



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

September 20, 2026

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SPRC Announcement

The Staff Parrish Relations Committee (SPRC) wishes to extend our most heartfelt gratitude for Reverend Butch's faithful service to St. John's and its members. Through his bible studies, pastoral care, compassion, and countless acts of service, Rev. Butch has touched the lives of so many of our members and has strengthened St. John's church family. We pray that God will continue to bless Rev. Butch, Karen and their family.

Rev. Butch's last day of employment as our Nurture Pastor will be on December 31, 2026. For those of our church family who wish to show their gratitude for Rev. Butch's service and dedication, St. John's will be setting up a "Love Gift." Details regarding collection of this will be shared in the coming weeks.

Following Rev. Butch's retirement announcement at the September 13 Sunday services, the SPRC held our first Nurture Pastor candidate search meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026. As we enter this search process, we would appreciate your prayers and support as we look for God's guidance in finding the best candidate for St. John's. SPRC will periodically keep the St John's church family updated during our search.

Undy Sunday Collections

Today is Undy Sunday! We are accepting 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.

SEED Program Request

The SEED program is looking for magazines and catalog donations. Please leave donations on the bench outside of the SEED Director's office. Thank 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.

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 Narrowway

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: Shawn Parker **Acolytes:** Madison Bates and Cate Rodgers

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 20, 2026

Children's Ministries

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

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.

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 me at jhoover@stjaiken.org. This position needs to be filled so that we can offer this service to our families participating in Wednesday evening events. Volunteers are also welcome! Our policy requires two adults (18+) at all times.

Congratulations to Charly Bates, Connor Stewart and Ryan Clark for memorizing Amos 5:24 and to Jordan McAlhaney, Haley Staack and Henry Kisner for memorizing Psalm 119:105, 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.

Youth Choir and Band meet in the Choir Room today at 3:45pm and 4:15pm.

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

Tuesday Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:15am at Dunkin Donuts on Whiskey Road.

Wednesday Night Small Groups in the Faith Center at 6:30pm.

Sign up for Asbury Hills Trip today!

Young Adults Ministry

No Young Adults Sunday School Class today, September 20, due to the Young Adults Retreat. We will resume next Sunday 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

Praise God for the Moscow Seminary, as over the summer 128 students graduated and moved forward in growing the kingdom of God by sharing the truth of Jesus Christ in Russia. Pray for all Christians in Russia to grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus and to feel the peace of His Presence.

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 *Arthur and Susie Smith* in memory of
*Marion and Willard C. Smith.***

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

Sept. 30: Grilled chicken, roasted broccoli, diced potatoes with cheese, and lemon squares

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.

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Sylvia Kennerly on the death of her brother, **Ray Ward**, who died September 4, 2026 in Aiken, SC.

Michael, Jacque, Christopher and Christina DeMinck on the death of **Marianne DeMinck** who died September 4, 2026 in Sunrise, FL. Marianne was mother to Michael and grandmother to Christopher and Christina.

Marie Crumback on the death of her husband, **John**, who died September 14, 2026 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mr. Ray Ward
September 4, 2026

In Memoriam

Mrs. Ellie Irwin
September 8, 2026

In Memoriam

Mrs. Carolyn Miller
September 10, 2026

In Memoriam

Mr. John Crumback
September 14, 2026

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September — cereal/oatmeal/grits

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 9/13/2026

8:30 | 131 9:02 | 221 11:00 | 255

In-Person Total | 607

9:02 Online Live | 225 11:00 Online Live | 209

Financials

Operation Budget as of 9/16/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,958,666.46
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,533,951.85</u>
	\$ 424,714.61

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$270,315.03
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:



Undy Sunday

Last Days

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026
Final day to bring in donations!

GIVE BLOOD

Save Lives

Today!

St. John's,
Please Help!

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

NOW HIRING

WEDNESDAY PM & SUNDAY AM

NURSERY WORKERS

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

SEED needs old magazines and catalogs

Please leave donations on bench outside of SEED Director's office.

Rev. Butch's

Bible Study

EVERYDAY GRACE

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

Applefest BookWorm Corner

We are still accepting book donations.

Please leave books in the red book bin outside of Ward Hall.

St. John's Methodist Church

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 25th

4pm - 5pm
back parking lot

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ST. JOHN'S

Foundation
with Unleashed

Just YOU
LINE
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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 **Sonata in D major for Two Pianos** Mozart
I. Allegro con spirito
III. Allegro molto
Judy Kalbaugh and Christopher Nash, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP ***Give to the Winds Thy Fears*** William H. Walter
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 130, "God Will Take Care of You"** MARTIN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Exodus 16:2-15** **Rev. Josh Duckworth**

SERMON **"Manna from Heaven"** **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 ***Brethren We Have Met to Worship*** arr. Mark Hayes
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. 127, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"** CWM RHONDDA

*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 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 **Why Me Lord** Kristopherson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **Lord, Reign In Me** Brown

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **We Believe**

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 **Good to Me** Walker

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PRAISE SONG **Lord, I Need You** Maher

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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