



# ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*February 15, 2026*

*Transfiguration Sunday*

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## Ash Wednesday Service

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on February 18, 2026 at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

## Bible Study for Lent

Beginning March 4, 2026, Rev. Butch will lead a 5-week Bible Study of the I Am Statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John. We will be making these seven transformative statements of Jesus our focus during the season of Lent. It is our prayer that during these five weeks, we will move from simply knowing about Jesus to encountering him and by God's truth, transforming the "I Am" claims into promises that empower our faith and life. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings in the Chapel at 5:45pm, lasting one hour. This study will run from March 4 through April 1. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Men's Night Out Bible Study

Our Men's Night Out Bible Study will restart on Tuesday, February 17 at 6pm in the Faith Center. This week's movie will be "Woodlawn." This film is about a gifted high-school football player must learn to embrace his talent and his faith as he battles racial tensions on and off the field. We look forward to discovering the spiritual ramifications of this movie.

## 2026 Primetimers Travel

St John's Primetimers Travelers announce the following six trips available for members and friends. Flyers with details are located outside the church office. For questions, call Carol Godfrey, 803-642-8491.

April 7 & 8: Two-day trip to Fox Theatre in Atlanta for The Sound of Music. Further details to be announced.

May 30: Day trip to the Fox Theatre in Atlanta to see Beauty and the Beast. Lunch included.

June 9: Day trip to discover Savannah with a trolley tour of the city followed by lunch on the Georgia Queen Paddle Steamer.

July 18: Day trip to see a Blast from the Past featuring music from the 50's, 60's and 70's at the Charleston Music Hall. Lunch included.

September 9: Day trip to Winnsboro, South Carolina to visit the Rockton Rion & Western Railroad and Museum with a train ride through the South Carolina countryside. Box lunch included.

October 5 – 7: Three-day tour to Kentucky to visit The Ark Encounter, a life-size ark replica. Lodging, two breakfasts and two dinners included.

## Vases Needed

The Altar Guild is currently asking for clean (pre-washed) vases for delivering flowers to our homebound members. Please leave in the Sacristy.

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**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:** Madison Zeigler **Acolytes:** James Rittgers and Caulden Kirk

**February 8:30 Ushers:** Tom Miniard, Randy Shelley, Greg Lowry

**February 11:00 Ushers:** Virgil Sauls, Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Sally Alexander, Rod Alexander, Connie Pisko, Mick Pisko, Jean Geiger

**February Worship Support:** Pat Sauls and Claudette Strickland

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.*

# February 15, 2026

## Children's Ministries

Sunday School: Upstairs in the Education building. Sing in by the boat!

**March 7:** Father Daughter Dance - See graphic to register

**March 13:** Mother Son Golf Outing at Top Golf in Augusta, GA from 6pm - 8pm, Sign up by March 6. - See graphic to register

## Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th Grades)*

Wednesday Small Groups: Girls at 6pm (Upstairs in the Faith Center), Guys at 6:30pm (Upstairs Game Room)

**Feb. 15 & 22:** Sunday Night Youth and Youth Choir/Band will meet.

**May 17:** Save the Date for Senior Sunday:



## Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. Please join us!

## St. John's Missions News

Thank you for attending the Mission Impact Celebration. Our partners were blessed by your interest in their work. It was uplifting to all who participated. If God is leading you, there is still time to submit a Faith Promise commitment card which will then be included in the making our 2026-2027 MLT fiscal year budget. Pray for the Mission Leadership Team as they meet to discern additional new partner requests and to discern the budget allocations. THANK YOU, St. John's!

For the month of **February**, we are collecting **tissues and chapstick**. 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.

## Nursery Substitutes Needed

The church nursery is looking for a few loving people to spend time with our little ones! We have a team in place and need to have a list of substitutes who can step in as needed on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The hours are Sunday, 8am - 12:15pm and Wednesday, 6pm - 7:30pm. Compensation is available. Please reach out to Cara Robinson if you are interested; we'd love to have you on our Nursery Team!

## FAITH 101 (New Member Class)

This 4-week class for all who are new to St. John's and wish to join, those wanting to learn how to get involved in all that St. John's has going on, or simply as a refresher on basic Christian beliefs.

