



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

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Demolition of the Annex Building

Business as usual for Sunday, May 31. Beginning June 1 through July 31, the entire back parking lot will be blocked with the expectation that deconstruction will begin June 1, 2026. Please be safe and avoid this area.

Sunny Monday

St. John's Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on June 8, 2026. The 10:30am program will take place in the Faith Center with a program featuring Logan Ford, "A Musical Sing Along" and "What is ACTS and What are We Doing?" This month's meal will be Chick-fil-A box meal for \$5 per person. All reservations for the meal are required to be made by 4pm June 3, to ensure our order is placed in a timely manner. Please call the church office to make your reservation: 803-648-6891.

Author Coming to St. John's

Coming June 8th at 6:30pm in Ward Hall 2/3 is author Cathy Rigg. St. John's Book Club read her book titled "That Which Binds Us." She will be here to discuss and answer any questions pertaining to her book that you may have. All are invited to join in this evening.

Vacation Bible School Supplies Needed

You may have noticed that the main lobby of the church is slowly transforming into a rainforest, featuring the Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God, the theme for this summer's VBS. There are cards hanging on the display featuring items that are requested to make this summer's VBS a success. Please stop by and grab a card. Donations can be returned to the church office and will be accepted through June 12, 2026. Thank you!

Assistive Hearing Devices

There are three assistive hearing devices missing from the Sanctuary. Please check pockets, purses, etc. to see if you may have inadvertently taken one home.

Donations for Salkehatchie Needed

We are accepting donations of bottled water and soft drinks for Sand River Salkehatchie that will be here and take place June 20 - 26. Donated items should be marked "SALKEHATCHIE" and left on the table outside of the kitchen.

Worship Services: 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: Audrey Dietzel **Acolytes:** Emily Poole and Matt Poole

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

May 11:00 Ushers: Missy Poe, Donald Leader, Connie Pisko, Mick Pisko, Mary Ann Findley, Mitch Rivers, Sally Alexander, Rod Alexander, Karen Travis, Larry Travis, Rea Maynard, Kevin Maynard, Leah Lewis, Penny Rue

May Worship Support: Nancy Perrine, Melinda Greene, Karen Blackwell, Susanne Rhoden

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.

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Children's Ministries

Sunday School (children 4K-2nd grade): Upstairs in the Education building. Sign in by the boat!

June 15-19: VBS - Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/802a90>.

VBS Volunteers Needed! We'd love to have you work with us in VBS this year. Come spread God's love and have a blast with the children. Sign up to volunteer on the same site as registration; you can use the QR code or website. We hope to see you there.

Congratulations to our 3rd Graders for completing Bible Basics. They will be recognized today with a certificate of completion.

<i>Rowan Braithwaite</i>	<i>Audrey Cox</i>	<i>Richie Eichler</i>	<i>Eliza Green</i>
<i>Eliza Jewel Jernigan</i>	<i>Robert Miniard</i>	<i>Lance Murphy</i>	

Foundation Student Ministries (6th-12th Grades)

Wednesday Small Groups: Enjoy Summer Break!

We will not meet for Sunday Night Youth tonight.

Young Adults Ministry

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

SAVE THE DATE:

June 23: Serving Salkehatchie Supper & Bowling

St. John's Missions News

Please join us this morning in the Faith Center at 10am for our Missions on the 5th Sunday. Today's mission partner will be Pastor Lex Perry with C4 Impact Ministry. He will share their current accomplishments with Aiken's homeless community.

For the month of **May**, we are collecting **deodorant**. 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.

Men's Night Out Bible Study

Men's Night Out Bible Study meets on Tuesdays, at 6pm in the Faith Center; this week's film will be "The Last of the Mohicans." The last members of a dying Native American tribe, the Mohicans -- Uncas, his father Chingachgook, and his adopted half-white brother Hawkeye -- live in peace alongside British colonists. But when the daughters of a British colonel are kidnapped by a traitorous scout, Hawkeye and Uncas must rescue them in the crossfire of a gruesome military conflict of which they wanted no part: the French and Indian War.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Bette Krohn Simon* in memory of *Jack Simon*.

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:

Millie Altman, daughter of **Rev. Will and Stockton Altman**, was
baptized here at St. John's on May 24, 2026.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

May — **Canned meats (chicken or tuna)**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 5/24/2026

8:30 | 123 9:02 | 256 11:00 | 233
In-Person Total | 612
9:02 Online Live | 161 11:00 Online Live | 159

Financials

Operation Budget as of 5/28/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,285,438.28
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 802,943.61</u>
	\$ 484,494.67

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$204,938.21
Year to date disbursements:	\$100,400.00

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

Please use our new GIVING QR code to give on line:



HELP SUPPORT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 15 - 19



STOP BY AND GRAB A SUPPLY ITEM FROM THE VBS DISPLAY IN THE MAIN LOBBY!

JUST A FEW ITEMS STILL NEEDED!

Items can be brought in and left on the table outside of the Children's Ministry office

Join Us
May 31 at 10am
in the Faith Center
 to hear from:



Pastor Lex Perry
 with *C4 Impact Ministry*,
 sharing their accomplishments
 with *Aiken's homeless*
Everyone welcome - Sunday School classes
encouraged to attend as a group!



JOIN US FOR ST. JOHN'S METHODIST VBS 2026



DATES: June 15 - 19
TIME: 9AM - 12PM

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN RISING 4K - 6 GRADE

REGISTER TODAY:
<https://vbspro.events/p/802a90>



Grace Kitchen
May
donation needs

DEODORANT



Please leave items in the boxes in both the Narthex and Faith Center Lobby marked "Grace Kitchen"



APPLEFEST PREP

PLEASE WATCH FUTURE BULLETINS FOR DATES OF COLLECTION.

WE ARE **NOT** ABLE TO STORE ITEMS ONSITE PRIOR TO ANNOUNCED DATES!



DONATIONS NEEDED



Salkehatchie
June 20-26

CANNED SODA & BOTTLED WATER ARE NEEDED FOR SAND RIVER SALKEHATCHIE

PLEASE LEAVE ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE OF THE KITCHEN, CLEARLY MARKED "SALKEHATCHIE"





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 **Nicaea** Healy Willan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE BASICS PRESENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP **I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light** Kathleen Thomerson
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 569, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"** MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 20:18-24** **Rev. Will Altman**

SERMON **"Finish the Race"** **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"** 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 **Lord, Here Am I** John Ness Beck

***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. 88, "Maker, in Whom We Live "** DIADEMATA

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE **Hyfydol** Vaughn-Williams

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship - 9:02

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG

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PRAISE SONG **My Feet Are On the Rock** I Am

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OFFERTORY **Let It Be A Hallelujah** Daigle

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 20:18-24** **Rev. Will Altman**

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The congregation will be led in the singing of "God Claims You," using the name Hayden.

PRAISE SONG **Take My Life** Tomlin

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG



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BIBLE BASICS PRESENTATION **The Books of the Bible**
3rd Grade Children, ukuleles

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Children K4-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church.

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