



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*May 21, 2023*

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### New Safety Policy

As a result of a recent Safety Meeting, a new policy has been established, effective immediately. Exterior doors of St. John's facilities are to no longer be propped open for any reason, whether it's propped with a door stop, brick, bag, chair, etc. If you have an event or activity that will require multiple people/entries, you are to assign a door monitor to open for each person. This pertains to all exterior doors of St. John's property: gym, preschool, Faith Center, office, etc. for all activities, meetings, ball practices, groups, rehearsals, etc. Security cameras will be monitored daily to reinforce this policy. If you are found propping a door you will no longer be permitted to have use of the building.

### We're Coming Back!

After three long years, we will be hosting Sand River Salkehatchie once again! Kids and volunteer adults will be here from June 12-18, 2023. We ask that you pray for safe travels for these folks, for those working on the homes, and for the families that will be aided by this work.

### St. John's Holy Land Trip – Informational Meeting TONIGHT

Dr. Tim will be leading a Holy Land Trip March 5-15, 2024; an 11-day trip called "Journey Through the Bible." Our Tour will be led by experienced and well-connected Educational Opportunities, otherwise known as EO. This trip will feature most of the Biblical highlights like Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, and much more. This trip will be at a perfect time to go because we will be in the Holy Land just before Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 and Easter on March 31, 2024. Total cost including airfare from Columbia, SC is \$4,046, with opportunities for some discounts. An informational meeting will be held tonight in the Chapel behind the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. The number of participants is limited to the first 46 who pay the deposit of \$300 per person. Please DO NOT make checks out to St. John's. Brochures are available in the church office.

### United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet on May 25 at 6:30pm in Ward Hall. We will have our pot luck supper, followed by a devotional, and then the program. Our guest speaker will be Daniel Seawell. Besides being the owner and director of Houndslake Country Club, he is also a PGA golf instructor. He will share stories of his activities and the relationship with God through his endeavors.

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

#### May — Canned Tuna

*Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center*

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### SERVING THIS WEEK

**Worship Services** - Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Director of Children's Ministry and Christian Education- Heather Peacock; Director of Traditional Music- Dr. Matt Caine; Organist - Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader - Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band

**Crucifer** - Hannah Boetsch **Acolytes** - Carleigh Day and Jack Taylor

**May 11:00 Ushers:** Missy Poe, Paula Blackmore, Donald Leader, Jean Geiger, Susie & Art Smith, Helen & Eric Randall, Penny Rue, John Schmidt, John Bradley, Connie & Mick Pisko, Alison & Roger Carpenter

**May Worship Support** - Millie Winston, Betty Holloway, Karen Blackwell, Nancy Perrine

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.*

**May 21, 2023**

## **Children's Ministries**

**VBS Volunteers Needed:** We are in search of Crew Leaders to take the children from one activity to another each day. Contact Heather Peacock at [hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org) to sign up.

**VBS Donation Boards:** We have donation boards set up in the Narthex and lobby of the Faith Center with items that we need to make VBS possible. Please check these boards out, grab a card or two and help support VBS!

**Lemonade Stand Kits** available in the Narthex and Faith Center lobby today. Take a kit, host a lemonade stand, raise money for our VBS Mission Partner, Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center, and pass out VBS invitations to your neighbors!

**VBS Crew Leader Training for Adults and Youth** will be held Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm-4:45pm in Ward Hall. You will receive your crew bags and other important information to insure you have a *stellar* week! Please make every effort to attend as this is a very important meeting.

Coming soon - **Summer Bible Memory Challenge** for ages Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Hide God's word in your heart over the summer – details coming soon!

## **Foundation Student Ministries**

*(7th-12th Grades)*

### **Sunday Night Youth and Youth Choir:**

It's time for our annual Chill 'n Grill – Join us tonight in the back parking lot at 5pm for hamburgers, hot dogs and a time of fellowship. Bring a hammock or camping chair and frisbee or football. Don't forget to invite a friend!

Youth choir will meet from 4pm-5pm in the choir room.

### **Youth Bible Studies on Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm:**

Brotherhood (7th-12th grade boys) in the gym

CORE (7th-8th grade girls) in the Faith Center

Dwell (9th-12th grade girls) in Bekah & Amy's office

## **St. John's Missions News**

Pray for the Addis Abba Harari Focused Prayer and Evangelism Team and for God to encourage their efforts and for them to lead others to hope and eternal life in Jesus.

