



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

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Bible Study for Lent

Beginning this week, March 4, Rev. Butch will lead a 5-week Bible Study of the I Am Statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John. We will be making these seven transformative statements of Jesus our focus during the season of Lent. It is our prayer that during these five weeks, we will move from simply knowing about Jesus to encountering him and by God's truth, transforming the "I Am" claims into promises that empower our faith and life. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings in the Chapel at 5:45pm, lasting one hour. This study will run from March 4 through April 1. Everyone is invited to attend.

Men's Night Out Bible Study

Our Men's Night Out Bible Study meets on Tuesday, at 6pm in the Faith Center. This week's movie will be "Flags of our Fathers," the life stories of the six men who raised the flag at the Battle of Iwo Jima, a turning point in World War II.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on Monday, March 9 at 10:30am in the Faith Center. Program changed to: Rev. Lex Perry with C4 Impact will share the program "Making and impact in Aiken." Lunch will be served following the program at 12pm for \$5 per plate with the menu of: Oriental Chicken salad, roll and lemon pie. Please call the church office to make your lunch reservation: 803-648-6891 by 12pm, Thursday, March 5.

Churchwide Communion

We will hold Churchwide Communion on Sunday, March 15, 2026. This will be held at all three services.

McClendon Retirement Quilt

Many thanks to the Pieceful Quilters for putting together the beautiful quilt for Rev. Dr. Tim and Cindy McClendon upon his retirement. If anyone is interested in the Pieceful Quilters Ministry please contact Connie Mock.



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: Avelyn Yeh **Acolytes:** Palmer Gregory and EG Reynolds

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

March 11:00 Ushers: Diane O'Connor, Donald Leader, Missy Poe, Doug Carmichael, Sara Carmichael, Bruce Carrera, Gerry Hansen, Penny Rue, Larry Travis, Karen Travis, Eric Randall, John Lindsay, Jeff Wallace

March Worship Support: Gayle Jones, Mary Musick, Lynda Troutman, and Sherry Williamson

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.

March 1, 2026

Children's Ministries

Sunday School: Upstairs in the Education building. Sign in by the boat!

March 7: Father Daughter Dance - See graphic to register

March 13: Mother Son Golf Outing at Top Golf in Augusta, GA from 6pm - 8pm, Sign up by March 6. - See graphic to register

Save the Date:

April 4: Easter Egg Hunt

April 5: Easter Party during Sunday School

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Wednesday Small Groups: Girls at 6:30pm (Upstairs in the Faith Center), Guys at 7pm (Upstairs Game Room)

Sunday Night Youth and Youth Choir/Band will meet March 1, 8, 15 and 22.

May 17: Save the Date for Senior Sunday: Please use QR code for Senior Survey for Senior Times. Details can be found at:

<https://stjaiken.org/foundation-seniors>



Young Adults Ministry

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

Young Adult Council will meet on Thursday, March 5 in the Faith Center room 212/213 at 6pm.

St. John's Missions News

ACTS distributes food to seniors in our community on the third Saturday of every month. They still are in need of drivers to make deliveries to the recipients homes, which are located in the downtown Aiken area. To learn more, please call Frances Osteen at 803-617-9771.

For the month of **March**, we are collecting **bar soap and liquid hand soap**. 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.

SEED Program is Hiring

The SEED program is seeking loving, dependable teachers for the 2026-27 school year to nurture young children in a Christ-centered environment. If you feel called to serve, please contact Michelle Pearson for more details: 803-648-4745 or Mpearson@stjaiken.org.

Thank you from the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild wishes to thank you for the abundance of vases that have been brought in. We are no longer in need of vases, as we are fully stocked. Well done, St. John's!

