



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

July 26, 2026

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Shepherd of Love Meeting

Shepherd of Love members will be meeting Monday, July 27th at 3pm in Room 119. If you would like to know more about this ministry to home bound members, please join us at our meeting or call Carol Godfrey at 803-220-9248.

Charge Conference/Church Council Meeting

This Tuesday, July 28, 2026, we will hold our quarterly Church Council Meeting at 6pm 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.

The Wanderers Sunday School Class

The Wanderers is a relatively new Sunday School Class for those in their 30's & 40's, and up, using dynamic studies for learning and fellowship. Past studies have included C.S. Lewis books including *The Screwtape Letters* and *Mere Christianity*, as well as a variety of video Bible studies. The next study topic will be selected over the next few weeks. This class meets in Room 124 (the church parlor) during the Sunday School hour, beginning at 10am, and is happy to welcome visitors anytime. If you are interested in learning more, please drop by!

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: Hyatt Wilhelm **Acolytes:** Madison Bates and Caulden Kirk

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 26, 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 today 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 : 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.



Great things are happening in our Children's Ministry and we invite you to be part of it! It may seem a little chaotic...but it's not meant to be perfect Our kids are learning what it looks like to show up, love well, and how to use their abilities and gifts. Most importantly, they learn about Jesus! It isn't always easy but it's rewarding and it matters! Do you have the time to serve as a volunteer? You are needed! Please contact Jennifer Hoover, Children's Ministry Director: jhoover@stjaiken.org to help support our children grow in Christ.

Foundation Youth Ministries

(6th-12th Grades)

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

- Join us for parent night tonight in the Faith Center from 5-7pm. Dinner provided and all parents and volunteers welcome.
- Volunteer training at 7:15pm tonight in the Faith Center, Room 212-213.
- Tuesday Prayer Breakfast starts this Tuesday, July 28 at 7:15am at Dunkin Donuts on Whiskey Rd.
- We would love to have you volunteer with us! Contact Brett Bucklin for more information. Thank you!

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. We may start a little after 10am due to the 9:02 service.

SAVE THE DATE: Aug. 12, Back to School Kick Off starting at 6pm

Evangelism

E3 - Elements of Everyday Evangelism—Want to learn how to share your faith? Join us at E3 - Elements of Everyday Evangelism on August 8, 2026 in Columbia, SC. This event will be hosted by World Methodist Evangelism. Sign up here: <https://links.stjaiken.org/4fcsa7Z>. Please let Pastor Will know if you register and if you have any questions.

St. John's Missions News

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Stand at the Crossroads Resale Store on York Ave. To learn more please call Debi Rood at 803-646-2845.

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 *Robin and Carla Dillman* in honor of *their family*.**

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:

Adrian & Candace Smith on the birth of their first grandchild, ***Quinn Marie Smith***, born March 9, 2026. Proud parents are ***Michael & Kristina Smith***.

Sympathies to:

Lynn Katonak on the death of her husband, ***Paul Katonak***, who died July 17, 2026 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mr. Paul Katonak
July 17, 2026

In Memoriam

Mrs. Marti Gainer
July 22, 2026

Welcome Rev. Josh and Family

Please join us in the gym **today at 12pm**, for a churchwide reception in honor of Rev. Josh and his family. We will serve light refreshments as we have an opportunity for fellowship and welcoming the Duckworth family to St. John's.

Church Office Closure

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, July 30, 2026, as the staff will be offsite for a program planning session.

Undy Sunday

It's that time of year again....UNDY SUNDAY is September 20, 2026 and collection begins August 9. Please consider purchasing new (in the package and/or tag on) underwear for men, women and children. Larger sizes are a special need. Collection boxes will be located near the main office and Ward Hall and also in the Faith Center.

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 — 7/19/2026

8:30 | 133

9:02 | 213

11:00 | 285

In-Person Total | 631

9:02 Online Live | 245

11:00 Online Live | 256

Financials

Operation Budget as of 7/22/2026

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

\$1,647,951.08

Year to date ministry expenditures:

\$1,169,253.27

\$ 478,697.81

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

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

\$244,300.23

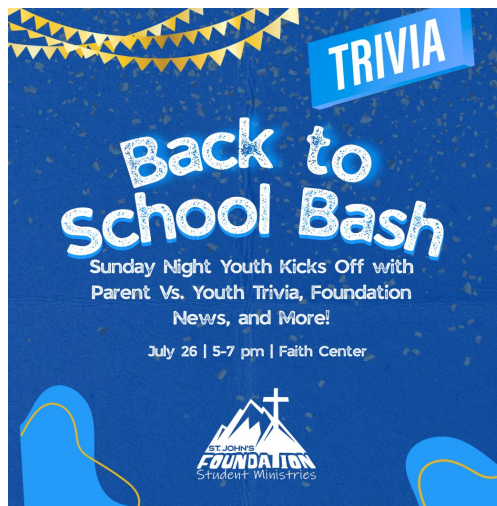
Year to date disbursements:

\$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:







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

An Cailin Fionn (Natasha)

Phil Coulter

Laura Tomlin, violin; Mary Ann Watson, cello; Christopher Nash, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Thou, In Whose Presence

John Wyeth

Chancel Choir

*OPENING HYMN No. 369, "Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:26-39

Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth

SERMON

"More Than Conquerors"

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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

Unshakable

Karen Marrioli

Chancel Choir; Laura Tomlin, violin; Mary Ann Watson, cello

*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. 526, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

A Prayer of Desmond Tutu

James Whitbourn

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Rejoice! The Lord is King

***Please stand, as able.**



Order of Worship - 9:02

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PRAISE SONG **Build My Life** HF

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PRAISE SONG **Where the Spirit of the Lord Is** Evans

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OFFERTORY **What A Friend We Have In Jesus because the Lord Will Provide** Scriven/
Converse/Worship Together

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 8:26-39** **Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth**

SERMON **"More Than Conquerors"** **Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth**

PRAISE SONG **Your Love Never Fails** Jesus Culture

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG



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