For the month of May, we are collecting canned meat – pop top or pouches only. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service. 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  
in loving memory of *Clay Jones* by *Donna Jones and family*.**

### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Pork loin, roasted carrots, scalloped potatoes and Oreo delight

**Kids Menu:** Grilled cheese and fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, May 22, at 5pm. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org). Cost is \$7.50 for ages 10 yrs. old through adult, and \$3.00 for children over the age of 3 years. You can pay online at [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org), select "GIVE NOW" and then from the drop down menu, select "WNS." You may also pay in person - checks are preferred. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

### News of the Family

#### **Welcome Our Newest Members:**

***Al & Aline Hartgraves***

***John & Terri Lindsay***

#### **Congratulations to:**

***Jerry & Lynda Platt***, whose grandson ***Jonah Albert***, graduated *summa cum laude* from Penn State University with a degree in Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations, on May 6, 2023.

#### **Our Sympathies to:**

***Dave & Rosemary Buchanan*** on the death of Dave's sister, ***Dottie Mae Bennett***, who died on May 12, 2023 in Portland, ME.

***Bauer & Dee, Ford, Ellen & Henry Vaughters*** on the death of Bauer's mother and grandmother to the children, ***Jane Landegrebe Vaughters***, who died May 14, 2023.

### Attendance — 5/14/2023

8:30 | 122    9:02 | 212    11:00 | 357

In-Person Total 691

9:02 Online Live | 220    11:00 Online Live | 295

### Financials

#### **Operations Budget as of 5/17/2023**

Year to date offerings given for what God  
is asking us to do:

\$853,051.80

Year to date ministry expenditures:

\$839,586.00

\$ 13,465.80

#### **Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us  
to do in Missions:

\$ 86,128.51

Year to date Missions Disbursements:

\$ 73,900.00

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

## Discernment Period for St. John's

In accordance with our discernment process, The Discernment Committee has scheduled two Townhall Meetings that will take place May 24 and May 31. These meetings will both be held at 4pm in the Faith Center. These will be an open forum with the intent to allow anyone within St. John's who wishes to speak regarding the upcoming vote. Being that these meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings, we ask that you consider staying for Wednesday Night Supper (WNS) and continue fellowship and prayer over this topic.

Additionally, a "40 Day Prayer Guide" has been put together, that started Friday, May 19, 2023. This and additional discernment process information can be found on St. John's website: <https://stjaiken.org/discernment>. You are encouraged to pray with these daily and allow God to lead your decision.

This QR code links to a frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the separation.



# Older Confirmation

Congratulations to the following who will be receiving the \*Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confirmation today

9:02 Service

- \*Erin Paige Grandy
- \*Jill Miller Grandy

Zachary Wayne Mitchell  
Brodie Everett Shepler


11am Service

- \*James Preston Rittgers

## Altar Guild is in need of Extra Hands


If you have an interest in arranging flowers and bringing a smile to others, won't you consider serving on one of the teams that alternate throughout the year on the Altar Guild.

If you are interested please call:  
Pat Sauls at (803) 998-9105 or  
Leah Lewis at (803) 270-4003



Register NOW

JUNE 19 - 22 9AM - 12PM



## CHILL-N-GRILL

Back Parking Lot  
5:00pm-6:30pm

Bring a hammock, a chair, OR a blanket!

Sunday, May 21

## 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

#### CALL TO WOSHIP

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

William H. Havergal

Chancel Choir

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

#### \*OPENING HYMN

No. 168, "At the Name of Jesus"

KING'S WESTON

#### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-53

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

#### SERMON

"Startled and Overjoyed!"

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

#### \*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. 70

MEINEKE

*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 Clap Your Hands*

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

#### \*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, No. 95

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 & 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. 173, "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

RATISBON

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Christian Lutkin

Chancel Choir

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand, as able.*

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### PRELUDE

### PRAISE SONG

Oceans

Hillsong United

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heather Peacock

### PRAISE SONG

Rock of Ages

Baloche

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### OFFERTORY

Death Was Arrested

Northpoint

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-53

### SERMON

"Startled and Overjoyed"

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL (Kindergarten thru 6th grade dismiss for Sunday School)

### PRAISE SONG

Show Me Your Glory

Third Day

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING FORTH SONG

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**PRELUDE** **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** arr. Faber & Faber  
Thomas Rittgers, piano

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies** William H. Havergal  
Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING HYMN** **No. 168, "At the Name of Jesus"** KING'S WESTON

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER, No. 33**

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Alleluia Choir

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*Children K3-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church*

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**ANTHEM** **O Clap Your Hand** John Rutter

*Chancel Choir members who also sang at 8:30am may now exit.*

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**SERMON** **"Startled and Overjoyed!"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

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