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Jim and Joyce Laskey* in honor of their
40th Wedding Anniversary today, March 1.**

*We still have several dates available for Altar flowers.
If you are interested in signing up for a specific date, please
contact Jennifer Windham in the main office: 803-648-6891.*

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

Mar. 4: Meatloaf, roasted potatoes, green beans, & chocolate pudding pie

Mar. 11: Roasted chicken thighs, garlic sliced potatoes, peas & carrots, roll,
and cherry pie

Mar. 18: Cheese tortellini in meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and cheese
cake with chocolate drizzle

Reservations are required by phone/email: jwindham@stjaiken.org by **12pm, Tuesday, March 3, 2026.**

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. **Payment online does not make your reservation.** You must still call the office to do so. You may also pay in person by cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Tim & Pam Bennett on the death of Pam's mother, **Frances Hay**, who died February 18, 2026 in Aiken, SC.

Drew & Emily, Lance, Wyatt, Reagan and Madelyn Murphy on the death of Emily's grandmother, **Betty "Mozelle" Matthews Sturkie**, who died February 24, 2026.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March — **cereal/oatmeal or grits**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 2/22/2026

8:30 | 117 9:02 | 209 11:00 | 275

In-Person Total | 601

9:02 Online Live | 157 11:00 Online Live | 164

Financials

Operation Budget as of 2/25/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 563,085.97
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 312,399.35</u>
	\$ 250,686.62

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$81,778.41
Year to date disbursements:	\$25,100.00

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

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



Grace Kitchen

March donation needs

CEREAL/OATMEAL & GRITS



Please leave items in the boxes in both the Narthex and Faith Center Lobby marked "Grace Kitchen"

SUNNY MONDAY

MARCH 9

10:30AM

PROGRAM: REV. LEX PERRY,
"C4 IMPACT: MAKING AN IMPACT IN AIKEN."

STJ CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MOTHER & SON

OUTING




DETAILS:
MARCH 13TH, 2026
6-8 pm
\$15/GOLFER

<https://links.stjaiken.org/2026STJMotherSon>

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

BOWTIES & Bows Ball

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

MARCH 07 5 TO 7 PM

St. John's Methodist Church Gym

REGISTER ON REALM
\$30 PER COUPLE
EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER \$5

Register today with QR Code:



-OR-

[https:// links.stjaiken.org/2026STJFatherDaughter](https://links.stjaiken.org/2026STJFatherDaughter)

Join Us

March 29 at 10am
in the Faith Center
to hear from:



Terry Lee from
Overflow Foundation
Clubhouse of Hope
Everyone welcome - Sunday School classes encouraged to attend as a group!



Jack Meeks Memorial Ramp Ministry



GOLF TOURNAMENT

REGISTER TODAY



MAY 15, 2026
8:00 am



Houndslake Country Club
901 Houndslake Dr, Aiken




SAVE THE DATE
5/17/26
SENIOR SUNDAY



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** Herzliebster Jesu Brahms
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- CALL TO WORSHIP** Greg Robinson
- *OPENING HYMN No. 73, "O Worship the King"** LYONS
- CHILDREN'S SERMON**
- SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Rev. Will Altman
- SERMON** "Trust in Him who Justifies the Ungodly" Rev. Will Altman
- *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** *At the Feet of Jesus* arr. Hall Johnson
Dr. Matt Caine, baritone
- *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. 98, "To God Be the Glory"** TO GOD BE THE GLORY
- *BENEDICTION**
- *CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Christian Lutkin
- POSTLUDE** To God Be the Glory Joel Raney

*Please stand, as able.



Order of Worship - 9:02

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Trust In God How He Loves us** *Evelation/Crowder*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **Fields of Grace** *Big Daddy Weave*

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

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PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY **By Your Grace** *C. Johnson*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 4:1-5, 13-17** **Rev. Will Altman**

SERMON **"Trust in Him who Justifies the Ungodly"** **Rev. Will Altman**

PRAISE SONG **Grace Like Rain** *Tomlin*

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG



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PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Children's Handbell Ensemble

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CALL TO WORSHIP *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Venita MacGorman
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Headin' for the Promised Land* arr. Lloyd Larson
Children's Choir

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*Children K4-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church.
Choir members that sang at the 8:30 service may now leave.*

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