



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

September 13, 2026

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Epworth Work Day

St. John's continues to support Epworth Children's Home in Columbia, SC. Today we take up a special collection for Epworth Work Day. The Work Day Offering is vital to Epworth's ability to provide care, support, and hope to children and families. St. John's participation helps sustain this ministry and allows Epworth to reach even more children and families who need their care. Please look for the yellow Epworth offering envelopes to contribute to this offering. Thank you!

St. John's 101 (aka NEW MEMBER) Class

St. John's 101 is a 4-week class to learn what we believe about: God, St. John's Methodist Church, Methodism, our commitments as members, and more! This class will begin today at 10am in Ward Hall 1. Please join us or reach out to Cara Robinson at carobinson@stjaiken.org if you have questions.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on September 14, 2026. The program will be "Surviving with Diabetes, a Basic Overview, 2DM" by Dr. Bauer Vaughters. Program will start at 10:30am in the Faith Center. Reservations have closed for the lunch; however, you are still welcome to attend the program.

Sisters Fall Bible Study

Sisters Bible Study will start up on Thursday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119. We will be studying *Women in the New Testament*. All ladies are welcome. If you weren't able to register, just come and join us. We have a book waiting for you.

Rev. Butch's Bible Study

Beginning Sept. 30th, Rev. Butch will lead a 5-week, Wednesday evening Bible Study titled, "Everyday Grace" that seeks to help us understand our Methodist belief and call of Scriptural Holiness and how God gives to us certain means of His grace that allows God's sanctifying grace to free us from sin's power and enables us to love God and neighbors completely and unconditionally. All are welcome to join us 5:45pm – 6:45pm in the Chapel.

Undy Sunday Collections

We are in the final week of collection for Undy Sunday! We are excepting new, packaged underwear for men, women, and children. Please place your donations in the boxes located in the Narthex, Faith Center lobby and across from Ward Hall.

Primetimers 2027 Travel

The following Primetimers 2027 tours are available for registration. All tours depart from and return to St. John's. Church members, family and friends are invited to join the trips. Flyers with tour details are available outside the church office. Questions can be answered by calling Kelly Tours at (800)442-6152 or Carol Godfrey at (803)220-9248.

Tuesday, March 23: The Cherry Blossom Capital of the World – Macon

Tuesday, May 18: The Wilds of Daufuskie Island

Saturday, July 17: Jesus, The Teacher at Narroway

Wednesday, September 8: The Billy Graham Library

October 4-6: Colors of the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway

December 7-8: The Biltmore by Candlelight

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: Jack Taylor **Acolytes:** Kate Kisner and AB Reynolds

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

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September Worship Support: Camille Bailey, Anita Allen, Pam Beckum and 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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The 11:00 service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.

September 13, 2026

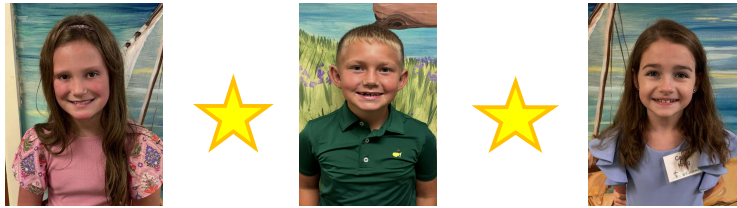
Children's Ministries

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

Children's Music Ministry will begin on Wed., Sept. 16th at 5pm. The 1st & 2nd graders will practice chimes from 5-5:30pm and then choir from 5:30-6pm. The 3rd-5th graders will have choir from 5-5:30pm and then they will practice handbells from 5:30-6pm. **To better plan, please register with Dr. Matt Caine at mcaine@stjaiken.org if your child plans to participate in any of the music programs.

Our first Wednesday night lesson for grades 1st-5th will be September 23rd. Music will follow the same schedule highlighted above, then children will have the option to eat at 6pm. The lesson will begin at 6:30pm, followed by a little gym time before parents pick up at 7:30pm.

Congratulations to Charly Bates, Ryan Clark and Cayce Kring for memorizing Psalm 119:11 as part of the Third-Grade Bible Basics!



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 Lego Batman.

Sunday Night Youth tonight from 5pm - 7pm. Drop off in the gym and pick up from Ward Hall.

Come start your Tuesdays with prayer and fellowship at our Prayer Breakfasts! Meet us at Dunkin Donuts on Whiskey Rd at 7:15am.

