



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

July 12, 2026

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Charge Conference/Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 6pm, we will hold our quarterly Church Council Meeting in the Faith Center. At this time, we will also hold a special Charge Conference to vote on updating our Endowment Policies.

Church Council Meeting

We are opening nominations for various church committees. If you are interested in serving on one of the various committees within Church Council, please email your interest to Rev. Butch at gblackwell@stjaiken.org. Please let your committee chair member know of your desire to remain on or rotate off. Committee Chairs, please let us know of your rosters before August 1, 2026.

Parking Lot Demolition

The annex building and parking lot demolition has begun. Please be aware of the parking lot closure. The scope of work is projected to run through the end of August.

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. 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: Madison Zeigler

Acolytes: Cate Rodgers and Jack Taylor

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

July Ushers: Missy Poe, Donald Leader, Newkirk Barnes, Mick & Connie Pisko, Jeff Wallace, Kevin & Rea Maynard, Commie Peebles, Nola & Allen Radcliffe, Bill Hillan, Sara & Doug Carmichael

July Worship Support: Bessie Boyette, Lynn Martin, Jean Quinn, Commie Peebles

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-5th grade): Upstairs in the Education building. Sign in by the boat!

Lots to get excited about!

Save the Date:

July 19: Children's Sunday School Teacher meeting in Ward Hall 2/3 at 12:15pm. Light lunch provided.

July 26: Children's Ministry Parent Meeting in Ward Hall 2/3 at 10am.

Aug. 2: Confirmation Bible Presentation, Promotion Sunday & Back Pack Sunday!

Please use the following QR Code to sign up your child for the upcoming Confirmation Classes.



Foundation Youth Ministries (6th-12th Grades)

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

Messier Night tonight from 5pm –7pm.

Game Night, Wednesday, July 15 from 6pm-8pm

Stay up to date! Text "foundation" to 833-483-7436 to get text updates about what is happening at Foundation, no need for an app. Parents, sign up for our weekly parent email that will be going out every Monday. Scan the following QR code sign up, or email Brett at bbucklin@stjaiken.org.



Interested in volunteering at Foundation? Contact Brett Bucklin at bbucklin@stjaiken.org and attend our Volunteer Training Meeting on July 19 at 10am or July 26 at 7:15pm.

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:

July 22: Arcade Night at Radioactive Pinball Arcade

St. John's Missions News

In 2019, Nissi Street Kids met Ishmael on the streets. After counseling, he returned home and with the help of Missi, he enrolled in welding training. He recently returned to Nissi to say thank you and encourage them to continue their work. His visit was a powerful reminder of how trust in the Lord, opportunity, guidance and commitment can transform lives. This is one example of our Faith Promise donations at work.

For the month of **July**, we are collecting **toothbrushes and toothpaste**. 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.

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Cindy Snell and family* in memory of *Al Snell*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

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

Senior Adult Council: 50+ Activity Night

Mark your calendars for a night of Fun, Fellowship and Food. The Senior Adult Council invites you to our 50+ Activity Night Wednesday, July 22 at 6pm in Ward Hall. Bring a salad or dessert serving 6-8 people to share. The Council will provide iced tea, lemonade and water. After dinner, we will again play Bingo where laughter reigns. Who knows, you may even win a prize that you'll treasure forever. To ensure adequate seating, please call the church office by Monday, July 20th to make your reservation.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

July — **Canned Complete Meals (chunky soup/stew/ravioli/etc.)**
Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 7/5/2026

One Service Total | 543
Online Live | 459

Financials

Operation Budget as of 7/8/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,548,610.67
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,086,867.70</u>
	\$ 461,742.97

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$234,105.34
Year to date disbursements:	\$134,165.82

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

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







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 **Prelude in D** Winstead

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* John Goss
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 57, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** AZMON

CHILDRENS SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 8:1-11** **Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth**

SERMON **"No Condemnation"** **Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth**

***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 Can It Be?* Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir

***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.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 384, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** BEECHER

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE **Allegro** Winstead

**Please stand, as able.*



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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 11am on our website stjohns.org, our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

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