



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

February 8, 2026

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Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on Monday, February 9 at 10:30am in the Faith Center. The program will feature Judee Mitchell and the Saidi Friend Dancers with "A Taste of Asia and the Chinese New Year."

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.

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 by February 15. Thank you!

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 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!

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:** Palmer Gregory and Amelia Orr

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

February 11:00 Ushers: Virgil Sauls, Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Sally Alexander and 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.

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Children's Ministries

Looking Forward:

March 7: Father Daughter Dance - See graphic to register

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

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Looking Forward:

Feb. 8: Tonight's our Super Bowl Party; Youth Choir & Band resumes tonight!

Feb. 11: Starting Girls and Guys Small Group on Wednesday Night

Feb. 15 & 22: Sunday Night Youth

Young Adults Ministry

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

St. John's Missions News

Today, we the church make our individual faith promise commitments. Faith Promise donations are a voluntary, annual, above-and-beyond contribution specifically separate from your regular tithes. It represents a personal covenant with God, relying on faith in His provision. It can be unexpected income, reordering our priorities or find a creative way to generate income. Your donations go to our mission partners who share God's never ending love for His people and make disciples here in Aiken and around the world. These commitments are used to make our mission budget for our fiscal year. Thank you for prayerfully stepping out in faith to make a commitment.

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.

Ready for Another New Year's Resolution?

What greater way to know more about the missions of St. John's Methodist Women than being a part of one of its circles? The circles meet monthly for devotion, fellowship, and work with various missions within the area. The circles meet in different locations and at varying times - hopefully there is one that suits your schedule. For more information, call the church office and they will let a circle leader know of your interest.

Circle 1: Leader is Pat Sauls. They meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1pm in members' homes.

Circle 3: Leaders are Joada Hiatt & Becky Robbins. They meet the 3rd Monday of each month in Room 117 at St. John's church.

Circle 7: Leader is Brenda Meeks. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3pm in Room 117 at St. John's church.

Circle 9: Leaders are Kitty Moore & Cheryl Cooke. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30pm in Ward Hall 2&3 at St. John's church. Attendees bring a bag lunch.

Circle 20: Leader is Joyce Laskey. They meet the 2nd Friday of each month at various eateries.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Roger & Karen Loughran in memory of Kirstin Loughran and by Paula Blackmore & Donna Mainini in memory of their mother, Irene Blackmore.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

Feb. 11: **NO MEAL** - Due to SR Adult Council's Valentine Luncheon

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 by **12pm, Tuesday, February 10, 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 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

Mrs. Shirley Powell
January 30, 2026

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

February — **canned fruit**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 2/1/2026

One In-Person Service only due to weather

11am | 108 On-line Total | 684

Financials

Operation Budget as of 2/3/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 287,212.45

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 162,735.62

\$ 124,476.83

Missions Budget: Year 2025 - 2026

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

\$ 347,406.14

Year to date disbursements:

\$ 319,400.00

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

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



Muffins with Missions



Mission Impact Celebration!
Come enjoy muffins with our local mission partners and learn about their ministries.
February 8, 2026 at 9:45am in the Gym



NO WNS
Feb. 11, 2026

NO WNS/MM DUE TO SR. ADULT COUNCIL'S VALENTINE EVENT

Grace Kitchen

February donation needs

TISSUE & CHAPSTICK



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

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)

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.

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





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 **Fanfare** J. Lemmens

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Southern Harmony, 1835
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 339, "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"** HURSLEY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Luke 14:15-24** **Rev. Dan Griswold**

SERMON **"That My House Will Be Full"** **Rev. Dan Griswold**

***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**
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. 593, "Here I am, Lord"** **HERE I AM, LORD**
Chancel Choir

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE **How Firm a Foundation** Arr. Lasky

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship - 11:00 AM

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 11am on our website stjajiken.org, our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

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

Choir members that sang at the 8:30 service may now leave.

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