



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

August 30, 2026

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Parking Lot Completed

Thank you to all for your patience! The back parking lot is now complete. The SEED Carline has returned to normal at the end of the SEED hallway and the Faith Center parking lot is accessible as usual.

New Sunday School Class

If you are a new member and are looking for a Sunday School Class, please join us in Room 204 at 10am, as we walk through the book *Encounter the Father* by Rev. Carolyn Moore. Long-standing members are welcome, too!

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!

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 next week. Thank you!

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, with a menu of baked ziti, garlic bread and apple pie with ice cream, 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.

Sisters Fall Bible Study

Sisters Fall Bible Study will begin an 8-week study on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 9:30am in Room 119. We will study *Women in the New Testament* by Suzanne Nicholson. In this book, Nicholson highlights the qualities of several women in the New Testament that Jesus asks all believers to possess: faithfulness, persistence, and a boldness to follow him even at great personal cost to ourselves. These stories help us to better understand not only our own calling, but the very nature of the gospel itself. Books have been ordered. Please call/text Millie Winston 770-815-7223 to register.

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.

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: Finn Mole **Acolytes:** Joel Nichols and Ethan Wood

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 30, 2026

Children's Ministries

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

The Third Grade Bible Basics Class challenges students to commit God's word to memory. Congratulations to Kennedy Hiller and Cayce Kring for memorizing Psalm 119:105 this week!



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

Join the Foundation Choir or Praise Band! Choir meets from 3:45 - 4:15pm and the Band meets from 4:15 - 4:55pm in the choir room each Sunday. To help us plan, please contact Matt Caine at mcaine@stjaiken.org to let him know that you will be participating.

Sign up for our annual Asbury Hills Trip today!

Contact Brett Bucklin with your extracurricular schedules so that we can come support you!

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237 and our weekly Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, also in room 237.

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

Our longtime mission partner, Thailand Now, requests your prayers for God to raise up someone from a Muslim background to go into the Malay region of Southern Thailand to share the Gospel of Christ with the Muslims who live there. This person must understand the culture of the Muslim people to effectively share with them. Please add to your daily prayers. Thailand Now is thankful for St. John's faithfulness in prayer and giving. "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Pray that the Lord will send laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38.

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 Mike & Peggy Day in celebration of their 62nd Anniversary
and in honor of their children and grandchildren.**

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

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS and Ministry Meals will both resume September 9, 2026. Sign-up sheets are located at the Reception Desk in the main office.

**Sept. 9: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and Texas sheet cake with ice cream
(Served in the Gym along with our Children's Talent Show)**

**Sept. 16: Hamburgers, fries, baked beans and ice cream sandwich cake
(Burgers & BINGO in Ward Hall)**

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.

Name Badges

If you requested a name badge, they can now be found on the ribbon hanging outside the main office, under the clock on the wall.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Brandon & Jackie O'Connor on the birth of their daughter, **Gwen Elizabeth O'Connor** on August 21, 2026. Gwen joins proud big sister, Amelia.

Sympathies to:

Will & Amber, Emily, Reid and Anna Grace Chafin on the death of **Kaye Cleveland Chafin** who died August 22, 2026 in Hartwell, GA. Kaye was mother to Will and grandmother to Emily, Reid and Anna Grace.

Dan & Sherry Morrison on the death of Dan's father, **Samuel H. Morrison** who died August 23, 2026 in Clarion, PA.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Lynn Katonak
August 22, 2026

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August — Soup

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 8/23/2026

8:30 | 118

9:02 | 202

11:00 | 295

In-Person Total | 615

9:02 Online Live | 201

11:00 Online Live | 158

Financials

Operation Budget as of 8/26/2026

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

\$1,831,118.44

Year to date ministry expenditures:

\$1,415,659.92

\$ 415,458.52

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

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

\$262,729.31

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 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!




JOIN US FOR CHURCHWIDE
Holy Communion
 SUNDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
 AT ALL SERVICES



REV. JOSH'S
Bible
 STUDY
 "HOLY SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE"
 BEGINNING
 SEPT. 9, 2026 | 10:00AM
 IN THE FAITH CENTER



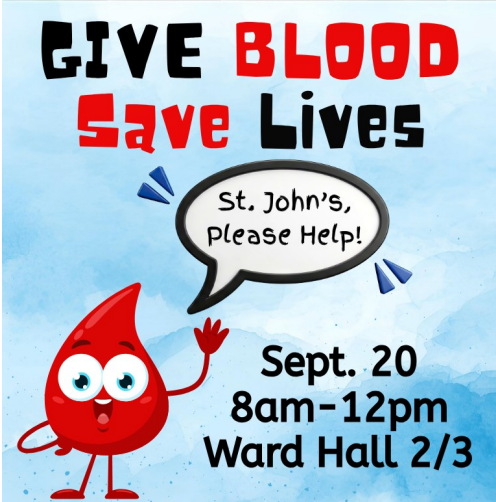
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 Fall Session: Women in the New Testament by Suzanne Nicholson
 8-week Study
 Beginning, Thurs., Sept. 17
 9:30am in Room 119



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



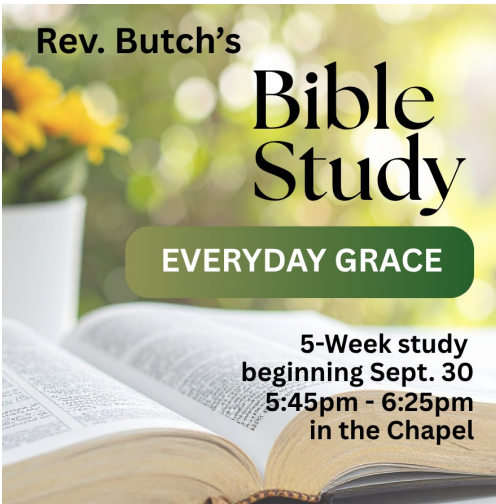
GIVE BLOOD
Save Lives
 St. John's, Please Help!
 Sept. 20
 8am-12pm
 Ward Hall 2/3



Undy Sunday
 September 20, 2026
 Collection Has Begun!



Rev. Butch's
Bible Study
 EVERYDAY GRACE
 5-Week study
 beginning Sept. 30
 5:45pm - 6:25pm
 in the Chapel





Order of Worship - 8:30 A.M.

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PRELUDE **Prelude in G** Mendelssohn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP **Holy Ground** Geron Davis
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 64, "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"** NICAIA

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Exodus 3:1-15** **Rev. Josh Duckworth**

SERMON **"The Burning Bush"** **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"** GREATORIX
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 **The God of Abraham Praise** arr. Brian Buda
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. 593, "Here I Am, Lord"** HERE I AM, LORD

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** **The Lord Bless You and Keep You** Peter Christian Lutkin
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE **All Creatures of Our God and King** William Faulkes

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship - 9:02

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	Light the Fire	Doerksen
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG	Soul On Fire	Third Day
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OFFERTORY	Speak to the Mountains	McClarney
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SENDING FORTH SONG



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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM pg. 39

The congregation will be led in the signing of God Claims You, TFWS #2249, using the name "Wren."

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