRIOR TO ANNOUNCED DATES!





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 **Air in G** JS Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP **I Want a Principle Within** Louis Spohr
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 421, "Make Me a Captive, Lord"** DIADEMATA

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Matthew 9:9-13 and 18-26** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

SERMON **"The Good Ole Summer Time"** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

***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 **And the Father Will Dance** Mark Hayes

***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. Amen

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.

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***HYMN OF DEDICATION TFWS No. 2149, "Living for Jesus"**

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE **If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee** JS Bach

***Please stand, as able.**



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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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