



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

August 23, 2026

8:30

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Applefest Auction Gifting Tree

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 in the lobby 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 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.

Epworth Work Day

St. John's continues to support Epworth Children's Home in Columbia, SC. Epworth Work Day will take place on September 13. 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. Thank you!

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!

Rev. Butch's Bible Study

Our Wesleyan idea of the **Means of Grace** is that those means are the active channels through which God transforms us, while **Scriptural Holiness** is the goal of that transformation. 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. If like the Apostle Paul, your mind and heart want to do what is good, while a powerful, broken human nature within you pulls you toward the opposite, this is a five week study just for you. All are welcome to join us beginning Sept. 30, 2026 from 5:45pm – 6:45pm in the Chapel.

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: Katie Kirk **Acolytes:** Caulden Kirk and Amelia Orr

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 23, 2026

Children's Ministries

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

The St John's Children's Ministry Talent Show will take place on Wed., Sept. 9th at 6pm. There is a sign up form on the bulletin board just outside of Jennifer Hoover's office, or email her at jhoover@stjaiken.org to share your child's name and the talent that they will be showcasing.

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.

We are currently down a nursery staff worker for Wednesday nights. Our college students have new schedules which require them to be in class. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please reach out to Jennifer Hoover, jhoover@stjaiken.org.

We are also in need of Children's Sunday School Class substitutes and volunteers. Please prayerfully consider filling in where needed. We really can't do it all without your help!

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*.

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

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

Hey Parents, are you getting our weekly email? If not, contact Brett Bucklin to sign up. Also – Don't forget to get your school year forms in! You can fill them out online through the website or by following this QR code. Thank you!



Young Adults Ministry

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

Young Adult Weekly Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays at 6pm in room 237. 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

Please pray for C4 Impact Aiken. 1.) God will bring people who are ready to make life changes to C4 Impact Aiken. 2.) All obstacles that keep those in Approach phase from entering the On-Ramp phase be removed. 3.) Those who come to Bible Study will deepen their relationship with Jesus and chose to obey Him in their everyday lives. 4.) We obtain another vehicle for transportation.

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.

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Jim & Mae Beth Thompson* in honor of *their 55th Anniversary*
and by *Wayne Cochrane* in memory of *Nancy Cochrane*.**

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

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:
James Deaton & Hanna Ker
Sam & Nancy Gallaher
Nancy Corbett

Parking Changes

We are getting closer to the parking lot being completed. We ask that you
continue to mind the changes for the SEED Preschool car line that closes
availability of parking in the Faith Center loop each day from 7:30am-3pm,
Monday - Friday.

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. Lunch at
\$5 per plate, will follow in Ward Hall. Reservations for lunch must be made by
calling the church office at 803-648-6891 by 3pm on Sept. 10.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August — Soup

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 8/16/2026

8:30 114	9:02 229	11:00 290
In-Person Total 633		
9:02 Online Live 219	11:00 Online Live 201	

Financials

Operation Budget as of 8/19/2026

,Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,799,101.39
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,350,511.14</u>
	\$ 448,590.25

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$261,958.81
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:



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!*




REV. JOSH'S
Bible
 STUDY

"HOLY SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE"

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



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



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

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



**GIVE BLOOD
 Save Lives**

St. John's,
 please Help!

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



**Undy
 Sunday**

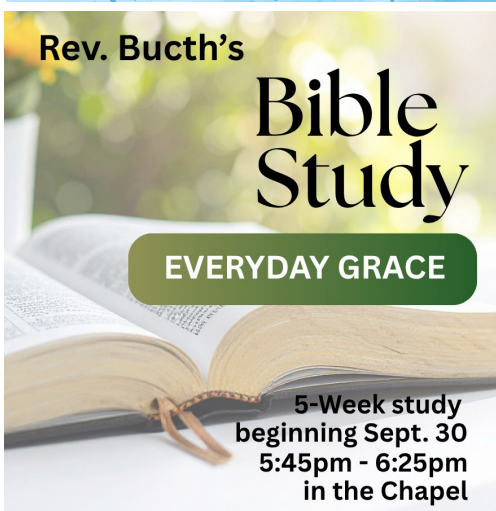
**September 20, 2026
 Collection Has Begun!**



Rev. Buchth's
Bible Study

EVERYDAY GRACE

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



**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 *And Can It Be* arr. Page

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Leave It There* Charles Albert Tindley
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 529, "How Firm a Foundation"** FOUNDATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 Rev. Will Altman

SERMON "The Birth of Moses" Rev. Will Altman

***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"** GREATOR EX
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 *Redeemer of Israel* arr. Mack Wilberg
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. 715, "Rejoice, the Lord is King"** DARWALL'S 148th

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *How Firm A Foundation*

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship - 9:02

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus** Lemmel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **No Such Thing as Impossible with Jesus** Building 429

***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 **Is He Worthy** Petersen

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SERMON **"The Birth of Moses"** **Rev. Will Altman**

PRAISE SONG **Way Maker** Leeland

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG



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