The first class will be February 15 at 10am in Ward Hall 1. Thank you for your patience as the dates have shifted due to the unexpected weather concerns. We look forward to sharing with you!

## Discipleship Groups Forming

If you are interested in taking part in a Discipleship Group, we want to hear from you! D-Groups are a wonderful way to get deeper into the Word of God and grow in fellowship. Please fill out the bulletin insert with your information or reach out to Cara Robinson [crobinson@stjaiken.org](mailto:crobinson@stjaiken.org) by February 15. Note, today is the last day to register. Thank you!

## The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

*We still have several dates available for Altar flowers.  
If you are interested in signing up for a specific date, please  
contact Jennifer Windham in the main office: 803-648-6891.*

### Wednesday Night Supper

#### WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

**Feb. 18:** Pot roast, roasted broccoli, mashed potatoes, and apple pie

**Feb. 25:** Pulled pork, coleslaw, mac & cheese, and peach cobbler

**Mar. 4:** Meatloaf, roasted potatoes, green beans, & chocolate pudding pie

Reservations are required by phone/email: [jwindham@stjaiken.org](mailto:jwindham@stjaiken.org) by **12pm, Tuesday, February 17, 2026.**

Dinner is served at 5pm in Ward Hall 2/3. Cost for dinner: \$8 per adult (10 yrs. & older) and \$3 per child (ages 3 - 9yrs). Payment options: on-line via our website: [www.stjaiken.org](http://www.stjaiken.org) and select "GIVE NOW" and then select "WNS" from the drop down menu. **Payment online does not make your reservation.** You must still call the office to do so. You may also pay in person by cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

### News of the Family

#### *Sympathies to:*

#### *In Memoriam*

Mr. Jose "Pepe" Navascues  
February 6, 2026

#### *In Memoriam*

Mr. Jim Minear  
February 10, 2026

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

February — **canned fruit**

*Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center*

#### **Attendance** — 2/8/2026

8:30 | 123      9:02 | 202      11:00 | 380

In-Person Total | 705

9:02 Online Live | 276    11:00 Online Live | 222

### Financials

#### **Operation Budget as of 2/11/2026**

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 450,784.25
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 215,243.08</u>
	\$ 235,541.17

#### **Missions Budget: Year 2025 - 2026 FINAL**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 347,813.39
Year to date disbursements:	\$ 316,900.00

*We thank you for your generous support of  
St. John's Ministries & Missions!*  
Please use our new GIVING QR code to give on line:



# Grace Kitchen

## February donation needs

### TISSUE & CHAPSTICK



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

# Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026  
6pm, Sanctuary




# Soup's On!



## Friendship SS Class Soup Luncheon

February 22, 10am - 1pm  
in Ward Hall,  
TO GO containers available

Money raised benefits the Honduras Agape Foundation & Local Missions.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

# BOWTIES & Bows Ball

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

MARCH 07 5 TO 7 PM

St. John's Methodist Church Gym

REGISTER ON REALM  
\$30 PER COUPLE  
EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER \$5

Register today with QR Code:



-OR-

[https:// links.stjaiken.org/2026STJFatherDaughter](https://links.stjaiken.org/2026STJFatherDaughter)

# STJ CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MOTHER & SON OUTING




DETAILS:  
MARCH 13TH, 2026  
6-8 PM  
\$15/GOLFER

<https://links.stjaiken.org/2026STJMotherSon>

# Jack Meeks Memorial Ramp Ministry GOLF TOURNAMENT

REGISTER TODAY




MAY 15, 2026  
8:00 am

Houndslake Country Club  
901 Houndslake Dr, Aiken




SAVE THE DATE  
5/17/26  
SENIOR SUNDAY



## 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** **Fairest Lord Jesus** Raney

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ***Let Us Plead for Faith Alone*** Foundry Collection (1742)  
Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 390, "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"** DETROIT

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SCRIPTURE READING** **2 Corinthians 7:10** **Rev. Dr. Jeff Kersey**

**SERMON** **"No Regrets"** **Rev. Dr. Jeff Kersey**

**\*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** ***God So Loved the World*** Sir John Stainer  
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.*

### PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER & 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.389, "Freely, Freely"** FREELY, FREELY  
Chancel Choir

### \*BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE** **Postlude in G** JS Bach

*\*Please stand, as able.*



