



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

September 6, 2026

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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!

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 will begin on September 13 and takes place at 10am in Ward Hall 1. Please join us or reach out to Cara Robinson at crobinson@stjaiken.org if you have questions.

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: Audrey Dietzel **Acolytes:** Amelia Orr and Mary Rittgers

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

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September Worship Support: Camille Bailey, Anita Allen, Pam Beckum and Claire Seawell

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.

September 6, 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.

The Third Grade Bible Basics Class challenges students to commit God's word to memory. Congratulations to Charly Bates and Nash Martin 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; we're watching Lego Batman this morning.

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

Come start your Tuesdays with prayer and fellowship at our Prayer Breakfasts! Meet us at Dunkin Donuts on Whiskey Rd at 7:15am.

Wednesday Small Groups start next week. Meet us in the Faith Center at 6:30pm for great time!

Youth Choir and Band will resume next Sunday, September 13.

Don't forget to register for Asbury Hills Trip, for an amazing weekend!

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

A long time member of our Grace Kitchen family is expecting a baby boy in October. She is need of car seat and stroller and clothing. If you can meet this need, please call Renee Reid at 803-215-8940.

For the month of **September**, we are collecting **canned or dried fruit with easy open tops**. 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 *The Pitts Family* in memory of *Monnie Pitts*.**

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 this week, September 9, 2026. Sign-up sheets are located at the Reception Desk in the main office or you can call the office at 803-648-6891. Reservations are due by 12pm on Tuesdays!

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

**Sept. 23: Pork loin, green beans, mac & cheese, and Key lime cake
(Build a Mission Bag 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.

Office Closed for Holiday

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. We will reopen for regular office hours on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Name Badges

If you requested a name badge, they can now be found on the bulletin board outside of Susan McDonald's office.

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Phillis Hoy on the death of her husband, **Lewis Hoy**, who died August 31, 2026 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mr. Lewis Hoy
August 31, 2026

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September — cereal/oatmeal/grits

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 8/30/2026

8:30 | 123

9:02 | 234

11:00 | 294

In-Person Total | 651

9:02 Online Live | 197

11:00 Online Live | 290

Financials

Operation Budget as of 9/02/2026

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

\$1,872,369.83

Year to date ministry expenditures:

\$1,458,632.47

\$ 413,737.36

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

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

\$265,471.06

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:



REV. JOSH'S

Bible

STUDY

"HOLY SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE"

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

WNS is back this week!



We will serve
supper in the
Gym at 5pm
and the
Children's
Talent Show
begins at
6pm



*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



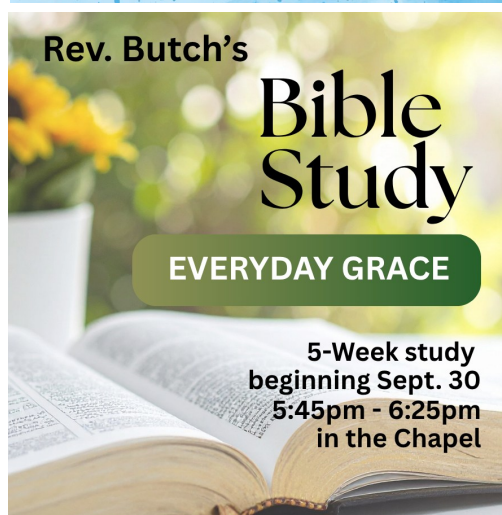
September 20, 2026
Collection Has Begun!

Rev. Butch's

Bible Study

EVERYDAY GRACE

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




FOUNDATION
JUST YOU
CHRISTIANS GO-TO

ASBURY HILLS

NOVEMBER
13-15, 2026

REGISTRATION OPEN!
REGISTER ON REALM
OR
THROUGH OUR
LINKTREE!





Order of Worship - 8:30 A.M.

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PRELUDE

Psalm 51

JS Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

harm. JS Bach

Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 303, "The Day of Resurrection"**

LANCASHIRE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-14

Rev. Josh Duckworth

SERMON

"The Passover"

Rev. Josh Duckworth

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Come, Celebrate the Passover Lamb

Lloyd Larson

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.

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***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 622, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"**

CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Christian Lutkin

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Marcello

***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 **Revelation Song** **Jobes**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **Rock of Ages** **Toplady/Hastings/Reawaken**

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PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY **Thank you Jesus for the Blood of Life** **Gayle**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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