



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

October 11, 2026

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St. John's Leadership Development Meeting

The Leadership Development (Nominations Committee) will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 5:30pm in Room 202. If you are part of this committee, please make every effort to make this meeting as we prepare for Charge Conference.

St. John's Charge Conference

St. John's Charge Conference 2026 will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, in the Faith Center, following the Church Council Meeting that begins at 6pm.

Friendship Sunday School Soup Luncheon

Mark your calendars to participate in the Friendship Sunday School Class soup luncheon that will be held in Ward Hall on October 18, 2026. Please stop by and grab a bowl of these delicious soups. To-go bowls will be available. All funds that are raised will go towards the Honduras Agape Foundation and local missions.

Applefest

Silent Auction: We need baskets! The Silent Auction Committee has requested that all silent auction items be turned into the Church Office by October 16.

Frozen Features: Let's fill the freezers! Casseroles, soups, chili, quiches and bread are all needed to sell at Applefest this year. So, as you are making dinner one night, maybe make an extra batch and put it aside in the freezer for Applefest! Please contact Brenda Meeks at 803-979-1900 or Camille Bailey at 803-295-2057 if you have questions.

The Clothes Closet: Your donations of gently used or new apparel, shoes and accessories for women, men and children will be accepted and welcomed in Ward Hall on the following schedule: **Tues., 10/27 - Fri., 10/30 from 9am-1pm and Mon., 11/2 and Tues., 11/3 from 9am-5pm.** Please mark your calendars now as these are firm dates and times.

Jewelry: We are still accepting jewelry for Applefest. Please bring into the main office and leave in the basket on the reception desk.

The Bake Shop: We need your delicious homemade treats! Each year Applefest visitors look forward to special goodies to share with family and friends – or enjoy themselves! We'd love for you to share your favorite specialty baked items with us. Cookies, breads, pies, cakes, bars, gluten free items and more are welcome! Items may be packaged as individual treats or portions serving several.

More information about packaging and delivery will be provided as we get closer to the November 6-7 sale. Let's make this year's Bake Shop a delicious success!

Twice Loved Treasures will be accepting items in the gym beginning Monday, Nov. 2nd through Friday Nov. 6th from 8:30am – 5:30pm. On Friday, Nov 6th, we will only accept items up until 1:00pm. Remember we will not accept computers, TV's, life jackets or car seats. All other household items and furniture will gladly be accepted. Any questions please call Marsha Mikes 803-645-0078.

Worship Services: Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth, 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: Loren Wilkins **Acolytes:** Amelia Orr and EG Reynolds

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

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October Worship Support: Jane Fogle, Marsha Mikes, Donna Findley, and Sandra Shelley

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 11, 2026

Children's Ministries

Sunday School (children 4K-5th grade): Upstairs in the Education building. Sign-in and pick-up by the boat!

Wednesday Children's Music: 1st & 2nd graders will practice chimes from 5pm-5:30pm and then choir from 5:30pm-6pm. The 3rd-5th graders will have choir from 5pm-5:30pm and then they will practice handbells from 5:30pm-6pm.

Wednesday night lessons for grades 1st- 5th begin at 6:30pm, followed by a little gym time before parents pick up at 7:30pm.

We are urgently hiring a nursery position to serve on Wednesday evenings and rotate Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jennifer Hoover at jhoover@stjaiken.org. This position needs to be filled so that we can service our families participating in Wednesday evening events. Volunteers are also welcome! Our policy requires two adults (18+) at all times to meet safe sanctuary.

Foundation Youth Ministries

(6th-12th Grades)

Sunday Bible Study takes place at 10am in room 212-213 of the Faith Center with our Gospel Through Movies featuring Cars.

- Sunday Night Youth tonight. Drop off in the gym at 5pm and pick up from Ward Hall at 7pm.
- Tuesday Prayer Breakfast takes place at 7:15am at Dunkin Donuts on Whiskey Rd.
- Wednesday Night Small Groups from 6:30pm – 8pm in the Faith Center.
- Help us decorate the church bus for Trunk or Treat! We would love your help in making it the Mystery Machine.

Young Adults Ministry

Please join us for Sunday School Class at 10am in Room 237. Weekly Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in room 237; We are currently studying 2 Peter. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Will.

St. John's Missions News

Our Mission Partner, The Bridge 2 Home, is a non-profit in Aiken, that supports girls who have been victims of sex trafficking. Please join The Bridge 2 Home 5K 2026. Get healthy while helping traumatized young girls heal physically and emotionally by providing them with a safe place to live. Run, walk, or roll in our 3rd annual 5K race! A 1-mile fun run is also offered for the kids. Strollers, wheelchairs, and friendly pets are welcome (please line up in the back at the starting line; no bikes).

DATE: Saturday, October 17, 2026

LOCATION: H. Odell Weeks Activity Center (Virginia Acres Park), 1700 Whiskey Rd., Aiken, SC 29803

Check-In: 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM on race day (Rain or shine).



Website: thebridge2home.com | **Register:** RunSignup or:

For the month of **October**, we are collecting **coats**. Please place any donated, freshly cleaned 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.

New Sunday School Class

The new Agape Sunday School class will have its first meeting on Sunday, October 25, in room 238. We are excited to welcome those in-and around- their 30s to come together for a new class. We hope to see you there!

