



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

July 19, 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 Changes

If you have had the opportunity to drive around the St. John's property lately, you are well aware that the demolition of the old Scout Building and the development of new parking spaces and a beautiful new green area is well underway. We are anxiously awaiting the completion of the project along with the addition of new parking.

As is the case with all construction projects, there will be a time of inconvenience until the project is completed. For most, that inconvenience will come in the form of finding available parking. We are having to reroute the drop-off and pick-up space for our SEED (pre-school program). This will primarily close availability of parking in the Faith Center loop each day from 7:30am-3pm, Monday - Friday.

We have had to cancel a few meetings/events that had been scheduled so that we can maintain safety for our little ones. Parking in the rear parking lot, located on Barnwell St., is completely closed through the end of August. Please note that this is only through August, but during this time, finding parking during weekdays is going to be difficult. We are grateful for your patience and your kindness in working with us as we advance toward more parking and a more beautiful property.

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: Mary Davisson **Acolytes:** AB Reynolds and Davis Smith

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.

July 19, 2026

Children's Ministries

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

Save the Date:

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

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

If you have not received a letter regarding your child's participation in the 3rd Grade Bible Presentation taking place on August 9th, please contact Jennifer Hoover, Children's Ministry Director: jhoover@stjaiken.org.

Confirmation Course is a time of study for sixth-grade students to learn more about what it means to be a Christian. We will work together to explore the history of the church and our faith. The course will conclude in January with the opportunity for students to make a public confession of faith in Jesus Christ and commit to His church. For those who have been baptized, this is a time to "make firm" the commitment made for them at baptism; those who have not been baptized may choose to do so. If your child is in 6th grade and would like to participate, please use the QR code below to register. Students in the course will receive Bibles at a special presentation on August 2, 2026 during the 11am service. If you have any questions, please reach out to Cara Robinson: crobinson@stjaiken.org or by calling the church office: 803-648-6891.



The Children's Ministry Council would like to invite the entire St. John's family to Tailgates and Touchdowns, taking place on August 16, 2026 from 5pm - 6:30pm. A slide and a dunk tank will be available outside for children and those young at heart! Dinner will be served and collegiate mascots will be on hand for pictures and all the fun! Other games will be available to round out this family friendly event. Invite your friends and plan to join us!

Foundation Youth Ministries

(6th-12th Grades)

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

Youth will not meet tonight due to Monday being the first day of school.

We are having a volunteer training at 10am in Ward Hall 1, today, Sunday July 19 and then again, on July 26 at 7:15pm.

July 26th from 5pm - 7pm, will be Parents vs. Youth Night in the Faith Center (we will see if parents are smarter than their youth).

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!

July 22: Arcade Night at Radioactive Pinball Arcade

St. John's Missions News

Grace Kitchen is a ministry of the church where breakfast is prepared and served from our church kitchen every Saturday and is open to the Aiken community. As we create the next year schedule for September, 2026 through August, 2027, each of our teams could use a few more volunteers. Please call Renee Reid at 803-215-8940 to learn more or volunteer.

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 *Diane O'Conner* in memory of *James O'Conner*
and what would have been their 51st Anniversary,
and by *Lionel Smith* in memory of *Dot Smith*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

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

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Andrew & Joanna Siders on the birth of their first grandchild, ***Violet Vivian Siders***, born July 13, 2026. Proud parents are ***Drew & Kathryn Siders***.

Sympathies to:

Matt, Carole, Casey and Adam Beckum on the death of ***Veronica Beckum*** who died July 12, 2026 in Aiken, SC. Veronica was mother to Matt and grandmother to Casey and Adam.

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 this coming 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 — 7/12/2026

8:30 133	9:02 249	11:00 404
In-Person Total 786		
9:02 Online Live 251	11:00 Online Live 345	

Financial Statements

Financial statements have been mailed out. Please review your statement and if you have any issues with yours, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve at 803-648-6891, ext. 217 or email: nfairgrieve@stjaiken.org.

Financials

Operation Budget as of 7/15/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,614,608.89
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,137,689.19</u>
	\$ 476,919.70

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

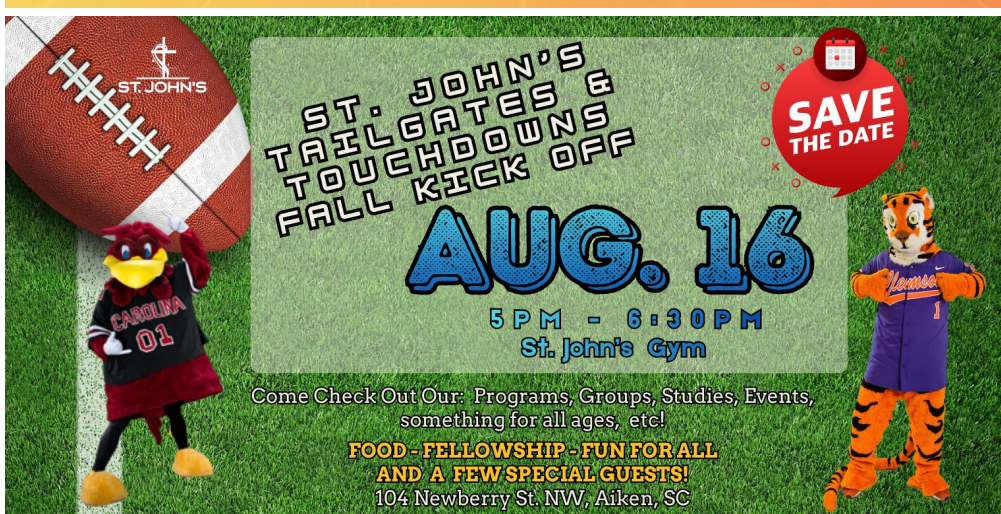
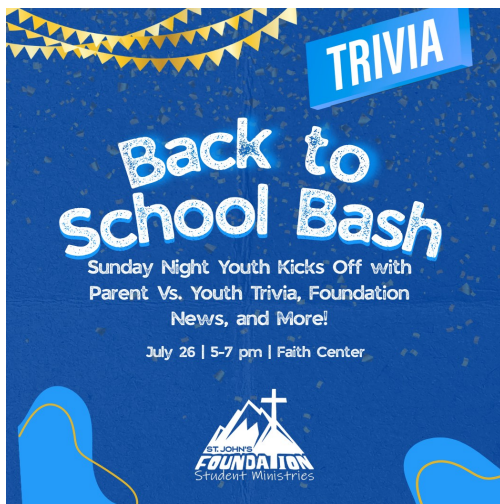
Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$239,546.59
Year to date disbursements:	\$134,000.00

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

Please use our GIVING QR code to give on line:



SCAN ME





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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Mary Ann Watson, cello; Matthew Ganong, piano

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adopted

Chancel Choir

James Walch

***OPENING HYMN No. 733, "Come, We That Love the Lord"**

MARCHING TO ZION

CHILDRENS SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:12-25

Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth

SERMON

"Children of God"

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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 ANTHEM

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir; Mary Ann Watson, cello; Matthew Ganong, piano

***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. 141, "Children of the Heavenly Father"** TRYGGARE KAN
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***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**



Order of Worship - 9:02

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG	His Eye Is On the Sparrow	Martin
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG	Saving the World	Crosses
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	We Believe
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We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again. We believe.

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OFFERTORY	Reckless Love	Asbury
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 8:12-25	Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth
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SERMON	"Children of God"	Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth
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PRAISE SONG	For God So Loved the World	Hillsong
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SENDING FORTH SONG



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