Youth Choir and Band both resume tonight. Choir is at 3:45pm and Band is at 4:15pm, both meet in the Choir Room.

Join our Wednesday Small Groups for guys and girls. Both are held upstairs in the Faith Center at 6:30pm.

Don't forget to register for Asbury Hills Trip, for an amazing weekend, Nov. 13-15!

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237 and our weekly Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, also in room 237.

St. John's Missions News

A longtime member of our Grace Kitchen family is expecting a baby boy in October. She is in need of car seat and stroller and clothing. If you can meet this need, please call Renee Reid at (803)215-8940.

For the month of **September**, we are collecting **canned or dried fruit with easy open tops**. 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 Lynda & Jerry Platt in memory of Johanna Gibbs
and by The Bryan Family in memory of Mason Bentley Bryan.**

The 2027 Altar Flower Calendar is available in the Narthex,
should you like to reserve dates now.

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!

**Sept. 16: Hamburgers, fries, baked beans and ice cream sandwich cake
(Burgers & BINGO in Ward Hall)**

**Sept. 23: Pork loin, green beans, mac & cheese, and Key lime cake
(Build a Mission Bag in Ward Hall)**

Dinner is served at 5pm in Ward Hall 2/3 (unless otherwise posted). **New meal rates will be: \$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.

Thank You from the Harman Family

The Harman family wishes to express appreciation for all the comforting prayers, cards and memorials during the loss of Beth's sister, Connie Santee. Your kindness has been a true blessing.

Name Badges

If you requested a name badge, they can now be found on the bulletin board outside of Susan McDonald's office.

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Dean & Lisa, Harrison and Jace Ray on the death of **Clifford Jardine "C.J." Ray, Jr.**, who died September 4, 2026 in Denmark, SC. C.J. was father to Dean and grandfather to the boys.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September — cereal/oatmeal/grits

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 9/6/2026

8:30 | 104 9:02 | 213 11:00 | 278
In-Person Total | 595
9:02 Online Live | 174 11:00 Online Live | 195

Financials

Operation Budget as of 9/9/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,933,035.81
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,519,227.80</u>
	\$ 413,808.01

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$268,482.38
Year to date disbursements:	\$190,332.09

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

Please use our GIVING QR code to give online:



GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

St. John's,
Please Help!

Sept. 20
8am-12pm
Ward Hall 2/3

Sister's Bible Study

Fall Session: Women in the New Testament by Suzanne Nicholson
8-week Study
Beginning, Thurs., Sept. 17
9:30am in Room 119

Rev. Butch's

Bible Study

EVERYDAY GRACE

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

[HTTPS://LINKS.STJAIKEN.ORG/2026FALLRETREAT](https://links.stjaiken.org/2026fallretreat)

YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT 9/18-20 SIGN UP TODAY!

Undy Sunday

September 20, 2026
Collection Has Begun!

ASBURY HILLS
NOVEMBER
13-15, 2026

REGISTRATION OPEN!
REGISTER ON REALM
OR
THROUGH OUR
LINKTREE!

Heart of the South CHARITY TOURNAMENT

PRESENTED BY
SOUTHERN Pickleball ACADEMY
&
Bethany
CHRISTIAN SERVICES

10.10.26

- 3.0 & 3.5
Mens/Womens/Mixed
- Junior Scramble
- Novice Scramble

<https://tinyurl.com/Tournament4Charity>

<https://tinyurl.com/Scramble4Charity>

Columbia County Racquet Center
421 The Pass, Augusta, GA



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 **Choral Song** Samuel Wesley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* Arthur S. Sullivan
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 128, "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" HE LEADETH ME**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Exodus 14:19-31** **Rev. Josh Duckworth**

SERMON **"Parting of the Sea"** **Rev. 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 **Go Down, Moses** arr. Ruth Morris Gray
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. 586, "Let My People Seek Their Freedom"** **ABBOT'S LEIGH**

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** **The Lord Bless You and Keep You** John Rutter
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE **Allegro** John Stanley

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship – 9:02 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. This service will be livestreamed today at 9:02 on our website stjaiken.org, our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Come, Now Is the Time to Worship** Doerksen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **Your Love Is Like A River** Third Day

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PRAISE SONG **Put Your Hand in the Hand** MacLellan

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SENDING FORTH SONG



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