ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

October 25, 2026

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St. John's Charge Conference

St. John's Charge Conference 2026 will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, in the Faith Center, following the Church Council Meeting beginning at 6pm.

Rev. Butch's Bible Study

Rev. Butch has added one more date to his Everyday Grace Bible Study. Please join him for the final study on Wednesday, November 4 at 5:45pm in the Chapel.

Shepherd of Love

Shepherd of Love members will be meeting on October 26th at 3pm in Room 119. If you would like to know more about this ministry to our homebound church members, join us at this meeting or call Carol Godfrey at 803-220-9248.

Epworth Angels

We will have information set up in the Narthex, the main lobby of the Church office, and the Faith Center Lobby on Nov. 1 & 8. All gifts will be due in the collection bin just outside the main Church office by November 30, 2026. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause!

Applefest

Silent Auction: Please bring all items for Silent Auction in **by Friday, Oct. 30!**

Frozen Features: Let's fill the freezers! Casseroles, soups, chili, quiches and bread are all needed to sell at Applefest this year. So, as you are making dinner one night, maybe make an extra batch and put it aside in the freezer for Applefest! Please contact Brenda Meeks at 803-979-1900 or Camille Bailey at 803-295-2057 if you have questions.

The Clothes Closet: Your donations of gently used or new apparel, shoes and accessories for women, men and children will be accepted and welcomed in Ward Hall on the following schedule: **Tues., 10/27 - Fri., 10/30 from 9am-1pm and Mon., 11/2 and Tues., 11/3 from 9am-5pm**. Please mark your calendars now as these are firm dates and times.

Twice Loved Treasures will begin accepting items in the gym on **Mon., 11/2 through Fri., 11/6 from 8:30am – 5:30pm. On Friday, 11/6 we will only accept items up until 1pm**. Remember we will not accept computers, TV's, life jackets or car seats. Any question, please call Marsha Mikes at 803-645-0078.

Appleseed Café: We are now accepting donations of bottled water and canned soda. Please bring in donation and leave outside the kitchen, marked "Applefest."

The Bake Shop is preparing for Applefest and we need your delicious homemade treats! Each year Applefest visitors look forward to special goodies to share with family and friends – or enjoy themselves! We'd love for you to share your favorite specialty baked items with us. Cookies, breads, pies, cakes, bars, gluten free items and more are welcome! Items may be packaged as individual treats or portions serving several.

More information about packaging and delivery will be provided as we get closer to the November 6-7 sale. Let's make this year's Bake Shop a delicious success!

Apple Pre-Orders: Pre-orders are only available by the bushel and are currently being taken by Judy Kalbaugh at 803-221-1342.

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: Jack Taylor **Acolytes:** Teddy Nichols and Ethan Wood

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

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October Worship Support: Jane Fogle, Marsha Mikes, Donna Findley, and Sandra Shelley

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.

October 25, 2026

Children's Ministries

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

Wednesday Children's Music: 1st & 2nd graders will practice chimes from 5pm-5:30pm and then choir from 5:30pm-6pm. The 3rd-5th graders will have choir from 5pm-5:30pm and then they will practice handbells from 5:30pm-6pm.

Wednesday night lessons for grades 1st- 5th begin at 6:30pm, followed by a little gym time before parents pick up at 7:30pm.

Congratulations to Charly Bates, Kennedy Hiller, Henry Kisner, Nash Martin and Ryan Clark for memorizing Deuteronomy 6:5 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.

- No Sunday Night Youth tonight but join us for Trunk-or-Treat as we decorate the Church Bus as a taco truck! Meet us at 3:15pm in the large/back parking lot to help set up!
- Tuesday Prayer Breakfast takes place at 7:15am at Dunkin Donuts on Whiskey Rd.
- Wednesday Night Small Groups from 6:30pm – 8pm in the Faith Center.

Mark your calendars for our Mission Trip Interest meeting to find out about our mission trip this summer. The meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8th in Ward Hall 1 during the Sunday School hour.

Young Adults Ministry

Please join us for Sunday School Class at 10am in Room 237. Weekly Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in room 237.

St. John's Missions News

Would you and your friend or small group like to meet with a missionary the weekend of Mission Impact Celebration, February 4-7, 2027? If so, please contact Lori Long now at 317-989-9916 or llong@onemissionsociety.org.

For the month of **October**, we are collecting **coats**. Please place any donated, freshly cleaned 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.

New Sunday School Class

The new Agape Sunday School class will have its first meeting today, Sunday, October 25, in room 238. We are excited to welcome those in-and around- their 30s to come together for a new class. We hope to see you there!

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on Monday, November 9, 2026. The 10:30am program held in the Faith Center will feature Nancy Cruz with Aiken Equine Rescue: "People Helping Horses, Horses Helping People." Lunch will be available at $5 per plate, following the program with a menu of tomato soup, mini ham & cheese croissant, chips and dessert. Reservations are required for the meal. Please call the church office at 803-648-6891 by 3pm, Thursday, Nov. 5th to make a lunch reservation.

Library News

We have new resources in the church library for D-group leaders (and any leaders). Please see the bookcase facing the door as you enter the library. Resources available are on the Christian faith, Methodism, the character of God, how Jesus saves, and more; the collection will continue to grow. Please sign you the books f you remove them from the library. Thank you!

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Marge Clemens & Kristen Bell* in memory of *Tom Clemens* and by *Gayle Jones* in memory of *Wade Jones*.

Wednesday Night Supper

Oct. 28 or Nov. 4: NO WNS Due to Applefest

We will resume meals on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

Dinner is served at 5pm in Ward Hall 2/3 (unless otherwise posted). **New meal rates are: $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.