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Frank Shallo and family* in memory of *Harriet Shallo*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Sign-up sheets are located at the Reception Desk in the main office, or you can call the office at 803-648-6891. **Reservations are due by 12pm on Tuesdays!**

Oct. 14: Hamburger steak with gravy, mash potatoes, peas & carrots, and Boston Crème pie for dessert

Oct. 21: Pulled pork, coleslaw, mac & cheese, and Waldorf salad

Oct. 28: NO WNS Due to Applefest

Dinner is served at 5pm in Ward Hall 2/3 (unless otherwise posted). **New meal rates are: \$10 per adult, \$4 per child (over 3yrs) with a family cap of \$28.** Payment options: On-line via our website: www.stjaiken.org and select "GIVE NOW" and then select "WNS." Payment on-line does not guarantee that your reservation has been made. You must still call in your reservation for WNS. You may also pay in person by cash or check made payable to: St. John's.

D-Group Leaders' Meeting

A meeting for all D-Group Leaders will be held on October 13 at 6pm in Ward Hall 2/3. Please come to this important meeting and help plan for 2027!

News of the Family

Welcome Our Newest Members:

**Margaret Haxton, Rusty & Susan Risher,
Julie Robins, Chris Selle,
Steve & Ruth St. Clair**

Kairos Prison Ministry

Among the wonderful ministries supported through the St. John's mission program is Kairos Prison Ministry. Kairos exists to share the message of love and forgiveness of God. We invite you to respond to the call of Jesus to visit those in prison by praying for the upcoming Kairos Inside Weekend at the Trenton Correctional Institute (Oct. 29 – Nov. 1). If you will pray, please sign your **FIRST NAME ONLY** on the enclosed slip of paper and place it in the basket on your way out this morning. When these are presented to the inmates as prayer chain, they form a powerful message to the prisoner that they indeed cared for and prayed for. Thank you!

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — 1lb bags of rice

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 10/4/2026

8:30 | 107 9:02 | 211 11:00 | 378

In-Person Total | 696

9:02 Online Live | 148 11:00 Online Live | 187

Financials

Operation Budget as of 10/7/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$2,059,749.36
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,684,508.61</u>
	\$ 375,240.75

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$276,799.04
Year to date disbursements:	\$213,338.50

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

Please use our GIVING QR code to give online:



Rev. Butch's

Bible Study

EVERYDAY GRACE

5-Week study
beginning Sept. 30
5:45pm - 6:25pm
in the Chapel

NOW HIRING

WEDNESDAY PM & SUNDAY AM

NURSERY WORKERS

CONTACT
JENNIFER HOOVER
JHOOVER@STJAIKEN.ORG
803-648-6891, EXT. 205



The Bridge 2 Home 5K 2026

H. ODELL WEEKS ACTIVITY CENTER
1700 WHISKEY RD. AIKEN, SC

OCTOBER 17 @ 9AM 5K

Register by 10/4 to receive t-shirt as participation prize.

- Wheelchairs, strollers, and friendly pets welcome! No bikes.
- Prizes for each age category. Music, games, and vendors!
- 1-Mile Fun Run FREE for kids 9 and under. Starts at 10 AM.

\$38 THROUGH 10/4. \$43 10/5 THROUGH RACE DAY.
CHECK-IN AND LATE REGISTRATION: 7:30 - 8:30 A.M. ON RACE DAY

REGISTER HERE



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

Silent Auction Items

MUST BE TURNED IN BY 10/16

Please bring in baskets and filler items to the church office.

COME TOGETHER
SHOW GOD'S LOVE

St. John's Applefest

Mark Your Calendars!

Soup's On!

Friendship SS Class Soup Luncheon

October 18, 10am - 1pm
in Ward Hall,
TO GO containers available
Money raised benefits the Honduras Agape Foundation & Local Missions.

St. John's Methodist Church

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25th

4 - 5:30pm
back parking lot

Trick or treat in the safety of the parking lot
Cake Walk
Bobbing for Donuts

Admission:
2 canned goods to be donated to local food bank

104 Newberry St. NW, Aiken, SC 29801

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100TH RAMP OF THE YEAR!

SEPT. 22, 2026

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Foundation South Korea

Just You Like You

ASBURY HILLS

NOVEMBER 13-15, 2026

REGISTRATION OPEN!
REGISTER ON REALM
OR
THROUGH OUR LINKTREE!



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

Exodus

Chancel Bells

Brian Childers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Go Down, Moses

Chancel Bells

arr. J. Honore

***OPENING HYMN No. 340, "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" RESTORATION**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:1-14

Rev. Josh Duckworth

SERMON

"The Golden Calf"

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*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

Arioso

Christopher Nash, organ

JS Bach

*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 AND 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.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 354, "I Surrender All"

SURRENDER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Handel

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship – 9:02 A.M.

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Will the Lord Remember Me** Red Clay Strays

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **When I Remember What You've Done** Hill

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OFFERTORY **Eye of the Storm** Stevenson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Exodus 32:1-14** **Rev. Josh Duckworth**

SERMON **"The Golden Calf"** **Rev. Josh Duckworth**

PRAISE SONG **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus** Lemmel

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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