



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

August 16, 2026

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Applefest Auction Gifting Tree

Have you noticed the big Apple Tree located in the reception lobby of St. John's? It first appeared at the Aiken Memorial Day parade on the Methodist Women's float. It has now been "replanted" in the lobby to welcome donations for Silent Auction at Applefest. The Methodist Women need your help in donating items for those beautiful Silent Auction baskets and stand-alone items. Suggestion for donations: gift cards, themed basket items — golf items — and many other ideas — can be found clipped to the Apple Tree. Please pick an apple from the tree and return your donated item(s) to the church by October 1, 2026. Items not listed on the tree but great for Silent Auction will be welcomed as well. We hope everyone will take part in this activity so that the 2026 Applefest Silent Auction is the best one yet. Thank you for your help!

St. John's T-shirt Sunday

Next Sunday will be our second annual T-shirt Sunday. So dig out your St. John's t-shirt. We would love to see LOTS of shirts at each of the services. Will our ministers be wearing one? Come and see! If you need a shirt, please contact Susan McDonald: 803-648-6891, ext. 216 or email: smcdonald@stjaiken.org.

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 is not only for people interested in joining our church, but also for current members who want a refresher on our basic beliefs or who want to learn more about St. John's and the best ways to get involved.

The next class will begin on Sunday, September 13 and runs through October 4, 2026. The class will be held in Ward Hall 1 from 10 am to 10:45 am. For more information or to register for this class, please contact Susan McDonald at smcdonald@stjaiken.org or call 803-648-6891 ext. 216.

Applefest 2026: Clothes Closet

You won't want to miss the "Big, Beautiful Clothes Closet" this year! Experience great shopping for new and gently worn apparel, shoes and accessories all donated by you— our generous St. John's members and friends.

Clean out those closets and bring your donations to Ward Hall beginning Tuesday, October 27 between 9am and 1pm.

Rev. Josh's Morning Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 9 at 10am, Rev. Josh will begin a Bible study titled "Holy Spirit in Scripture." This study will take place in the Faith Center and will also be livestreamed. This study is open to all - Please join us!

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: James Rittgers **Acolytes:** Madison Bates and Walker Smith

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

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August Worship Support: Leah Lewis, Mary Ann Findley, Millie Winston, Karen Blackwell

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.

August 16, 2026

Children's Ministries

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

We welcome all to join us TONIGHT for Tailgates and Touchdowns from 5pm - 6:30pm in the gym - Wear your school colors!!

The Children's Ministry Talent Show will take place right after dinner on Wed., Sept. 9 in the gym! Students ages 4K-5th grade who would like to participate, please sign up just outside the Children's Ministry office or email Jennifer Hoover at jhoover@stjaiken.org. We would love to see the St. John's family support our young people. Please make plans to join us!

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 *Cool Runnings*.

We would love to have you volunteer with us. Contact Brett Bucklin in the church office for more information. Thank you!

No Sunday Night Youth tonight but come join us for Tailgates and Touchdowns!!

Join us for our Tuesday Prayer Breakfast at 7:15am at Dunkin Donuts!

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237.

Young Adult Weekly Bible Study starts on Aug. 19 at 6pm in room 237. We will start by studying 1 Peter. Hope to see you there.

Young Adult Fall Retreat is September 18-20th! Sign up with the link: <https://links.stjaiken.org/2026FallRetreat>. It will be a great weekend to discuss *Counterfeit Gods* by Tim Keller, while getting some down time with great people! The cost is \$50 which is to help cover food.

St. John's Missions News

Colossians 2:6-7: *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

Pray for all students returning to or leaving for school and especially for our mission partners (Anna and Esther) who are sharing the love of Jesus with international students in England and in Budapest.

For the month of **August**, we are collecting **peanut butter and crackers**. 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.

Parking Changes

Many thanks to all for your patience with the new (temporary) car line for parents of our SEED students. It is running very smoothly! We will continue the SEED carline drop-off and pick-up space for pre-school program in the Faith Center loop. This primarily closes availability of parking in the Faith Center loop each day from 7:30am-3pm, Monday - Friday.

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Greg & Peg Robinson* and *Dean & Judy Keaton*
in memory of *Kris Kisner*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Due to the parking lot construction we have postponed both
WNS and Ministry Meals starting back up in August.

Both will resume September 9, 2026.

New meal rates will be:

\$10 per adult, \$4 per child (over 3yrs) with a family cap of \$28.

News of the Family

Welcome Our Newest Members:

William & Kathy McNair

Congratulations to:

Connie Pisko who celebrates a “big” birthday today, August 16!

Thank You from the Jarriel Family

The family of Brett Jarriel wishes to express appreciation for all the
comforting prayers and support during their time of loss. Your kindness
has been a true blessing.

Tailgates and Touchdowns Tonight

Everyone is invited to participate in Tailgates and Touchdown this evening
in the gym beginning at 5pm! Wear your team colors and enjoy the
food, fun and fellowship!

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August — Soup

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 8/9/2026

8:30 | 108

9:02 | 241

11:00 | 334

In-Person Total | 683

9:02 Online Live | 205

11:00 Online Live | 171

Financials

Operation Budget as of 8/12/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,772,305.05
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,337,866.24</u>
	\$ 434,438.81

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$257,736.19
Year to date disbursements:	\$165,000.00

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

Please use our GIVING QR code to give on line:



TONIGHT!

ST. JOHN'S
TAILGATES &
TOUCHDOWNS
FALL KICK OFF

AUG. 16
5 - 6:30 PM
St. John's Gym

**ALL of St. John's
Family Invited!**

Come Check Out Our: Programs, Groups, Studies,
Events, something for all ages, etc!

**FOOD - FELLOWSHIP - FUN FOR ALL
AND A FEW SPECIAL GUESTS!**
104 Newberry St. NW, Aiken, SC

**ST. JOHN'S
T-SHIRT SUNDAY
AUG. 23**

Dig out your
St. John's
T-shirt and
wear it on
August 23!

Join Us

Aug. 30 at 10am
in the Faith Center
to hear from:

**Dominique Bunton,
The Bridge 2 Home**

*Everyone welcome - Sunday School classes
encouraged to attend as a group!*

**Missions
on the 5th
Sunday**

REV. JOSH'S

**Bible
STUDY**

"HOLY SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE"

BEGINNING
SEPT. 9, 2026 | 10:00AM
IN THE FAITH CENTER

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

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

QR code for sign up

**GIVE BLOOD
Save Lives**

St. John's,
please Help!

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

**Undy
Sunday**

September 20, 2026
Collection Has Begun!

**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.

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PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Marianne Kim

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Depth of Mercy* Orlando Gibbons
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 121, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"** WELLESLEY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***SCRIPTURE READING** *Matthew 15:21-28* Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth

SERMON *"Jesus is Merciful"* 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 *Mercy* Craig Courtney
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. 381, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"** BRADBURY

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *O Thou of God the Father* JS Bach

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship - 9:02

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG	Give Me Faith	Elevation Worship
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PRAISE SONG	Faith	Hillsong
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SERMON	"Jesus is Merciful"	Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth
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PRAISE SONG	Victory In Jesus	Bartlett/Cottrell
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SENDING FORTH SONG



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