All-Saints Banners

You may have noticed that our All-Saints banners have been set up in both the Narthex and Faith Center. You are welcome to attach bells in memory of your loved ones.

Under the Steeple

On Sunday, November 22, at 3pm, our choir, along with singers from throughout the CSRA, will come together to present most of the choruses from all three parts of Handel's beloved *Messiah*. You don't want to miss this beautiful afternoon of music! If you are interested in singing, please contact Dr. Matt Caine, mcaine@stjaiken.org.

News of the Family

Welcome our Newest Members:
Coleman and Halena Brinson

Sympathies to:

Jo Robinson, Ron & Ashlee, Harper Duren on the death of ***Terry Robinson*** who died October 15, 2026, in Aiken, SC. Terry was husband to Jo, father to Ashlee and grandfather to Harper.

Rick Gill on the death of his wife, ***Barbara Gill***, who died October 17, 2026, in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam
Mr. Larry Talbert
October 11, 2026

In Memoriam
Mrs. Barbara Gill
October 17, 2026

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — 1lb bags of rice

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 10/18/2026

8:30 | 119 9:02 | 198 11:00 | 261

In-Person Total | 578

9:02 Online Live | 161 11:00 Online Live | 222

Financials

Operation Budget as of 10/21/2026

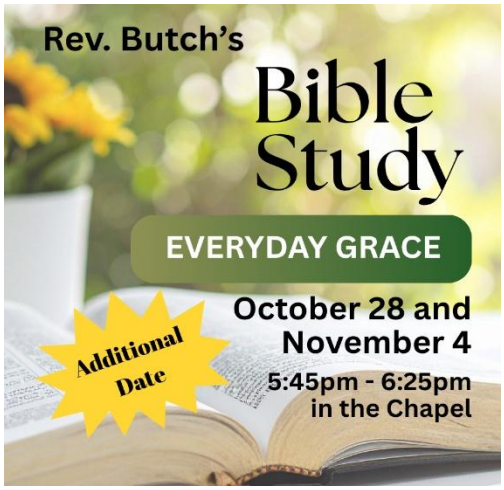
Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	$2,147,373.22
Year to date ministry expenditures:	$1,778,760.06
	$ 368,613.16

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	$287,223.96
Year-to-date disbursements:	$213,338.50

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

Please use our GIVING QR code to give online:


Rev. Butch's
Bible Study
EVERYDAY GRACE
Additional Date
October 28 and November 4
5:45pm - 6:25pm in the Chapel


TEAM ST. JOHN'S
RUN FOR FREEDOM
Bridge 2 Home "Run For Freedom 5K"
October 17, 2026

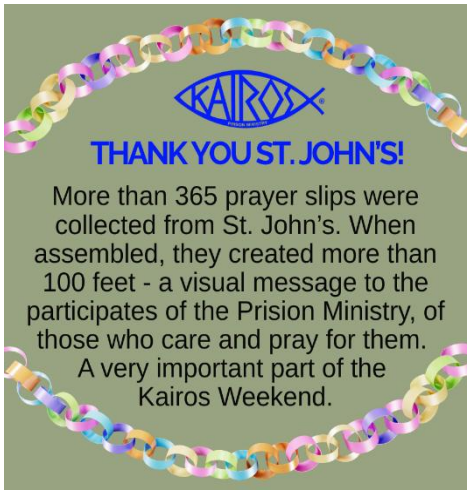

St. John's Methodist Church
Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 25th
ST. JOHN'S
4 - 5:30pm back parking lot
Trick or treat in the safety of the parking lot
Cake Walk
Bobbing for Donuts
Admission:
2 canned goods to be donated to local food bank
104 Newberry St. NW, Aiken, SC 29801
www.stjaiken.org


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Will return after Applefest


OCC SHOEBOX COLLECTION
November 1st - November 18th
Drop-off at Jennifer Hoover's Office
Need A Few Extra Items For Your Box?
Supplies including bandaids, crayons, and small toys will be available on Sunday, November 8th at the 9:02 service and the 11:00 service.
First Come, First Served!


APPLEFEST: APPLESEED CAFE
DONATIONS NEEDED
CANNED SODA & BOTTLED WATER ARE NEEDED FOR APPLESEED CAFE
PLEASE LEAVE ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE OF THE KITCHEN. CLEARLY MARKED "APPLEFEST"


Join Us for
Applefest 2026
First Friday, Nov. 6
5pm -7pm, $10 entry
Saturday, Nov. 7 (free entry)
8:00am - 2:00pm
St. John's Methodist Church
Downtown at Newberry & Richland
ENTERTAINMENT · SILENT AUCTION · APPLE SEED CAFÉ · CLOTHING · TOYS SHOES TWICE LOVED TREASURES BOOKS · AND MUCH MORE
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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES


KAIROS
THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S!
More than 365 prayer slips were collected from St. John's. When assembled, they created more than 100 feet - a visual message to the participates of the Prision Ministry, of those who care and pray for them. A very important part of the Kairos Weekend.

ST. JOHN'S

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 ***Ein Feste Burg*** *JS Bach*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP ***Rejoice, the Lord is King*** John Darwall
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 89, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"** ODE TO JOY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Psalm 1** **Rev. Josh Duckworth**

SERMON **"Delight in the Lord"** **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 ANTHEM ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** arr. Dan Forrest
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. 139, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** LOBE DEN HERREN

***BENEDICTION**

HORAL RSPONSE **The Lord Bless You and Keep You** John Rutter
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God*** Max Reger

***Please stand, as able.**

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Nothing Without You** Norman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PRAISE SONG **All to You** Brewster

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PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY **Goodness of God** Church of the City

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PRAISE SONG **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee** Van Dyke/C.C.

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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Charly Bates, piano

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